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OUR TWENTY-FIFTH VOLUME.

IN this, the first number of our Twenty-fifth Volume, we tender our cordial wishes for the happiness and prosperity of our readers during the year we have now started upon. That the affairs of this life may go pleasantly with them is the sincere desire of all associated with this Journal.

THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

AS evidence of the rapid changes which have taken place in English Freemasonry during the last few years, we may point to the position of the Board of Benevolence at the present time, as compared with that it occupied seven years ago. Then the annual income of the Board, arising from quarterages, interest, &c., was not only sufficient to meet all the demands made which were deemed worthy of relief, but showed such an excess as to allow of a surplus being put away each year, which surpluses, at the end of 1879, had accumulated to the extent of upwards of £50,000, with every probability of still further increase. Now the expenditure far exceeds the income, and to such an extent has this excess of outlay over income been carried of late, that the Invested Fund has been reduced to £41,000, with the accounts of the Board showing an overdraft of £1000 if all its recommendations are acted upon.

It is not to be supposed such a condition of affairs should be allowed to continue without notice from some of those in authority, nor do we imagine, now that attention has been called to it, the Craft will be content to leave things as they are. The subject is one which calls for immediate attention, and we feel sure that such it will receive. At the last meeting of the Board, held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at Freemasons' Hall, the Grand Secretary made a statement which showed the true state of affairs, and also gave evidence of the enormous extent to which the Fund of Benevolence is drawn upon, in order to relieve the appeals made to the Craft by those in distress. A few years ago, said Colonel Clerke, the accumulations of the Fund of Benevolence amounted to nearly £52,000, but this sum had been reduced to £41,000, by continued withdrawals, to meet the monthly requirements of the Board. On the previous Tuesday £3000 Consols had been sold out, making a total of £9000 similarly disposed of since the 7th March 1882, or an annual encroachment on invested funds of £2000. The present income of the Fund of Benevolence is about £8000 a year, a large proportion of which, as may be imagined from the amount of the invested funds, arises from interest, so that the sale of capital not only lessens the reserve, but also makes a considerable difference in the income, the actual variation in the item of interest within the last six years being a loss of no less than £270 annually. Notwithstanding the remarks from the Grand Secretary the Brethren assembled at the last Board of Benevolence voted a total of £1,400, so that we suppose we must be prepared to recognise the fact that no material reduction in the outgoings can be made; on the contrary, considering the bad state of trade and the distress which prevails, we may reasonably look for increased calls on the charity of the Craft as dispensed by the Board of Benevolence.

The subject of the income and expenditure of the Board of Benevolence is one which has received considerable attention during the past ten years, but it is a remarkable fact that seven years ago the attention lavished upon it had an exactly opposite object to what may be expected during the next few months. At the March 1880 Communication of Grand Lodge a motion was brought forward by Bro. John M. Clabon, the desired effect of which was to check the growth of the invested fund of the Board of Benevolence. Bro. Clabon proposed that one-third of the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence should be appropriated to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and another third to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in forming funds for apprenticing the children of Freemasons who had been in those Schools, or in otherwise assisting them to commence life. This proposition may be said to have been the outcome of the preliminary operations of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, which drew considerable attention to the subject, but it amounted to nothing, as Bro. Clabon did not bring the matter forward, preferring rather to withdraw his proposition, because some of the members of the Board of Benevolence were opposed to it. In other words, we suppose he found that the opposition to his plan, which we well remember was severe, was too strong to allow of its being carried. At that time argument waxed strong as to whether the income of the Fund of Benevolence was, or was not, sufficient to meet the demands made upon it. Some argued, and they had the accumulations of past years to point to in support of their views, that the income was not only sufficient, but that it allowed of a large surplus; others, again, had the idea that past experience was nothing to base a sound opinion upon, indeed they were sure that in future the calls would be equal to the receipts, and that, if anything, the Fund would gradually spend its investments in meeting the calls made upon it. If we now take the experience of the seven years which have passed since then, we must at once admit that the latter of these views was the correct one, and that at the present time there is every possibility of the enormous surplus of 1879 being wiped out, that, moreover, within the next twelve or fifteen years at the outside. There is no gainsaying the fact that the income of the Fund is now insufficient to meet its expenditure, still, as we have previously said, we believe that the change from a credit surplus to a debit one is rather the result of the organised opposition to the views of Bro. Clabon and those who worked in connection with the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, than any legitimate increase in the needs of the Craft. We do not mean that unworthy cases are now relieved any more than they were years ago, but there has been an all-round increase in the sums granted, which will more than account for the different aspect of affairs.

As we have said, it was in 1880 that the annual surplus of the Fund was last considered to be troublesome! Less than three years later we find an annual deficit attracting attention, but Grand Lodge did not then think it of sufficient moment to necessitate any alteration in existing rules; what will now be the opinion of the Craft remains to be seen.

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In 1882, when Bro. Clabon again brought the finances of the Board of Benevolence before Grand Lodge, he sought powers to stop an annual decrease, instead of as in 1880 he strove to check an annual increase of accumulated Funds. The plan by which he proposed to effect this object was by increasing the dues annually paid by Brethren to the Fund of Benevolence; but this proposal was not carried, and though it was then urged that the Board of Benevolence must keep within its income, there is little or no change to record, unless it be that matters have gone from bad to worse.

Even bearing in mind the changes of the last seven years, and remembering the altered state of affairs since December 1882, when Grand Lodge decided against an increase in the annual dues of members generally, we are inclined to think that a proposition similar to that then made by Bro. Clabon would meet the same fate as befel it in 1882, and yet what is to be done to check the gradual extinction of the Invested Fund, which was encroached upon last year to the extent of upwards of £4,000? The only other way of keeping the expenditure within due bounds is to lessen the grants, and much as such a course would be opposed to the ideas of English Craftsmen, it is one that will have to be adopted ere long, or within a few years we shall have to make radical alterations in the whole working of the Board of Benevolence.

WHENCE FREEMASONRY CAME.

An Oration by Right Wor. Isaac Clements, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Illinois, 6th October 1886.

WHEN a person begins looking over the field, with a view to preparing a Masonic lecture, he finds himself bewildered by the number and importance of the subjects that present themselves for consideration. Masonry grows with the study of it. The question arises, when, and where, and how did it originate? Whence the name "Masonry?" What is its object? What are its methods? What its use? And as he seeks an answer to these questions the field widens before him till it seems almost boundless in extent.

If he turns to question of its origin, he finds himself at the very outstart examining, not merely a benevolent organisation, arising out of present necessities, temporary in its character and ephemeral in its existence, but standing at the portals of an Institution whose vistas stretch far back to the dim twilight of earth's early morning, where history is lost in tradition, ceases indeed to be history, and becomes only tradition. He finds it, or something akin to it, existing as an applied science, as its name indicates, in the midst of the prehistoric civilisation of the Orient, and he sees the work of its hands standing to-day, challenging the admiration and wonder of the world; which were old when Abraham, a wandering shepherd, trod the yet unpeopled wilds of Palestine. These works of art, temples, tombs, monuments, palaces like mountain peaks gleaming in the light of the setting sun, tell of a day that is past. A day of civilisation and enlightenment that had well nigh reached its meridian before Joseph was sold by his not yet civilised brethren to the Midianites. A civilisation the wings of whose commerce whitened every sea; whose architecture designed and erected buildings that modern times have never equalled; whose mathematics calculated eclipses; whose astronomy named the fixed stars, and gave the planets their places; whose wise men knew Arcturus, and the "belt of Orion," and "felt the sweet influence of the Pleiades," and whose other wise men, two thousand years afterwards, saw the Star in the East and knew it, and came and knelt at the manger and worshipped.

Turning to the question of its object, he finds that, as its name indicates, its object was largely architecture and building, but that in addition to these there was a complete system of symbolic teaching; that scientific knowledge and moral instruction were thereby combined with practical skill and knowledge.

As to its methods, he finds this ancient organisation, thus combining the instruction of the head and heart with that of the hands, taught the young student, through his instructors in architecture and in practical building, that every physical duty has its spiritual counterpart; just as the young Freemason is now taught by his Masonic instructor. Was the novice learning to form a perfect circle, he was taught that there is a higher moral circle, that bounds the perfectly rounded human character; was he learning the use of the common gavel, he was taught that there is a spiritual gavel whose work it is to remove the rough and the wrong from the moral character; was he using the square and compass, he was taught that there is another square to square his actions, and another compass to circumscribe his passions and keep them in due bounds. And, indeed, from the laying of the corner-stone, when he was taught to lay firm and sure the principles of right and justice as the foundation of his life, to the time when he beheld the master builder take the stone, "hewn, drawn and numbered" in the quarries, place it in its position, saw it fit neatly and perfectly in the place for which it had been prepared, and heard the whole building, from capstone to foundation, pronounced complete, perfect, without flaw or blemish, he was taught to so shape his life that it might be fitted, as a living stone, for a place in that spiritual building that they taught and believe "the Supreme Architect of the Universe" would erect in the eternal hereafter. And so the student finds that all through his work the young Mason was taught to apply the finishing and perfecting processes of his daily work—by symbol—to finishing and perfecting his own manhood.

Having thus learned something of the probable origin of this ancient Institution, its object, and its methods of teaching, the student turns to its precepts, and he finds them to have been intended, and to be still intended, for use in daily life. He sees them deeply graven on every stepping stone as he moves upward, beckoning him on toward the infinite in good; deeply engraven on every stepping stone as he moves downward, warning him away from the infinite in evil. And thus, in whatever direction he turns, he finds the field of thought and of work widening before him even as the possibilities of man widen before him. Hence I have said, this student finds himself bewildered by the number and importance of the subjects that present themselves for consideration.

In thus looking over the field, it has occurred to me that a few thoughts based on the name of our organisation might not be without profit to us, and I have therefore selected the name "Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons" as the subject for this lecture.

Such an address, of course, must be largely historical, and will involve an investigation of the much mooted, but ever unsettled, question, of Masonic origin. In making this investigation it will be contended that in the midst of the most ancient civilisation of which we have any knowledge, that of Egypt, the learning and wisdom of the nation, including architecture, practical building, civil engineering, astronomy, and in fact all the "liberal arts" as we know them in Masonry, were consigned to the keeping of certain organisations, reference to which has already been made, and that descended from these, in almost unbroken lineage, has come the Freemasonry of to-day. The points of resemblance, and the legitimate, logical conclusions are strong enough, it seems to me, to convince fair minded men of the correctness of this position. In tracing the growth of the organisation, also, the words "Free" and "Accepted" will each be found to mark important epochs of its development. Both enemies and friends concede greater or less antiquity to Freemasonry. Masons themselves do not claim to know the exact date of its origin. In fact they willingly concede that since the earliest dates of which they have traditional knowledge Masonry has undergone changes, just as municipal governments have done—brought about as necessary results of the growth and development of man. But they do not concede that these changes in any wise affect the landmarks, the principles or the peculiar symbolisms of Masonry. But they claim, permit me to say, that in these Masonry remains what it was thousands of years ago.

No, we do not claim to know the exact date of the beginning of Masonic organization. Our earliest authentic history simply shows the Institution already in existence fully organized, and at work. Passing beyond the limit of authentic history, into the dimly outlined fields of tradition, we find that even here everything is not harmonious. Some of our traditions and ceremonies undoubtedly point toward the ancient Egyptian mysteries; others refer directly to the kingdom of Tyre, and Hiram, its ruler; and others, and by far the stronger, let me admit, refer to Palestine and the reign of Solomon as the time and place,

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and the erection of the Temple as the occasion of the origin of the Organisation. So strong are the latter, in fact, that Bro. Mitchell, in his history of Masonry, says: "All our talk about 'ancient landmarks,' 'ancient usages,' becomes an idle tale, if Masonry originated before or since the building the Temple." Yet, notwithstanding the recognised value of this authority, it would seem as if there should be some method of harmonizing our traditions and accounting for the apparently diversified origin of our ceremonies. This can be done on the theory here proposed, that is, that the Institution was cradled in the ancient Egyptian mysteries, and modified afterwards, as already stated.

Let us examine the evidences. Premising that as yet we know comparatively little of these ancient mysteries, and are as yet but on the threshold of discovery in regard to this wonderful people, there are certain things that can be safely stated. We do know that the wisdom of Egypt was consigned to the keeping of the priesthood. Only certain selected persons were admitted into this priestly brotherhood, and of them long courses of study and initiation were required. Bro. Rebold, Past Deputy of the Grand Orient of France, in his Masonic history, says, "Among the Egyptians the priests formed a distinct class, and devoted themselves to teaching special branches of human knowledge. The youth, who by them instructed, were initiated into the mysteries of religion, and during their novitiate formed an outer class or corporation of artisans who, according to the designs drawn by the priests, erected the temples and other monuments consecrated to the gods." Dr. Samuel Birch, one of the most noted English Egyptologists, and for a number of years in charge of the Egyptian and oriental antiquities of the British Museum, in the preface to a little work entitled, "A history of Ancient Egypt from the Monuments," published by him, says: "The political constitution of Egypt appears to have consisted in a territorial aristocracy, at the head of which was the monarch and a powerful priesthood with richly endowed temples, in possession of the literature and learning of the race. * * * The priesthood was all powerful and divided into several grades." Among the priesthood that portion of them especially devoted to architecture were in high favour with the rulers. Egyptologists tell us that the king had his "Court Architect," and that this officer frequently intermarried with the royal family. One author tells us that "these architects were among the most honoured people of the kingdom. They were admitted to close intercourse with the king, and their names and faces were engraved upon the stone monuments." Time forbids further references. But these show that the priesthood was a powerful body, divided into grades or degrees, with its secret method of initiation, possessing the wisdom of the country and imparting it only to their initiatates. That architecture was of the first importance with them, ranking apparently higher than any other branch of knowledge; that the initiates into the secret, sacred mysteries were required to devote special attention to architecture and building; that they were organised into lodges of builders or masons and given charge of the work of erecting temples, monuments, tombs, &c., the designs for which had been prepared by the more advanced priests, their masters in the work. The drudgery of building was performed by the untaught masses, but the accurate cutting, the beautiful carving, the rare sculpture, the fine engraving, was performed by these young priests. This would seem to be reasonably strong proof of the correctness of the position assumed.

But let us go farther. In addidion to these facts, the most doubting must admit that the remains of that civilization do show organised, well directed, intelligent supervision and work. The pyramids were not built, the tombs were not fashioned, the temples were not erected, the engraving in lines so fine that the microscope must be used to detect it, on material so hard that the edge of our finest steel tools is turned by it, was not accomplished by an untaught unskilled, ungoverned mob. These things show the highest order of skill and ability, a broad knowledge of the liberal arts, organization, system and harmony of action. One illustration must suffice. Mr. R. G. Poole, a recognised authority, speaking of the great Pyramid, built at least two thousand years before the beginning of our era, says: "Its height was originally 480 feet 9 inches, and the base 764 feet square." (It covers over twelve acres of ground.) "It is virtually a mass of solid Masonry. * * * The finer stone used for casings and lining passages was quarried on the other side of the river, ten miles away, and the red granite used for linings was quarried at Syene, nearly five hundred and fifty miles away by the course of the river. The labour of quarrying these huge blocks of stone was enormous, especially when the hard red granite, which turns the edge of our modern steel tools, and yet was cut by bronze ones, had to be hewn out and cut into accurate blocks. The great pyramid is not a mass of piled up stone. It is a model of constructive skill. A sheet of paper cannot be placed between the casing stones."

Now, think of it. A huge pile covering twelve acres of ground, five hundred feet high—a very mountain of masonry, in fact—cased with stone so hard that our best tools will scarcely make an impression on it; yet with these stones so accurately cut and fitted in place that with this immense weight resting upon them for fourty centuries, there is not variance enough from the original position to admit the insertion of a sheet of paper between any two of them.

Another writer tells us that this pyramid was built with such exact reference to the zodiac, that at twelve o'clock precisely on the 21st day of June—the summer solstice—the sun shines on every side of it, North, South, East, and West, and that to a person standing exactly at the centre of the north side at that moment, the sun seems to hang like a star over the exact apex of the Pyramid. Herodotus, the Greek historian, tells us that the work of building was carried on by relays of one hundred thousand workmen each; that each relay worked ten months and was then relieved, and that the total number engaged in the work rose far up into the millions.

Now, could this vast accurate work have been accomplished otherwise than by the most perfect system and thorough knowledge? Further, must not the superintendent, the foremen and overseers, have had some place of meeting, where they could have made their reports and received instruction from the master of the work, as the work progressed? Must not this have been some quiet place, retired from the one hundred thousand labourers encamped around? And what else was this place of meeting for the Master Masons but a Masonic Lodge? The necessities of the case required that just such a state of affairs should exist, and history strongly points to the fact of its existence. Thus our knowledge of the facts, backed by legitimate reasoning, warrants the conclusion —may I not say conclusively proves—that inside the priestly order four and five thousand years ago, were schools of architecture and building into which a course of initiation was necessary, and that admission was accorded not to all who might desire it, but only to such as were selected therefor?

But, further, let me refer to a few significants facts in connection with our ceremonies and symbols. First, as to the position and duties of the three principal Officers of the Lodge. The temple of Osiris, the Egyptian God of Light, contained three principal stations: Morning the opening in the East, Noon the resting in the south, Evening the closing in the west. How similar to our three principal Officers and their duties. Osiris on first appearing in the east was met by the hosts of darkness, whom he easily dispelled; at noon, they having rallied with additional force, a severer battle ensued; he again dispersed them; but in the evening, at the west, he encountered a still stronger force of the powers of darkness, was overcome, slain, carried to the east and buried, whence he arose again to begin the duties of the new day. In the course of his initiation into the sacred mysteries the novitiate was made to personate Osiris. I leave each Mason to "think on these things."

The second section of the Fellow Craft's degree, with its instruction in the liberal arts, points very strongly to an Egyptian origin.

Permit me also to refer to one or two of our symbols. The ancient Egyptians worshipped the ram, assigning him the place in the heavens which the sun entered at the vernal equinox. It was to them the emblem of prosperity. Later in the season, at the harvesting, happy children climbed on the pet ram and rode him home, laden with the products of the field, his horns being hung with the fruits of the harvest. Hence our horn of plenty. Hence, also, possibly, our venerable custom of requiring the young Mason to ride the goat. One other instance must suffice. The early settlers in the fertile valley of the Nile found that annually there came a sudden overflow of the river, when they had to seek the adjacent high grounds for safety. This overflows occurs about the last of June, regularly;

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but they had no means or dates by which to designate the time. It was before any calendar had been established—and therefore no date could be assigned as the one when the rise would occur. However, they noticed that this overflow was preceded every year for a few days by a brilliant star showing itself in the east between dawn and sunrise. They named it "the dog star," since it was to them as a faithful watch-dog, warning them of approaching danger. Now we have the "blazing star," whose teachings so closely correspond with this that we are almost forced to the conclusion that we obtained this symbol on the banks of the Nile. Time will not admit of further references, although they are abundant.

But admitting all that is claimed in regard to this ancient organization, you ask, How does this theory harmonize with Masonic references to Tyre and its workmen?

Let us see. Some two thousand years before the beginning of our era Egypt was overrun and largely subdued by a foreign people. The native rulers were dethroned, and the invaders installed their own rulers in their stead. These people are known as the Shepherds, and the era of their supremacy as that of the "Shepherd Kings." It was during their time that Joseph was sold into Egypt, and one of their kings was the Pharaoh to whom Joseph became Prime Minister; and one of their High Priests whose daughter he married. And it is not at all strange that this king, being himself of foreign blood and not of Egyptian ancestry, should look kindly on this wise youth from Palestine. These people ruled Egypt wisely. They had their own wise men initiated into the sacred mysteries, appointed to the priesthood, and taught in the learning and "wisdom of the Egyptians."

At length, after some centuries, the native Egyptians succeeded in throwing off the dominion of the invaders, driving them from the land and reinstating their own native rulers. It was one of these who, the Bible tells us, "knew not Joseph," and who enslaved the Israelites. The Shepherds had treated kindly the kindred of Joseph, who had saved them from famine, and who, like them, were strangers in the land; the native Pharaohs enslaved them. Now, our best Egyptologists, including Mariette, have decided that these Shepherds were from Phœnicia. But Phœnicia, as you aware, was "the land of Tyre and Sidon." So that these Phœnicians, driven from Egypt, returned to their native land with their scholars learned in Egyptian wisdom, engineering, architecture, &c., and had nothing to do but to organize their priesthood, as in Egypt. And we have enough in our Masonic traditions and in Bible history to convince us this was done. Before their journey to Egypt they had been wandering tribes; now they were an organized nation, with an educated priesthood, and history tells us they soon after rose to the front rank as merchants, manufacturers, and builders. Thus it would seem there is no difficulty in harmonizing these two sets of traditions, the latest Egyptian discoveries furnishing this easy solution.

Let us now return to Egypt. Israel is in bondage; centuries pass; oppressions grow more terrible. At length an order is issued that all male children born to the Israelites be slain. A beautiful boy is born, and his mother, as I have no doubt tens of thousands of other Hebrew mothers did, tries to save the life of her boy by hiding him from the cruel murderer of little children. But he is discovered by the King's daughter, and, wonderful freak of fortune, if you choose to call it such, is adopted into the royal family. He is called Moses, and is known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. One author tells us he became a priest of Heliopolis. These were at the head of the scholars of Egypt, and their reputation for wisdom and learning was world-wide. To them came Solon, Thales, Plato, for instruction. Josephus tells us that Moses became a general in the Egyptian army; that at one time, as a large Ethiopian army was invading the land, and driving all before it, Moses was assigned to the chief command of the Egyptians, defeated the invaders, drove them from the land, and saved the nation. Certain it is, at least, that all the knowledge that could be imparted to one of the royal family was imparted to him. All gateways of knowledge were open to him. He was exercised in handling and governing large bodies of men. He was being unwittingly prepared for the great work in reservation for him. "He was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians," says the Bible. But we have already seen that this wisdom was in the keeping of the powerful priesthood." Moses, therefore, must have been one of them, as the historian states. This wisdom was taught orally, just as our Masonic teachings are to-day, for of books, as we know them, they were ignorant. Moses, then, was familiar with Egyptian wisdom, a member of the learned priesthood, acquainted with their organization and their methods of teaching.

Now, having known no other means of retaining or imparting wisdom than that of a selected priesthood, would it not have been natural for him, when leading his people, to have selected a body of men, organized them into a similar priesthood, and have imparted to their keeping the wisdom he had learned in Egypt, especially the principles of mathematics, engineering, and architecture, so that when they arrived in Palestine, the home of their father Abraham, to which they were returning, they would be able to again build up their waste places and fortify their strong places? Well, the Bible tells us that is exactly what he did do. He selected the tribe of Levi—his own tribe—and set them aside as a consecrated priesthood. Can it be doubted that this priesthood were taught by Moses the things he had learned in Egypt? Would he be willing that, so far as his people were concerned, this valuable knowledge should die with him? For what had he learned this wisdom, except that through him it should go to them? For centuries they had been kept in ignorance and slavery. When they arrived at home, how could they, an ignorant mass of ex-slaves, do the work assigned them?

If, as we believe, Moses had been specially set apart and prepared as the leader of his people, and had been taught all this wisdom, which was so essential to them, as the Scriptures are careful to tell us he had, he could not have kept it locked up in his own breast and been guiltless. The very announcement that he had it means that he had it for them. They had it not for themselves; he, their guide, had it for them. He alone 'mid all that vast surging multitude was wise, and his duty to them and his duty to his God required that some means should be adopted whereby they should have the benefit of that wisdom when he was gone. You who believe he was saved from death in infancy by miraculous power, and brought up in the very *sanctum sanctorum* of Egyptian knowledge, do you believe that all that wisdom died with him "on Nebo's lonely mountain," before the feet of his people had even touched the brink of Jordan, which yet rolled between them and their home? Brethren, it could not have been so. During the forty years in the wilderness, these principles so necessary to the welfare, defence and protection as a people, must have been imparted by some one, that it might be preserved till the occasion for its use arrived. And the persons to whom it was imparted must have been this priesthood, the Levites, his brethren. And I will go farther, and assert that when David was making the preliminary arrangements for building God's great temple, to be carried out by Solomon, he selected these same Levites to take charge of the work, and that too because they understood the principles of the work.

Do you think this is imagination? Listen. Says David, in talking to Solomon about building the temple: "There are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work."—1 Chron. xxii. 15. And immediately afterwards occur these words: "And David gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. And the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward, and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand, of which twenty and four thousand were to set forward the work of the house of the Lord."

(To be continued).

Brother George Holman has been elected Worshipful Master of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, Lewes. The installation ceremony takes place this month.

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

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THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

FREEMASONS love to style the Divine Creator of all things and the Father of our spirits, "The Grand Architect of the Universe." There can be no more appropriate designation for Him who has existed from eternity, has created this beautiful world of ours, and governs it by the creatures and the laws of His creation. Freemasons are subordinate architects, and they all bow in adoration to the Grand Architect. Our Lodges are dedicated to Him, our prayers are offered to Him, and our services are rendered to Him through our actions for the benefit of His creatures. Masonic charity has its origin in, and is the acknowledgment of, our allegiance to the Grand Architect of the Universe. Every subordinate architect is in duty bound to aid his Brother in distress, because all are the obligated children of the Grand Architect.

This designation is no novelty to the Craft—there are few novelties in Masonry. It is as old as Masonry. It comes to us from Egypt, the land of the aforetime and forgotten, the cradle of civilization, the early home of Freemasonry. The oldest manuscript in the world is an Egyptian one. Hebrew literature begins with Moses, while there is in existence a manuscript from Thebes, in hieratic characters, written several centuries before the time of the Hebrew lawgiver, and the author of which may have lived at a period considerably earlier; while certain portions of the Egyptian "Book of the Dead" are thought to be older still.* In a famous old Egyptian manuscript, known as the "Turin Papyrus," the following striking language is attributed to the Almighty: "I am the maker of heaven and earth. I am yesterday, I am to-day, I am to-morrow." And then occurs this ascription: "O God, ARCHITECT OF THE WORLD, Thou art without a father, begotten by Thine one becoming; Thou art without a mother, being born by repetition of Thyself. Heaven and earth obey the commands which Thou hast given."† Memorable language, this, to the Freemason. It carries him back to ancient days, in teaching him how to designate the Ancient of Days. To those old Egyptian mystagogues who worked the Mysteries of their era, the Sun was even more a symbol of Light than he is to-day to us. Two of the favourite names given by them to the Sun were *Ptah*, signifying "the Artist," or "the Opener," and *Chnemu*, signifying "the Builder."‡ It was because the Sun was the Opener of day, that he was considered the Artist, especially in Memphis, the seat of the arts, of which he was the chief symbol of divinity.

The First Great Light in Masonry magnificently opens in these words: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Bro. Chas. W. Duncan, of Chester, England, in a lecture delivered before his Lodge some years ago, well said: "There can be little doubt that the nearest approach which mortal man can make to his immortal Creator—speaking only in a material sense, and with deep humility—is to imitate him to the best of his finite ability in the work of creation. And in this respect, and with his reservation I confidently assert that the work of the mortal Architect and Builder is the closest copy which the material world affords of the work of the Great Architect of the Universe." To this we may add that, since Freemasons have ceased to be operative Masons, practical Architects, the nearest approach the modern Mason can make to the work of the Grand Architect, is in MAKING MASONS, shaping stones to be placed in "that spiritual Temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." The Master of a Lodge exercises a responsible vocation. Just as no one can be, or ever could be, an Architect, no matter how talented, without special training, so no brother can wisely and well make a Mason without natural ability, matched with painstaking study. There is no magic power in the mere words used—they must be spoken with power to give them power. Words are empty, unless it is apparent to the hearer that thought and feeling are behind them. Words are mighty, if they carry winged thought. There are ARCHITECTS OF PERIODS as well as Architects of material edifices, and he who has learned the true value of words, and practises the art of writing or speaking them with power, is a Master Builder, a Master Mason, a Worshipful Master, of which any Lodge presided over by him may well be proud. The Grand Architect of the Universe said, "Let there be light," and the earth was flooded with glory. When the subordinate Architect, presiding over a Lodge, addresses the candidate with sincerity, feeling, and force, he makes an impression upon him which will never be eradicated, and justifies his claim to be regarded as an expert Mason, a true Architect, and a liege follower of the Grand Architect of the Universe.—*Keystone.*

* Tiele's "History of the Egyptian Religion," p 4.

† "The Faiths of the World," St. Giles' Lectures, p 134.

‡ Renouf's "Religion of Ancient Egypt," p 185.

THE SEASONS OF THE LODGE.

DECEMBER with its summer solstice has come again, to usher in the midsummer-tide throughout half the world. The sun again rides on the utmost limit of Capricorn; and, looking toward the genial north, the dweller in the austral climes sees him glowing in fervent noonday splendour; the god of light and energy and life.

The groves and gardens we never see display their opulence of bloom and fruits; and the harvest fields and vineyards of continents and islands are pouring forth in succession their exhaustless stores. But the bloom and the fruits and the harvest treasures are not for us; and the surly winds that shriek or roar about our homes and fields, and lash the naked and shivering trees, come not as bearers of the odours and melodies of summer life; but whirl the stinging crystals of the snow in the face of the disconsolate traveller.

It is not our summer solstice; that which lights the way of the Entered Apprentice "round by the south;" the crown of the golden summer of the north; but that of the south; of the Fellow Craftsman, whose course is with that of the sun which rules the summer-tide of those far away lands; which only the seafarer, or seeker of knowledge or gain, from our shores, has visited. Yes, the course which is round by the north is that which the ruler of the year now traverses. It is now the Fellow Craft's day—the beauty and glory of the delectable austral summer; and his pillar is now the pillar of fire—of light.

As with the day, so with the year: each has its morning, noon and night; for spring is the morning of the year, as morning is the springtide of the day; and man's life also has its springtime, its noon, its autumn and its night.

It is the year with us which has these four—the year of the lands beyond the vast space of the central zone, has also its four transfigurations; their order in their own succession is the same as that of ours; but the two processions are in alternate stages—their like seasons never walk hand in hand, but the unlike; so that in simultaneous order spring is linked with autumn and summer with winter; but the year ever walks between; changing hands with the dancing seasons as they cross and recross, exchanging sides with each other, concordantly with the rhythmic motions of the spheres.

That which we call the year (our year) now reaches its close. Its summer glory is no more; but has followed the marvellous beauty and brightness of the springtime; and both with all their blessedness and life have gone hence with the immemorial seasons of the past. But the soul-thought of the German poet—

"O Welt, du bist so wundersch on in Ma'en!"

O World, thou art so wonder-beauteous in May!)

will again and again be true with human hearts, which shall share in the resurging life of all things true and lovely of the awakening year, which shall evermore return, whether our mortal eyes await its greeting, or lie sightless beneath the mouldering relics of its former garlands.

How have they flown, the morning, noon and evening of this closing year—the lifetime entire of the countless millions of the insect world—the seasons of promise and hope, and lastly of fruition or disappointment to man? The duties and treasures they bore have passed or are passing after them—the golden and scarlet vestments of the woods, crimson berries and purple clusters; the heavy corn-sheaves of the fields, sacerdotal robes of priestly Autumn—wine and bread of oblation and libation for "the Sabbath of the year."

What countless thoughts, what aspirations and visions have clustered about, and mingled with the memories of the successive seasons, since first they blessed with their returning and flitting presence, the far separated lands of the South and North — coming to one with the early

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blossoms of October, or the roses of December; to the other with the odorous breath of May, the leafy garniture of June!

How numberless the poems in prose and verse, which have celebrated the wonderful and beneficent changes of the seasons! But which of them speaks as though the world knows any other than our own of the North? Only one line of their procession seems present to the minds of men. If a single cycle of one hemisphere calls forth the admiration and gratitude of the poet and philosopher, the praises of pious Christian and pagan, in unending strains; why not much more the dual, parallel and reciprocating cycles of the year entire, ever and ever proceeding in the order of their cause, the alternate courses of the sun? For the changes of the seasons are in all their complexity far more wonderful than poets and orators appear to dream of; more admirable in their order than sages and scientists take thought of; and incomparably more proper to incite ascriptions of praise to Him who ordains them than "all good souls" have hitherto discovered.

Indeed, all who should be among the first and most persistent in making known to men the wonderful order of the march of the years show little appreciation of these things; like the Masons of modern times, who long ago suffered the southern course of the sun, and consequently the true order of the seasons, to be lost to the Craft throughout all the Lodges, not only in the north but in the southern hemisphere also, in the vast regions where "the sun at high meridian is the beauty and glory of the day," high in the sunny north.

How easily do mankind lose sight of the cardinal points and principles of the very scheme or design in which they may be zealously engaged; while they cling to mutilated forms or details after the substance has been left among the rubbish; however absurd the result, or however slight the oversight which may have produced it! How one lapse makes place for another, until the hoodwink which the teacher withdrew from the eyes of the ignorant, his successor places upon his own, and wears complacently!

Yes, December is to us the midnight of the year; that is of our northern year; and dwelling in its darkness our contracted vision discerns not the brightness and life of summer, which stream from the flame-locks of the regal sun, through all the vast spaces of the ground-floor, whence man never saw our pole-star, but looks upwards to the southern cross: for we have not pursued our explorations save upon one line, and the others are to us like some unreality of the abyss of space; or the vanishing forms of a dream; and we even now scarcely so much as suppose that thousands of our brethren who are binding on their aprons for the noonday march in honour of St. John the Evangelist, never think that we look southward to see the noonday sun; or connect aught of winter with his tropical fires on this their midsummer festival. And as they hail the summer's splendour and profusion, and we retire from the chilling blast of winter's night, to the Lodge-room lighted and warmed for the cheery festival, neither they nor we consider the two Great Pillars erect on their proper lines; one a "pillar of fire" and light and life, and one of cloud and darkness and death to all the natural orders of being; through two great zones of the terrestrial sphere; but we think of one, the "pillar of cloud" to us; and we heap the faggots of the sparkling yule-fire of our pagan ancestors, and bind the holly and fir and pine boughs of their ancient festival, to walls and roof, and smile at the pelting snow without, and the sobbing and booming of the midwinter gale. Perhaps the farewell song of Burns goes round; perhaps "The Level and the Square," and older strains than these; and among them recitals from that ancient Scottish gem, which would be a part of Masonry if there had never been an organized Lodge on earth:

> "Keen blaws the blast round Donach Head;
> The snaw flies snelly through the dale;"

and we think not at all of the lands where now glows the pillar of light, nor of the realms of the palm and cocoa and mangove, which spread between them and our own; nor of the sun and moon going round from right to left, and shining at high meridian, squarely into the northern windows of the Lodge-rooms; nor in what degree the south is the place of darkness. Nor do we often think of the earth as a sphere, and that tall-masted ships are now bearing some of our brethren across glassy seas, at almost high noon under the midsummer sun; and that if we had the eyes of Lynceus, we might look down and see the keels of the vessels turned towards us as they split the waves, but not their decks; nor indeed that all the natural changes which take place upon the terrestial ground-floor, are presented on the floor of the Lodge, which also has its equator and tropics and poles, and courses of the sun, and meridian and zenith, and solstices and equinoxes, together with its boundless canopy, the sombre, gorgeous, changing, mist-woven curtains and banners of the fleecy clouds,—the ever new, ever familiar, beneficent clouds; emblems of mortality, that is, life in death.

And this is because we have not explored the ground-floor, throughout its orderly expanse; nor yet the floor of the Craftsman, still less that of the Master; so that we dwell continually, some in the north-east corner, and some in the south-east—some in the dark forests of fallacy, some upon the bare mountains of selfishness—some in the "sleepy hollows" of forgetfulness; and elsewhere dispersed and remote from the hearts and sympathies and knowledge of each other; and we think not of our brethren of the human race; nor of this great spherical temple of the terrestrial globe, nor of its parts and their order, though we have its surface always presented before us on the great pillar of the Apprentice; and on the Lodge-floor where it is reduced to its proper geometric plane, with all its lines complete. And failing to regard the form and motion and immensity of the great Lodge of earth, as well as that which our predecessors constructed to set forth its surpassing Order, we meet and work from month to month and year to year, as we go and come in outer life; thinking of that which we see on the earth and in the heavens as constituting the world, just as it appears to us; and so of the Lodge as made to conform only to the things we see, and thus we fall into ignorance of its admirable design, and lose little by little the "Craft" of Masonry; and the grand effects it was intended to produce on the minds of the universal Fraternity.

How often the Craftsmen wonder why it is that the bright and genial day of festal June should be assigned to St. John the Baptist, and the day of frigid midwinter to the loving and beloved St. John the Evangelist. But this is not so: the days are equal. Each comes with summer brightness and balsamic airs to those who dwell beneath the solar course whose golden gate he opens on the celestial highway; and each alike with frost-shackled streams and unpitying winds in turn to those who have last shared the beneficent presence of the other. So let the yule-fires burn, and the Lodge lights sparkle and glow—our brothers and fellows beyond the mountains and seas, under the southern constellations, will light them again for the winter feast, when we greet with rose and lily-work garlands from our sunny fields the midsummer-tide of the north.

And this is why the Lodge has two festivals for the year, and two guardians of its symbolic gates, and two points of high meridian; and two places of darkness—the Lodge is dedicated to two, and two are the degrees which separate the two courses of the sun in the cycle of the solar year, and one the degree which unites them. In that sublime degree "the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry," beyond which there is nothing possible which can be called a degree—which merges all, completes all, proves all, and solves and seals all; the transcendant order of the whole, dual, triple and triunal, is made manifest. There runs the equatorial line of the one only great circle of the sphere which is due east and west; on which he alone can walk who is in equilibrium of love and wisdom—these the festivals of the right and left, of north and south, of winter and summer, of charity and truth, fill all the cycle of the year, the golden age of the perfected life.

The yule-fire there is the perpetual flame of true Masonic charity, which fends off all the polar currents of selfish desire and passion, and the festal light of the midsummer jubilee is the transplendency of truth, which dissolves and dissipates all error and falsity—the very Skekinah.

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THE MASONIC RELIGION OF LOVE.

RELIGION and its relation to the Masonic Brotherhood is a subject of more than ordinary interest to the writer, and will, we doubt not, find a ready response in every Brother's heart. As a Mason we have always admired the foundation on which the superstructure of Freemasonry has been erected, and the splendid success of the builders. In this paper we shall endeavour to unfold the secret of their success.

At the outset we must carefully and distinctly keep in mind the fact that Freemasonry is of two kinds, namely, Operative and Speculative. Operative Masonry is what its name implies—an operative art—and relates to the Masonic guilds, or corporations, of Stone-Masons of Germany, the travelling Freemasons of the Middle Ages, and the Colleges of Architects of Rome. Whatever of speculative *science* there was in it, related mainly to the perfection of art.

Speculative Masonry is a system of ethics, or rules of duty, drawn from the word of God and illustrated by symbols; hence the name, *Symbolic* Masonry. In other words, as Macay has beautifully defined it, "Speculative Masonry, or Freemasonry, is thus a system of ethics, and must therefore, like all other ethical systems, have its distinctive doctrines. These may be divided into three classes, viz., the Moral, the Religious, and the Philosophical." The distinction is marked; and Freemasonry, in its present form dates back to its restoration at the beginning of the eighteenth century. Then it received from the hands of the "builders" a distinctive *moral* and *religious* character; and we shall show that the two are naturally inseparable, and inseparably connected with Freemasonry.

Religion, in its widest acceptation, is any system of faith and worship; as, for example, the religion of the Turks, the Hindoos, the Christians. Worship is religious honour, reverence and adoration paid to God, or a being viewed as God. History shows that man is a religious being, and that, even in his lowest estate, he will worship something, "if haply he might feel and after find" the true God, "though he be not far from every one of us," as St. Paul said, when he found the Athenians "paying their devotions 'To the Unknown God.'" There are, therefore, religions many and gods many. The Pagan religions are corrupt, debasing and destructive to the noblest aspirations of the human heart.

All the old heathen deities were defective in moral character. Venus and the Roman Jupiter may be cited as examples. The Egyptians, nothwithstanding their refinement in the arts and sciences, were brute worshippers, and were *beastly* in moral character. The Northmen that came down upon the Roman Empire with such fury were worshippers of Hero-Kings, bloodthirsty and cruel. Men are naturally assimilated to the moral likeness of the objects they love, admire and worship. In this epitome of Pagan idolatry, we have the problem of the world's corruption solved. It is of the greatest consequence that man should have, for an object of worship, a God who is pure and holy, loving and kind to his children.

But in the midst of the moral darkness of the Pagan world there are some scintillations of light. It must be conceded that some ancient philsophers, particularly Confucius and Cicero, did—doubtless from an innate consciousness of right and wrong—enunciate some sound moral principles, but a false religion rendered them inoperative upon the great mass of the people. It goes to show that they who are "without the law," as St. Paul says, are not without the light of conscience, for the "Gentiles that do by nature the things contained in the law are a law unto themselves, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts, the meanwhile, accusing or else excusing one another." It further teaches us that the heathen are not left to be damned because they have not the written law, but rather, if they act up to the light they have, our Heavenly Father will not condemn them. If those old philosophers had been aided by the knowledge and worship of the true God, Christian civilization ere this would have encircled the entire globe.

From time immemorial, Freemasons have been taught, in all their rites and ceremonies, to recognize God as the only proper object of supreme adoration, love and obedience. Hence, Freemasonry is not merely a "Moral Order," as defined by a distinguished author, but a Moral and Religious Fraternity, founded upon the belief in God as the Supreme Architect and Ruler of the Universe, faith in natural and revealed religion, hope in immortality, brotherly love, and charity to all mankind. Morality and religion are so perfectly interwoven in this creed, that it completely covers the duties we owe to God and our fellow man.

Morality and religion may have separate roots in the human mind, but they belong to the same trunk; they may be made rivals, but they are natural allies. A morality that simply extends to dealing justly with our fellow men is too frigid for a Fraternity founded upon love to God and man. Morality in its true acceptation is inseparable from religion. This statement is based upon Christian ethics.

When the Pharisees attempted to confound the Saviour with their questions, one of them, being a lawyer, said, "Master, which is the greatest commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. The second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two hang all the law and the prophets." Now mark the oneness of this divine law of love. The second is "like" the first, or the counterpart of it. And "on these two hang all the law and the prophets;" that is, all the specific laws "hang" there, like a cluster of priceless jewels suspended by a golden chain, the links of which represent love to God and love to man. We therefore assume that sound morality can only proceed from pure religion as an active conviction;—the love of God involves the love of our neighbour.

Madame De Stael has said, "If Christ had simply taught men to say, 'Our Father,' he would have been the greatest benefactor of the race." Yes, "Our Father" is the talismanic appellation that so transforms man's moral and religious nature as to bring him into harmony and communion with his Maker. Then—

> "His passions hold a pleasing reign,
> And love drives his chariot wheels."

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The Masonic Brotherhood is not a substitute for, but the handmaid of, the invisible Church of the Living God, which is composed of all good men. It does not recognize, in matters of religion, any supreme authority but that of the "King of Glory." That other potentates are fallible, and at times have been wickedly cruel, goes without saying. We are brothers, and pledge supreme allegiance to the Holy one, "in whom there is no guile." He opens wide the "everlasting doors," and no man can shut them. The Masonic Religion of Love is based upon the Bible, emphasising the "new commandment"—"as I have loved you, that ye love one another."

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"WHO has not seen and admired Sir Frederick Leighton's beautiful picture, bearing the above title? And who, having seen that enchanting conception of love and trust, can be surprised that it should have called forth verse and song to make its ideal beauty live again in the imagination? This song certainly attains a very high order of musical merit. Perfectly vocal, and full of emotional and artistic fire, it is well worthy to be associated with the justly celebrated painting that has suggested it."—*Musical Society.*

In all thy morning splendour,
Warm with Love's golden beam,
Come, dearest! come and render
My life a summer dream.

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FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITY.
THE YEAR'S CONTRIBUTIONS.

WE append details of the amounts subscribed, during the year which closed yesterday, to the Masonic Institutions, and the sums expended by the Board of Benevolence during the twelve months. Inasmuch, however, as the returns are made up to within an hour of our going to press, we reserve lengthened reference to the figures until our next issue.

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	14,435	18	6
Dividends	1,893	4	6
Grand Lodge	1,600	0	0
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Legacy	25	0	0
Rent of Meadow	18	0	0
Interest on Cash at Call	72	10	6
	18,194	13	6

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions (including £1000 Special Donation, with £150 Annual Donation from Grand Lodge; and £10 10s from Grand Chapter)	13,226	4	6
Dividends—including "Sustentation a/c"	1,771	11	10
Admissions under Law LXIII.	150	0	0
Music Fees	195	6	0
Interest on Deposit	58	17	3
Legacies	95	0	0
Miscellaneous	19	5	3
	15,516	4	10

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	12,164	9	5
Music Fees	100	8	0
United Grand Lodge—Annual	150	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Sale of Lists of Subscribers	1	8	0
Dividends	580	0	0
Legacy	50	0	0
	13,056	15	5

The Board of Benevolence.

Month.	Cases relieved.	£	s	d
January	27	715	0	0
February	33	995	0	0
March	50	1,071	0	0
April	40	925	0	0
May	33	875	0	0
June	33	765	0	0
July	22	760	0	0
August	14	480	0	0
September	18	500	0	0
October	29	940	0	0
November	41	1,060	0	0
December	44	1,447	0	0
	384	10,533	0	0

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 257.

A GOOD muster of members and visitors assembled on Monday, the 27th ult. (St. John's Day) at the Lodge Room, High-street, Portsmouth, to witness the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. G. P. Gilbert. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Ernest Hall P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as under:—Bros. Colonel Crease, C.B., I.P.M., Major W. Campbell S.W., H. Drummond J.W., Ernest Hall Treasurer, S. B. Darwin Secretary, Rev. G. H. De Fraine P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain and Rev. F. Fitzhardinge Morton, M.A., Chaplains, Captain L. Kennedy S.D., C. W. Long J.D., G. D. Lovegrove Organist, Graham Collier I.G., T. Williams P.M. D.C., J. Brickwood P.M. and Major Alexander Allen Stewards. At the banquet which followed, the visitors included Bros. General Crease, Edgar Goble Prov. Grand Secretary, Captain the Hon. Curzon-Howe, R.N., Major Innes, Justice Norris, W. Humfrey, and the Rev. W. Plant, with several W.M.'s of neighbouring Lodges. The company numbered about fifty.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

A MEETING was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, London, E.C., on Wednesday, the 15th ult. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. G. W. Knight. T. C. Edmonds S.W., F. W. Dimsdale J.W., H. Lovegrove I.P.M., F. J. Perks Secretary, J. G. Saunders Assistant Secretary, W. Davey S.D., W. Bates J.D., R. W. Fraser I.G., J. Bruton D.C., D. R. Bryce and R. Allaway Stewards, C. J. Scales P.M., W. M. Stiles P.M., and G. Edwards P.M., with several visitors. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Smeerdon, Porter, Carter, and Gleed were raised; Bro. Wells was passed, after which Messrs. Saxby, Trougi, Hawkins, and Pezzati were impressively initiated into Freemasonry. After hearty good wishes had been given, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Scales proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Knight had worked the three degrees that evening in capital style; in fact, the more he had to do the better he seemed to like it. He was initiated in the Lodge, and had worked through the different offices to the satisfaction of the P.M.'s and brethren. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and in reply, the W.M. commented upon the happy years he had spent in Freemasonry; he was pleased to have so many initiates; it promised more work in the future; he hoped the brethren would bring in more friends during his year of office. In referring to the toast of the P.M.'s the W.M. reminded the brethren that when in the chair they did their work in an exemplary manner. Each of the P.M.'s present acknowledged the toast. Bro. Scarrah Prov. G.P. Middlesex and others responded for the Visitors. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Initiates, each of whom responded. The Officers having been given, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. A musical programme was carried out under the direction of Bro. Dimsdale, assisted by Bros. Guest, R. W. Fraser, Booth, W. M. Stiles, and G. W. Knight. Several recitations were given during the evening.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

THE installation meeting of this ancient and time-honoured Lodge was held on the afternoon of Monday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, when, in addition to the Lodge members, there was a large attendance of visiting officers and brethren. The chair was occupied by Bro. Henry Foster W.M., who was supported on the dais by Bros. J. Todd P.M. P.P.G.R. Treasurer, W. Draper P.M., W. Brown W.M. 1611, J. C. Lee P.M., A. Buckle P.M. P.P.G.D., Mark Rooke P.M. P.P.G.D., George Garbutt P.M., George Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O., Wm. Lawton P.M. P.P.G.R., T. B. Whytehead P.M. 1611 P.P.G.W., G. Kirby P.M. P.G.D.C., John Marshall P.M. 660 P.P.G.R., A. W. Walker P.M. Treas. 660, E. Harding W.M. 1991, Capt. Marshall P.M., and others. After confirmation of the minutes of the previous regular Lodge, the W.M. announced that the next business was the installation of Bro. T. Gerard Hodgson S.W., as Worshipful Master. The chair was taken by Bro. J. Todd, Installing Master, when the W.M. elect was presented for installation by Bro. Lawton P.M.. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. Buckle and Rooke P.M.s, whilst Bro. Kirby P.G.D.C. acted as D.C. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Todd P.M., in an admirable manner. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Hy. Foster I.P.M., Wm. Smith S.W., Samuel Border J.W., the Very Rev. the Dean of York P.G.C. Chaplain, J. Todd Treasurer, E. W. Parnell Secretary, C. M. Forbes S.D., J. B. Sampson J.D., S. G. Crummack D.C., A. Sample Org., John Biscombe I.G., F. Watkinson and E. Carter Stewards, and W. G. Calvert Tyler. The addresses to the Master and Brethren were delivered by Bro. Todd, and to the Wardens by Bro. Mark Rooke P.M. The hymn, "Hail, Masonry Divine," was then sung, Bro. Sample accompanying on the organ, and afterwards the Secretary said that he had received letters and telegrams from the following brethren regretting their inability to be present: Bros. the Dean of York, Pocock P.G.S., Cumberland, Woodall P. Grand Treas., Reynolds P.G.T., J. J. Needham P.P.G.C. West Yorks, Thos. Kirsopp, G. Burgot, Hitchcock, Pudel, Peacock, and R. Hudson P.G.S. Durham. Bro. Geo. Garbutt P.M., then, on behalf of Bro. R. W. Hollon P.M. P.G.S.B. England (the oldest member of the Lodge), presented the Lodge with two prints—one an ancient initiation scene, and the other a print of relics and symbols recently discovered in the United States and Mexico. Bro. Hollon was heartily thanked for his gift, on the motion of Bro. Todd,

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seconded by Bro. Lawton. Hearty good wishes having been expressed by the members of visiting Lodges present, the Lodge was duly closed. The installation banquet took place in the Masonic Hall, Bro. T. Gerald Hodgson W.M. presiding. Most of the brethren who had attended the installation proceedings were present, and their numbers were augmented by the addition of several other brethren. The W.M. in proposing "The Queen and Craft," referred to the fact that the present was the year of the Queen's Jubilee, and expressed a hope that the Masons of N. and E. Yorks would find some means of commemorating so important an event. A thought had occurred to him that a happy way of celebrating this year might be found by inviting the fair sex to join them in holding a grand Masonic Charity ball on a large scale, in which the whole Province might combine. The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, having been proposed by the W.M., and duly honoured, the W.M. gave "The R.W. Pro G.M. of England, the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. of England, the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Lodge." He remarked that it was the privilege of the York Lodge to have enrolled amongst its members three members of the Grand Lodge. He referred to Bro. Past Master Hollon, who some years ago had the office of Sword Bearer conferred upon him by the Grand Master; their good brother the Very Rev. the Dean of York; and Bro. Tew P.G.D. of England, and who is at the present time Provincial Grand Master of the West of Yorkshire. He was sorry that various causes prevented these brethren from being present and responding to the toast. The Worshipful Master then gave the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Zetland P.G.M. of the North and East Ridings, the W. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett D.P.G.M., and the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers. He said that the Lodges of North and East Yorkshire might congratulate themselves upon having had such a worthy Mason as the Earl of Zetland to preside over them. The Province had sustained a serious loss in the death of Bro. Dr. Bell, whose presence would be very much missed; but he believed that in Bro. Orde-Powlett they had found a very worthy successor. The W.M. then alluded, amidst applause, to the fact that during the past year three of the members of that Lodge—Bros. Kirby, McGachen, and Sample—had been appointed Provincial Grand Officers, and that the Provincial Grand Master had accepted the invitation of the York Lodge to hold the Provincial Grand Lodge in York during the coming year. In conclusion, he remarked that he did not think the York Lodge would be behindhand in extending to them a right hearty welcome. Bros. Kirby and McGachen replied. Bro. J. Terry (Lord Mayor of York) then proposed the Health of the Worshipful Master of the York Lodge. He referred to the honourable associations with which the Craft abounds, and remarked that all those who had preceded Bro. Gerald Hodgson in the chair of the York Lodge had been thoroughly good Masons. He had no doubt that the newly-elected W.M. would perform his duties in a becoming way, and thoroughly prove his worthiness of the honour which had been conferred upon him. Bro. Gerard Hodgson W.M., in replying, expressed his pride at occupying a chair which had been filled by so many men who had made their mark in the Masonic world. He thanked them for the honour they had conferred upon him by appointing him to that position, and he sincerely hoped that he should prove himself worthy of it. The Installing Master (Bro. J. Todd P.M. P.P.G.R.), the I.P.M. (Bro. H. Foster), and the Past Masters of the York Lodge, was proposed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. He remarked that the York Lodge was 111 years old, and that few Lodges could boast of such a long existence, and of having been presided over by such a series of Masters who had made their mark in the Craft. The York Lodge had a very splendid history, and a history of which every member of the Lodge ought to be proud. It had always maintained, as far as was in its power, the great principles of the Craft in a manner which would compare favourably with any Lodge of its standing in England. The officers discharged their duties well, whilst the Lodge was well known as being the custodian of some of the most valuable records which were in existence at this moment with regard to Freemasonry. Bro. Todd, by the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that afternoon had shown that he was thoroughly well up in the ritual and knowledge of the Craft. Bro. Whytehead then remarked that in America and many parts of the world York was looked upon as the centre of Masonry. There was no doubt that from the very earliest periods York had been the point from which most Masons had gone north, south, east, and west, and promulgated the glorious doctrines of their Craft; and therefore they might look upon the York Lodge as the representative, for the time being, of Masonry in England. It was refreshing to find that though the Lodge was old it showed no signs of decrepitude, but on the contrary, seemed to be gathering strength as it went along. Bro. Todd returned thanks. He said that the present year would be a memorable one, not only in Masonry, but in the history of the country. The fact of their beloved Queen having occupied the throne of the country during a period of 50 years was one that well deserved the attention not only of the people of the country, but also of Masons, and he felt quite sure that the members of the Craft would not be satisfied unless they marked in some particular way the Jubilee of Her Majesty. He did not know what form that celebration would take, but he felt sure the Province of North and East Yorks would not be behindhand. He expressed the pleasure he felt in having installed in the chair a brother whose progress in Freemasonry he had watched with great interest, and felt sure that the dignity of the office would be well sustained during the coming year. Bro. Henry Foster P.M. also responded. Bro. A. Buckle P.M. then gave the Masonic Charities. He remarked that if there was one thing that had marked Her Majesty's reign it was the great good that had been done by charity. During the drinking of the toast the charity box was handed round, the result being the collection of a substantial amount for the benefit of the Charities. Bro. Mark Rooke proposed the Visitors, to which Bro. William Browne W.M. 1611 and Bro. H. L. Swift responded. The other toasts were the Officers of the York Lodge and the Tyler's toast. During the evening some excellent songs and glees were sung by Bros. Todd, Kirby, Lee, B. Sampson, C. A. Wardill, and others. Bro. Arthur Sample presided at the organ and piano, and both his vocal and instrumental efforts gave the greatest pleasure to the company.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—As has been already announced in these columns, the Preceptorship of this Lodge of Instruction has been undertaken by Bro. James Stevens, the first W.M. of the Mother Lodge, and originator of its Lodge of Instruction, which meets every Thursday, at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Coleman Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m. The situation is central and very convenient, and the members are earnest workers who evidently appreciate the connection of the Lodge of Instruction with one of the best known of our working City Lodges. To inaugurate his acceptance of the position of Preceptor, a large assemblage of members and visitors attended on Thursday, the 16th ult., to hear the first of Bro. Stevens' lectures on Ritual and Ceremonial. His remarks on this occasion were necessarily confined to the First Degree, and foreshadowed the line of working which it has been agreed shall be carried out under his Preceptorship. The lecture was given in his usual lucid and happy manner, and was listened to with unabated interest throughout, many brethren testifying after its close to the attention paid by him to the several salient points of importance so clearly explained that none could fail to comprehend them, and obtain hints whereby to commit to memory details of essential value, otherwise requiring considerable practice to attain. The Lecturer, thoroughly conversant with his subject, held the attention of his audience for upwards of two hours, having by general desire waived the proposed interval, and when, at the close of an exceptionally pleasant evening, a hearty and cordial vote of thanks to him was recorded, all present acknowledged that praise was given where praise was due. Amongst the proofs of great interest in Bro. Stevens' Lectures may be mentioned the attendance of brethren from towns in which he has been formerly heard, some of whom became members of the Lodge, with assurances of frequent attendance during the present season, in the course of which other Lectures on the second and third degrees will be given. Before the Lodge was closed, announcement was made of the rehearsal, on Thursday, the 4th inst., of the Ceremony of Installation, with full opening and closing of Board of I.M.'s, and an interesting evening's work—at which brethren of other Lodges will be welcomed—is anticipated.

Obituary.

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Bro. C. W. SMYTH P.M. 1524.

We much regret to find we are not allowed to close our record of the past year without adding another name to the already long list of those who have recently departed this life. The Craftsman whose death we have to-day to chronicle—Brother C. W. Smyth, a P.M. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524—was well known in North-east London, having for many years been the host of the house at which the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction has held its weekly meetings, and there are not a few brethren in other parts who have enjoyed the pleasure of his company at one time or another. Brother Smyth died on the 28th ult., after a few days illness. His remains will be interred at Highgate Cemetery, on Tuesday next, at 12.30 p.m. We beg to offer our sincere sympathy with the relatives of our worthy friend in this the time of their affliction.

The Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. Radcliffe M.E.Z., Jenkins H., Barnett J., Sheffield S.E., Dean S.N., Shaw P.S. At this, the last meeting for the year 1886, there was a very satisfactory attendance. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a perfect manner, gratifying both Preceptor Comp. Edmonds, and those engaged. We recommend R.A. Masons to pay this Chapter of Improvement a visit early in the year we have just entered upon.

Lord Egerton of Tatton has been officially notified of his appointment by the Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales, as Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, in succession to Lord de Tabley. Arrangements are being made for the installation, which will be accompanied by a special Masonic service in Cheshire Cathedral. Efforts are being made by the Provincial Grand Master elect and the Duke of Westminster to secure the attendance of the Prince of Wales on the occasion.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Drury Lane.—Once more Mr. Augustus Harris, in producing his Christmas pantomime, has eclipsed previous efforts; his last venture is certainly the best he has ever produced at Old Drury. The well-known writer, Mr. E. L. Blanchard, has provided a framework that suits the taste of Mr. Harris's patrons, while Mr. Ferdinand Wallerstein has selected and composed music catching to the ear. Although not strictly adhering to the accepted legend of "The Forty Thieves," Mr. Blanchard has managed to keep the idea well in view, while the several ways in which he leads up the display-parts are well conceived. The opening scene of the pantomime is a new idea for Drury Lane, inasmuch as the usual magic cave, with its necessary fairies, is entirely done away with. The proposed subject for the pantomime is decided on by Camaralzaman, Sindbad, Codadad, and others, who agree to represent the forty thieves. This they do, and select for their leader Abdallah (Miss Edith Blande-Brereton). Among the others we find Ally Sloper (Mr. Victor Stevens). How the story proceeds after the forty thieves are bound together is well known. Mr. Harris first shows his quality in the cave of the thieves, where each leader, with his band congregate together. Here we have one of the most gorgeous displays that has ever been seen, even at Drury Lane. Each band has a different dress, some in satins, some in armour, some in shining beads, while others appear in silver and gold tissues. Such a display as is presented when all are congregated is indeed dazzling to look at, still all are grouped so well together that violent contrasts are avoided; altogether a more magnificent scene could not have been wished for. But not content with this, the manager in lieu of a transformation has invented a Queen's Jubilee scene. This is worked out in three divisions, the last being the Temple of Fame. At the back of this scene is a statue of Queen Victoria, behind which is seen the river, studded with shipping. The procession is headed by beefeaters, followed by Britannia. After this appears, in native costume, representatives of the different colonies, the whole spectacle presenting a blaze of colour and glitter of the most sumptuous character. The arrangement of these is personally superintended by Mr. Harris, who was called forward to receive the congratulations of his audience. Another interesting item is a ballet by the children of the National School of Dancing. This takes place in the baquetting-room of Ali's house, where the children are about to retire to bed. This is capitally arranged, and at its conclusion the audience would not be satisfied until Madame Katti Lanner had made her appearance. The pantomime lacks nothing as to the ability of the artistes engaged; once again we have Mr. Harry Nicholls (Ali Babi), and Mr. Herbert Campbell (Cogia, his wife), well to the fore. These gentlemen work well together, and are as amusing as ever. They have plenty of good business to go through, and certainly they make the most of it. Their annual duett has for its stock line "Not really," and both these favourites were recalled several times. Miss Constance Gilchrist is a graceful Morgiana. This lady's dancing is always good, while her voice, though not strong, is pretty. Miss Edith Bruce (Ganem), plays with plenty of spirit, and Miss Edith Blande-Brereton is a dashing Abdallah. Mr. Robert Pateman throws considerable dramatic force into the character of Cassim, more especially in the cave scene; while Mr. Victor Stevens is highly amusing as Ally Sloper. Mr. Charles Lauri jun., and Mr. Paul Martinetti, as a donkey and monkey respectively, are exceedingly clever. Their pranks are most amusing. Mr. John D'Auban introduces some well-executed dances into the part of the Chief of Police, while Miss M. A. Victor disports herself as Mrs. Cassim. Mr. Reuben Inch (Mustapha), Miss Dot Mario (Camaralzaman), Miss Minnie Mario (Sindbad), Miss Minnie Inch (Noureddin Ali), Violet Russell (Young King), and Miss Marie Williams (Aladdin) are all well filled with their several parts. A double harlequinade follows the Temple of Fame scene, and here we once more find our old friend, Harry Payne, with his merry band. Then comes Paul Martinetti, with his followers. Altogether we can heartily congratulate Mr. Augustus Harris on having produced the most gorgeous of the many good pantomimes seen during his management.

Avenue.—There was produced here on Thursday week, a burlesque, entitled Robinson Crusoe. This work has been written by Mr. Robert Reece, and staged by Mr. H. B. Farnie. The idea of the author has been to provide for the holidays, and to this end he has introduced items that have no real connection with Defoe's well-known story. Nevertheless, the piece is full of amusing skits and songs, with plenty of dancing. Not only has there been a good book provided, but tunes have been arranged by Mr. John Crook in such a manner that they prove most seductive. Another feature in this production is the excellent scenery painted by Messrs. Albert Calcott, F. Storey, and W. Keith; while the gorgeous dresses, designed by L. Besche, and executed by Mons. and Mdme. Alias, are made the most of by the troupe of graceful ladies engaged. The piece opens at a cave on the disputed Island, which changes to the port of Hull. A pirate and his myrmidons determine to carry off Jenny Jones and Polly Hopkins, who are in love with Vavasseur and Robinson Crusoe respectively. But instead of carrying off the fair ones, Crusoe and Vavasseur are taken on board. The second act sees the principal characters together on a Cannibal Island, where an Amazon Queen and her attendant fall in love with Crusoe and his friend. All these incidents produce a good deal of lively humour, and in the end the two pairs of lovers return to England. Here we see them in a mock harlequinade, where Mr. Sam Wilkinson plays Clown, Mr. Henry Ashley Pantaloon, Mr. Arthur Roberts Policeman, Mr. Fred Storey Harlequin, and Miss Phyllis Broughton Columbine. In the two scenes alloted to this portion of the programme fun, fast and furious, is the order of the day, and we advise those of our readers who visit this theatre, to stop and witness this part of the burlesque. Mr. Arthur Roberts as Robinson Crusoe exerts himself successfully. He has plenty of good materials to work on, and when he has become more habituated to the part, he should make it extremely funny. Misses Wadman (Jenny Jones), and Phyllis Broughton (Polly Hopkins) were greatly appreciated; Miss Wadman's singing is always bright and tuneful, while Miss Broughton dances with grace and ease. Mr. Henry Ashly (Vavasseur), Mr. C. W. Bradbury (Captain William Atkins), Mr. Sam Wilkinson (Rev. Winky Fum), Mr. Charles Sutton (Friday), each make the most of their parts, while Mr. Fred Storey dances himself into prominence as Taffe. Neither Mrs. Mackintosh (Princess Bamboola) nor Miss Janette Steer (Jam-Jam) exhibits very high qualities, but Miss Lydia Yeamans (Lieutenant of the lugger) sang in charming style the ever acceptable ballad "Sally in our Alley." Everything went well on the first night, and the principals were called at the fall of the curtain. Mr. D'Albertson, the acting manager, came forward and apoligised for the author's absence.

The annual New Year's entertainment to the brethren and widows resident in the Royal Masonic Institution at Croydon will take place on Wednesday next, when we anticipate a repetition of one of the many enjoyable meetings which have taken place in the same building in years gone by.

The members of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday, 30th December 1886, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Edgar Bowyer in the chair, with Bros. R. Grey, J. H. Matthews, S. H. Parkhouse, C. H. Webb, &c. Six petitions were approved, making the total number of candidates for the April Election 29, with 23 vacancies. £4,446 14s 3d was ordered to be invested in the purchase of stock, in the names of the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund. The proceedings closed with the customary vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 1st JANUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court R.L., 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)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
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. (Improvement)

1382—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

22—Lonsdborough, Ganden 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)
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.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden 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.)
1793—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. 26—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
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
166—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Catherine, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
951—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
978—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Witton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1442—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Carnuloe, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Collet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypool, South Wales
1579—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Lambeth-street, Newcastle
1708—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 350—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hillsborough, Devonport
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Churchstreet, Bridgwater.

TUESDAY, 4th JANUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Lothian Hotel, Southampton Row, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Probity, Criterion Tavern, Lowndes Street, Ely, at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Shepherd Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
111—Lion, Victoria Mansions 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—Joppa, Clapham Hotel, Abbeville Road, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, City Road, Middle Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
765—St. James, Royal Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
859—Belgrave, Victoria Tavern, Pimlico, at 8. (Instruction)
861—Playhouse, Kings Head, Lower Clapton Road, E., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hall Hotel, Armadale, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—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—Clinton, White Hart Tavern, Clinton, 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
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
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
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.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
986—Beckett, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1131—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1214—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322—Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Ambleh, Anglesea
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Carnaloe, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhy
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleveton.
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. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 5th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wardour Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Lewisham-road, at 7. (Instruction)
278—United Strength, The House, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hall, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
751—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barlett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poultry, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
1258—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 340 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)
1901—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1902—Beaconsfield, Checquers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1952—Londesborough, Pickering Arms, Fore Street, Hatcham, at 8. (Instruct)
1981—The Bethnal, Bull and Gate, Kingsland Road
1987—The Rothesay, Duke of Court Hotel, Lower Sloane Street
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1927—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1932—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Canonbury, New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
2021—Queen's Westminster, 79 Grove Street, S.W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Aldersgate, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst)
R.A. 933—Horne, 202 Whitechapel Road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1328—Granite, 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
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Haggerston, E.
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Canterbury, Kent
288—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Arundel, Sussex
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Parkgate, Rotherham
327—Witton St. John Lodge of Unity, Witton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Church-street, Morley, near Leeds
446—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne
447—Faith and Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Manchester
470—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, Duke-street, Norwich, Norfolkshire
580—Hartington, Wood Street, Greenwich
591—Lonsdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Manchester, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Chapel-street, Manchester
653—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
674—Earl Ellesmere, Victoria Hall, Worsley, Farnworth, near Bolton
697—United, Castle Hotel, Chepstow
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
815—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ripponden, Pontefract.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1013—Kingsdown, Masonic Hall, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos
1018—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Woolwich
1027—Fenton, Masonic Hall, Leeds (Instruction)
1045—Hesketh, Victoria Hall, Bowerham, Lancaster
1046—Ezra, Lime Kilns, Ayton, Yorks
1057—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cumberland, Red Lion, Shepherd's Bush
1285—Prince Alfred, Conservative Club, Moseley, near Manchester
1371—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Barnard Castle
1502—Bristol, Masonic Rooms, Park-street, Swansea
1543—Loxdale, 20 Kirkgate-street, Wigan
1554—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire

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1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1369—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8 30. (Instruction)
1786—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
9042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 6th JANUARY.

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)
193—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.)
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
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1559—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. (In.)
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)
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)
1960—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)
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
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
286—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
289—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslington
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.
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecclough, near Manchester
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1350—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1364—Equity, Alfred Chambers, Widnes
1475—Leake, Town Hall, Leake, Lincolnshire
1600—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1604—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1615—Priestley, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1570—Dee, Castle Hotel, Frankby, Cheshire
1599—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1687—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
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. 754—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Beeline, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 7th JANUARY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.3
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. (Inst.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
765—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, at 8. (I)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (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)
1145—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)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Ludbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1788—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. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)
R.A. 1439—Ezra, 90 Ball's Pond-road, N
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (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
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MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1886.

THE summary we last week gave of the total contributed by Freemasonry to the cause of Charity during the past year, brief though it was, spoke volumes in favour of the Craft, as it shewed a total expenditure of £57,300 13s 9d during the twelve months, on behalf of those in need of help from their Brother Masons. Of this large total no less a sum than £46,767 13s 9d found its way into the coffers of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, while the remaining £10,533 was expended at the monthly meetings of the Board of Benevolence, the number of recipients in the latter case being three hundred and eighty-four.

Compared with the preceding three years the result of the twelve months just concluded does not stand out well; it being the lowest of the four, as the following figures, which are the totals of the respective years, shew: 1886, £57,300 13s 9d; 1885, £64,569 2s 7d; 1884, £58,075 17s 7d; and 1883, £64,669 14s 3d. These totals, it will be seen, vary considerably, and it is somewhat curious to mark their alternate up and down tendency, the totals of 1883 and 1885 being within £101 of each other, and those of 1884 and 1886 only varying by less than £700. It may be remembered that the large excess of 1883 was in great measure due to the extraordinary efforts then made on behalf of the Boys' School, the receipts of which Institution were so far above the average as to more than account for the difference between the total of that year and the one which followed it. Last year, about this time, we were able to report a general increase in the receipts of the Masonic Institutions, and an increased expenditure by the Board of Benevolence, so much so as to place the total of 1885 within a trifle of that reached in 1883, when the special circumstance to which we have already referred had so large an effect on the result; now we have to chronicle a general falling off under all heads, except that of the Board of Benevolence, with the result that 1886 gives a total of £7,268 8s 10d short of that reached in 1885; but at the same time it shews that a sum of £57,300 13s 9d was expended during the year in the cause of Masonic Charity.

Deducting from the figures given above the amount annually expended by the Board of Benevolence, we have the following totals as the yearly contributions of the Craft to its three Charitable Institutions:—1886, £46,767 13s 9d; 1885, £54,416 2s 7d; 1884, £48,823 17s 7d; and 1883, £55,994 14s 3d, a total of £206,002 8s 2d for the four years, giving an annual average of upwards of fifty thousand pounds. Of this total the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution received the largest share, its quota being £77,919 14s 3d; the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys comes next, with £68,218 9s 5d; and then the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls brings up the trio, with £59,864 4s 6d.

It is not necessary to devote our space on the present occasion to further comparisons as to what has been done in the past, the figures we have quoted above are sufficient for all purposes, what we have to study more particularly at the present time is the future, and the outlook is sufficient to cause anxiety, while it calls for the most strenuous efforts from all who take an interest in the cause. We have shewn that during the past four years upwards of two hundred and six thousand pounds have been subscribed by the Masons of England in support of the three Charitable Institutions associated with the Craft, and nearly the whole of this sum has been expended within the same period. It has not been a question of cutting down current expenditure, so as to lay up a large store for the future, but a continued extension of operations, with a corresponding increase of liability; and this liability is, as we have frequently pointed out, virtually of a permanent character, for however much we may add to the benefits annually dispensed by the Institutions, we must never think of curtailing them; the cry must ever be forward, never back. We must therefore be prepared to raise, in round figures, a sum of fifty thousand pounds to meet the requirements of the year, and the question arises, where is this vast sum to come from? Past experience has proved that the Craft is capable of providing it, and we hope that 1887 will shew no falling off as compared with its predecessors; indeed we should like to see the result of 1883 and 1885 equalled, rather than have a repetition of last year's total, but we fear there are many causes which will be likely to prevent the realisation of our wish, and it therefore behoves all who can help to do their utmost in the good work. The present unsatisfactory state of trade, the unsettled condition of the political atmosphere, and the strained feelings of which we hear so much among foreign nations, must all tend to check the flow of money, more especially when it is needed for purposes of Charity. Add to this the fact that during the year special claims will be made for all kinds of objects in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, and we must confess that to us the future looks anything but promising. Of course we are ready to admit that the Masonic Charities will reap some of the benefits which may be expected to flow from the celebration of Her Majesty's fifty years reign, but on the whole we are inclined to the belief they will suffer a falling off in their receipts in consequence of the many special claims which will be put forward.

Within a few weeks the Anniversary Festival of the Benevolent Institution will be celebrated, and this will be followed in due course by those on behalf of the Girls' and Boys' Schools. As it is in connection with these celebrations we look for the greater part of the aid which is so sorely needed, we can but urge on our readers the necessity, we may almost say, of at once starting operations in support of one or other of them, so that the year we have just entered upon may prove equal, if not better than those which have gone before.

Thus far we have said little in regard to the sums voted by the Board of Benevolence; they are nevertheless worthy of honourable reference. Although they appear somewhat insignificant when compared with the totals contributed to the Charitable Institutions, we must remember that the source from which the fund is derived is a limited one, and although it may not be the habit of the Board to keep its expenditure within the bounds of its income, it stands to reason that its operations are in great measure governed by the amount it has at disposal. Further than this, we can but recognise the fact that the three Charities relieve the Board of many of the calls which, without the Institutions, would be made upon it, so that altogether we must regard the total of £38,613, which the Board has expended during the past four years, as a grand amount. When we consider that this sum has been distributed among some 1,500 members of the Craft or their widows, who have come to need the assistance of their brethren, and that in many cases sums have been granted sufficient

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to enable the recipients to make a fresh start in life, we can form some opinion of the amount of good which Freemasonry has accomplished; but, as we have shown above, the Charity of Freemasonry does not stop—it may be said only to commence—with the sums provided by the Fund of Benevolence. Much as that Fund has done in the past, and much as it is likely to do in the future, its operations are far exceeded by those of the three Charitable Institutions of the Craft, to each of which we must award the highest praise, and for each of which we wish a long period of increased prosperity. This prosperity can only arise, be it understood, from the most strenuous efforts of the brethren enrolled under the banner of Freemasonry, to one and all of whom we again appeal for the utmost aid it is possible for them to afford. In doing so we hope that the Charity Record of the current year will not only equal, but far excel, those which have preceded it.

WHENCE FREEMASONRY CAME.

An Oration by Right Wor. Isaac Clements, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Illinois, 6th October 1886.

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WHERE did these men obtain their knowledge of the principles of working in brass and iron, and stone, and fine building, save from the stores of wisdom obtained by Moses in Egypt, and by him imparted to their tribe during the journeys in the wilderness? It has often seemed to me that the whole history of Israel, from the time of Jacob to the time of Solomon, points to the Grand consummation of Mount Zion. That the long years of unrequited toil in Egypt; the making of bricks without straw; the working in iron, and brass, and bronze, and stone, was but fitting them by toil and discipline for the work before them. Drilled and disciplined by labour and obedience they were ready for work. And the Levites, taught by Moses the principles of engineering, mathematics, philosophy and architecture learned by him in Egypt, were ready to design and superintend the erection of public works and public buildings in all their details, so that when the time for the erection of the temple, the masses being thus taught to work and accustomed to discipline, and the Levites being so trained in the rules governing the erection of buildings, examining details, inspecting materials and superintending construction, the work could proceed. But one thing was lacking: skilled in theory as were the workmen, and extensive as may already have been their experience in building, Solomon needed some one with more practical experience, more educated skill, to superintend the finer and more delicate work in castings, mouldings, engravings and colourings. To the north-west of him lies the city and kingdom of Tyre, the fame of whose workmen had already reached Jerusalem. There is a traditional friendship between the nations. The king of Tyre is the successor, and probable descendant, of one who as king of Egypt had befriended Joseph centuries before. Indeed, the wisdom of Joseph had saved both nations from destruction in that foreign land. Accordingly Solomon sends to Hiram, king of Tyre, for the needed help. It is readily granted. One Hiram, a widow's son, a thoroughly practical, skilful man, comes and takes charge of the fine, intrinsic colourings, traceries and mouldings. Thousands of Tyrian workmen, skilled in hewing and cutting, go with Solomon's men into the mountains of Lebanon for cedar, and into the quarries for stone, and the work moves smoothly and harmoniously on, because superintendents and builders have all been taught in the same school of architecture, studied the same rules and been governed by the same principles—the rules and principles that had governed the best school of architecture of that day, the architects and masons of Egypt a thousand years. Nor can it be doubted that here the same organisation and instruction of foremen and superintendents, thousands in number, as the Bible tells us, was requisite, as at the building of the Pyramids, and as is required to-day. For every one knows that no important or valuable building is erected in our times without a superintendent's office, where the foremen and overseers go for instruction. And, indeed, up to the time when Masonry became a purely philosophical institution, to which reference will soon be made, there is ample evidence that the Masonic corporations erecting public buildings had their Lodge-rooms and held their meetings in the buildings, combining their instructions both in philosophic or symbolic Masonry and in their work. There can be no doubt that such a Masonic Lodge existed at the temple during its erection, its existence being an absolute necessity. And here I doubt not was perfected and developed the organisation and the forms and methods adopted that have largely governed Masonry ever since.

Brethren, will any one say that there was not something of the divine ordering in this arrangement, whereby the descendants of the two men who jointly had ruled Egypt centuries before, and the two nations who had lived in Egypt as friends, should here meet on Mount Zion, in Palestine, and erect the first temple ever erected and dedicated to the one true ever-living Jehovah, God? In distant Egypt, in far away India, in luxurious Babylon, temples, models of grace and beauty, glowing in oriental splendour and magnificence, had been long erected and dedicated to the worship of their purely national gods. But here mid swinging censers and burning incense and chanting choirs; here while the Shekinah descended and rested between the wings of the cherubim, and the cloud of God's glory filled the whole house: here, and now for the first time in the world's history, was dedicated to the Almighty Jehovah, a temple, the grandest ever erected on earth. Fitting reward for the years of discipline and toil and drudgery in Egypt. Grand consummation of the lessons learned and the friendships begun in distant Egypt centuries before. And grander consummation for us as Masons, my brethren; our traditions do meet and harmonise around the Masonic altar erected there.

Now, brethren, after examining our traditions, our symbols, our ceremonies, the historic evidence, the very necessities of the case, can we not safely conclude that an organisation did exist in ancient Egypt with its secret ceremonies, initiations and degrees, having architecture and building as one of its special objects? That this organisation, possibly modified by circumstances, can be fairly traced, flowing through two streams, down to the time of and uniting at the temple, and that at the building of the Temple of Solomon was organised and perfected in the work? That this organisation was for the purpose of commemorating certain events that transpired there, and perpetuating the memory of the friendship between the two nations, the Hebrews and the Tyrians?

Up to this point, then, we certainly have reasonably safe footing. Masonic organisation certainly existed as indicated. But we are asked, what connection there can be between these ancient organisations of Operative Masons, engaged in the work of designing and erecting buildings, and our modern Freemasonry? Let us see if we can trace any connection other than the resemblance heretofore mentioned. Solomon's Temple was erected about one thousand years before Christ. Passing down the stream two hundred and fifty years, we find the work of building still going on at Jerusalem and Tyre. The temple is still standing, resplendent with its marble and gold and precious stones, the crowning glory of oriental architecture. Rome is founded. Numa Pompilius, one of its earliest rulers, became Emperor 715 years B.C. He fondly dreams that beneath that beautiful blue sky, in that glorious Italian climate, a city shall rise that will become mistress of the world. Her manufactures shall surpass those of Tyre. Her commerce shall drive that of Phœnicia from the sea; her temples and public buildings shall surpass anything ever known. With the latter object specially in view, Numa determined on a system of public buildings and public works of great grandeur and magnificence, embracing streets, roads, aqueducts, viaducts, palaces, temples and other public buildings. In order that his plans might be successful, it became necessary to obtain the services of educated and skilled men from other nations. Accordingly he established two sets of corporations or colleges. The one was to be composed of architects and designers, and were called "Collegia Fabrorum." The second, one hundred and thirty-two in number, were composed of educated workmen, practical builders, and were called "Collegia Artificum." These two sets of Colleges were organized to work in harmony, and were given entire control of the public works. And in order to induce foreign artists to come to Rome and assist in the work, they were given certain privileges or freedoms not granted to other citizens. They were free from the necessity of worshipping the gods of Rome; free from the

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control of the local authorities in designing and executing their plans; free from the necessity of performing military service, in fact they were *free* Masons. And to these fraternities we can trace the origin of the word "free" in the name of our Order. These privileges had the desired effect, and gathered at Rome skilled architects, artisans, civil engineers, men capable of building a city, and embellishing it with the most stately and beautiful buildings and public works. The fraternities prospered at Rome, and the beautiful remains of their works are yet a source of pleasure to thousands of tourists annually.

Passing rapidly, however, we find that when Rome resolved on the conquest of Britain, a few years before the beginning of the Christian era, numbers of these fraternities were attached to the Roman legions that were sent to Britain, for the purpose of erecting fortifications, selecting, arranging and fortifying camps, and taking all necessary steps to secure and protect what Roman valour won. Here, as in Rome, they had entire charge of the fortresses, public buildings; in short, of all work requiring either scientific knowledge or skill. Constantine the Great, proclaimed Emperor A.D. 306, being converted to Christianity, immediately gave a new impetus to building by ordering the erection of Christian temples. Among the very first to be begun in England were St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. However, intrigues at Rome bringing on internal wars, compelled the abandonment of Britain by the Roman legions in the fifth century, after about five hundred years of possession. Thereupon those warlike German tribes, the Angles and the Saxons, and later the Danes, invaded Britain. For centuries, the island was but little else than a field for war and bloodshed, and public work was almost suspended. The fraternities, however, continued their organisation, with varying degrees of prosperity. Early in the seventh century the cathedrals at Rochester and Canterbury were founded. During this century, also, we find persons who were not Operative Masons admitted inside the Lodges, and known as "accepted" Masons." Just when or how this custom originated we do not know, but "accepted" Masons are mentioned in the seventh century, about twelve hundred years ago.

Peace being at length largely restored, King Athelstan being himself, as history tells us, a friend of education and a lover of the arts of peace, determined to begin the work of rebuilding and restoring the destroyed public buildings, and erecting new ones. Accordingly, he ordered the Masonic fraternities to assemble in general convocation under his son, Prince Edwin, at York, in the year 926, and granted them the charter of York. In the proclamation, after referring to the devastations produced by the Saxons and the Danes, these words occur: "But the pious King Athelstan, who has much esteem for the art, and who has established many superb edifices, has desired to make up this deficiency. * * * It is in this intention that he has remitted to his son Edwin an edict by which the Masons can have their own government, and establish all proper rules to render their art prosperous. Behold then in the pious Prince Edwin your protector, who will execute the orders of the king, and who would encourage and exhort you no more to fall into past faults." Thus reaffirming to them their freedoms, and admonishing them to make good use thereof, thenceforward the Order flourished; kings and princes were its Grand Officers, and the immense palaces, cathedrals, monasteries, now standing in England, are the result. At length, in 1717, when the Lodges of London, under the supervision of Grand Master Sir Christopher Wren, had finished the rebuilding of St. Paul's, after the Great London fire, the following resolution, memorable in our history was adopted:—

"Resolved, that the privileges of Masonry, shall no longer be confined to Operative Masons, but be free to men of all professions, provided that they be regularly approved and initiated into the Fraternity."

And although "accepted" Masons had long existed, this resolution broke down all barriers between Operative Masons and other professions, and made the Order what it is to-day, a purely philosophical institution. Thenceforth the Order had nothing to do as an Order with architecture or building, but confined itself entirely to philosophic Masonry. We have thus, as I think, correctly the origin of the name "'Ancient' 'Free' and 'Accepted, Masons."

Certainly the organization is an ancient one; the name "Free" originated twenty-five hundred years ago; "Accepted" Masons have existed at least twelve hundred years. As already stated, each word in the name of our Order marks an era in its growth. So, step by step it has advanced, adjusting itself to the necessities of each age, ever holding itself true to its prime objects—the formation of the beautiful and the preservation of the true in art and in morals. And thus it has grown, until now no more must the initiate spend long and weary years toiling in the quarries, or with chisel and mallet carving things of life and beauty out of inanimate stone, or the hours of the night in learning these secret principles of form and beauty and symmetry that must take shape in the building he is assisting to erect. Henceforth the Masonic field is the moral world. Brethren, are we "duly and truly" prepared for the contest? The true Mason can be no sluggard in the work of life. There are for us the hours of study, the years of toiling to shape out of the moral character a thing of beauty that shall harmonize with the true and the good, that it may live with them in peace for ever. Our symbols tell us that these natures of ours are given us for development. That the grand result to be obained in this life is to learn the right and the true and to do them willingly and gladly. That by a law of our nature we grow constantly, and that this growth is limitless—we must grow whether we will or no. We can only choose the method. It is either as the fruit and the flower grow, upward toward the light and sunshine, or downward as the poisonous vine that, scorning the light, reaches over the precipice and down for its sustenance to the noisome exhalations of the gloomy depths below. We grow towards our loves. If we love the pure we grow in purity. If we love the corrupt and base, we grow in corruption and baseness. Brethren, have you ever thought how wonderful are the capabilities, how fearful are the possibilities of human nature? Moses and Plato, Nero and Caligula, Wilberforce and Jeffries, Washington and Benedict Arnold; Peter, in the gloom and darkness of the night by the flickering camp-fire, with fear and trembling denying his Master to a woman; that same Peter in the broad sunlight, before king and priest, proclaiming, dying for his Master; Saul, persecuting to the death the new doctrine—Paul, the martyr, dying for the new doctrine—all are evidences of the capabilities and possibilities of the nature within us. From the lowest depths where every impulse and every passion is mastered by evil, to the highest plane where all the desires and all the aspirations are for the greatest good, all is within the limits of the possible for every one. Aye, they but mark degrees on an ascending or descending scale upon which we are moving. The direction is of our own choosing. We will grow in the principles of our noble Order, or we will sink beneath them. Are we stronger to-day than yesterday? If not, we are weaker. The Grand Master of the moral universe tells us that he who improves his knowledge of the right to-day, will the better know the right to-morrow. That he who neglects the right as he knows it to-day, will be less able to distinguish it to-morrow. It is a law of our being that the exercise of our moral powers is requisite to their development. As well might the prize fighter seek to win the bloody triumphs of the ring without the physical exercise that hardens and develops the muscles. As well might the mental athlete, on an infinitely higher plane, seek to win the grand prize of mental victory without long hours of deep study and earnest labour, as for the seeker after moral growth to hope to win the unfading laurels, the wreaths of victory that shall never wither, without daily effort for our correct moral growth. In vain are all our symbols, if we fail to profit by them; and worse than vain are they if, knowing them, we turn from their teachings and do evil. Our name is a symbol. If "free" from all evil, we shall be "accepted" at last as fit stones for that living temple of the Master builder hereafter—"Free and Accepted Masons" for ever.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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WORKMEN WANTED.

IT is an old saying that when a man has too many irons in the fire some of them are apt to get cold, from which we have always understood that it is better to do a few things well than, by undertaking too many, succeed in none. It occurs to us that there is a homely wisdom in this trite old adage that we Masons may take to ourselves with benefit. But few of us, it is to be feared, are satisfied with having a single iron in the fire and devoting our zeal and attention to keeping it warm. Too many of us are busy with the the tithes of mint, anise, and cumin, to have any time left for the weightier matters of the law; too many of us are ready and willing to work with a zeal instant in season and out of season on that part of the wall of our mystic temple where the crowd is, and where, consequently, hands are less wanted; and too few are willing to delve in the out-of-the-way corners and secure from the accumulating rubbish of time the gems of knowledge and the precious stones of fact that will otherwise be lost beyond recovery. The labourer is worthy of his hire, and whenever a man works on our buildings, if he labour with zeal, and his zeal be accorded to knowledge, he will have his day's wages; but the hire will be according to the demand for labour and skill. The less these are heeded the lower the rate of compensation and the longer it will take to lay up such a store as shall entitle the workman to that supreme reward for all who toil in the vineyard of the faithful—

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

Those who have taken Masonry to heart, with whom it is a living, vital, actual reality, with whom it is "a spirit of love and charity, truth and good-will—flowing out from the heart into all the employments and intercourse of the world," will not be satisfied with the mere forms, nor feel that they have performed the duty required of them when they have simply taken part in the outward and visible ceremonial, and then laid Masonry away till next Lodge night. They will not be content to labour for the lower wages of the unskilled workman, and spend their strength for a reward inadequate to their own sense of devotion, energy, and power; and yet, for want of a definite object of labour, "a well defined course of study marked out for themselves, they will be likely to wander like butterflies among the flowers, sipping here and there a sweet, but producing nothing tangible, and laying by no stores for the household," like a man in haste to be rich, they will have too many irons in the fire, and none of them will be kept up to the proper temperature. The field of Masonic study is so vast, the subjects of study and investigation are so many and so varied, that no common mind can hope to master them all and become a skilled workman in either at will, and therefore, as in the operative arts a division of labour seems to be the necessary and proper conclusion. If these premises are sound, and we certainly believe them so, then there is one field lying fallow to which we can direct all who are willing to labour, not so much for self-advancement as that good may follow their works, not so much that fame may come to them, as that the cause may be exalted, and justice done to those who have deserved well of it, not so much for the wages known of men as for that higher reward the Father giveth in secret, and which He will one day openly proclaim. The field to which we allude is the history of Masonry. Not, however, the general history of which so much has already been written, but the history of ourselves, of our time, and our own men, of our neighbourhoods and our Masonic firesides; the deeds, the words, the recollections of our own men who have passed through the times of trial, who have faced the blasts of persecution unblanched and unscathed, but who, one by one, are passing away to the final rest, and taking to the blank forgetfulness of the tomb memories and instructions that might be to us as apples of gold in pictures of silver. "History," says Lamartine, "is the written world, human nature in relief, evoked from its ashes, resuming soul, life, motion, and speech before us and before posterity, and affording for our instruction a lesson and example for the future, in the eternal drama of humanity, represented in this vast arena girt with tombs, of which the dust is the ashes of what once was man." History is the picture of human destiny, which memory presents, to excite sometimes admiration and applause, at other times horror and aversion, according as virtue or crime, barbarism or civilisation are placed before us, but always with advantage to ourselves. "In a word, history is to a nation what the faculty of memory is to individuals, the link of unity and continuity between our existence of yesterday and our existence of to-day; the basis of all our experience, the source of all improvement." Without history, then, there would be no social advancement, no progressive civilisation in a nation. With history we scarcely need any other lesson. "History knows all things, contains all things;" not in winged words which strike the ear without impressing the mind, but in great and striking actions. It renders us impassioned and enthusiastic sharers in the scenes of the past, filling our eyes with tears and making our hearts palpitate with emotion. It fills us with enthusiasm or pity by our sympathy with its personations of a herd, a sage, or a martyr, with whom we completely identify ourselves; "and in so far as our distance from the events makes us impartial, and impartiality induces justice, we derive much more moral benefit from the contemplation of the past than even from the observation of the present." As regards the men of other days, there is nothing to warp our consciences, "no personal interest to corrupt us, no popularity to fascinate, no acknowledged hatred to repel," we consider, resolve, and decide with the impartiality and unerring judgment of innate and unbiassed rectitude. The ultimate result of our impressions is an aversion to evil and a love for good. Virtue increases and becomes more deeply rooted in nations which have grown old with these historical associations and reminiscences, and we may say, without risk or error, that the country which has the most history is consequently that which has the greatest display of virtues. A series of historical biographies may, therefore, be with propriety designated a journal of civilization. And again, the heart of man only remembers what moves and impassions it. Now, what is it in history that moves or excites the masses? Is it things or is it men? It is men and men only. You cannot excite yourself over a chart, or be moved by a chronology. These abridged and analytic processes are the algebra of history freezing while they instruct. We want the history of men who have exemplified and exalted Masonry, we want the facts and memories of their existences and experience; we want to garner and send forth to the present and coming generations the fruits of their truth and their earnest self-sacrificing devotion. In this field workmen are wanted. Who will work!—*Sydney Freemason.*

BROTHERS' LAW.

THERE is quite a difference between the forms, and some difference between the substance, of the law of the Craft as it now is and as it was two hundred years ago. Time works wonders. We have proceeded from simplicity to complexity. In doing so we have followed the lead of the *profane*—followed it far more closely than we should have done. Once the statute law of the State was contained in a single slender book; now it fills portly volumes. Once the decisions of the courts might all be ranged on a single short shelf; now they are so numerous and conflicting that to discover the law from them is like looking for a needle in a hay-stack. Masons are after all but men, and they mould certain exoteric features of the Masonic Institution more or less after the fashion of other institutions; and some Masons are lawyers, and they usually model Masonic law after the forms of profane law, giving it a part of the latter's complexity.

The brothers' law of the *Steinmetzen* (stone masons) of Germany—our operative ancestors in the Craft—was very simple and very efficient, providing wisely and well for all of the needs of the Fraternity at that time. It is now four hundred years old, and may be read by any curious brother. The brothers' law of the English Operative Masons—our immediate ancestors—was also brief and efficient, and was contained in the ancient Constitutions and Charges, once preserved in manuscript in every Lodge. The Fraternity was never better governed than when subject to these simple codes. Under them it executed its greatest architectural works. Stone was laid upon stone of massive walls; piers and columns arose to support the arches of magnificent cathedrals; carvings of the greatest delicacy and beauty decorated their façades; and the entire Craft was "kept in order" by the simple brothers'

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law. Brethren must have been more easily governed than now, more obedient, more accessible to reason, more easily entreated. And yet in some important respects Freemasonry was more complex then than now. The brethren were not simply obedient to the moral law, to the symbology of the Craft, but they were actual architects and builders, enjoying exemption, more or less, from the general laws, and subjection in lieu thereof to the brothers' law. At this distance of time it might appear that our system should be the simpler one, and theirs the more involved; but facts prove the reality to be otherwise. The explanation is this:—The body of their law then was *unwritten law*. This was traditional. It was not contained in any manuscripts or books. It was understood generally by the Craft, and pronounced on occasion by the Master or Grand Master. When pronounced it was implicitly obeyed. Brethren had not then learned to refine and distinguish, to cavil and appeal. The ruling Masons were wise Masons, and the subject Masons were obedient Masons. They did not split hairs, nor quibble over the meaning of a plain regulation. They did not quote Latin to explain English. They simply accepted the unwritten law as it was decided, and the written law they construed in its natural sense, untortured by scholastic or legal technicalities. Happy men were our ancient brethren—that is, they appear to us now to have been happy—but distance may "lend enchantment to the view," and possibly they would have exchanged places with us, if they could. Our work is child's play to theirs—our labour an evening's entertainment. We meet and greet; we open and close; we enter, pass, and raise; we decide, and appeal sometimes from decisions; and after all is over we surround the festive board, rest our weary limbs under the mahogany, set our stomachs to labour, and our voices too, and finally, when Low Twelve is about to strike, retire to the seclusion of our homes. Such is modern Masonry; and yet how much law is required to govern it! There is the Book of Constitutions, which is always being tinkered at and amended; there are the decisions of Grand Masters, numerous in proportion to the ambition of the brethren occupying King Solomon's seat to distinguish themselves as great Masonic judges, voluminous declarers of the unwritten law. It would seem that by and by Masonic law, like *profane* law, will need to be codified. In some jurisdictions the decisions of Grand Masters already fill a good-sized volume. It is about time to consider whether it is not wise to rely more upon the unwritten law and less upon constitutional law; whether new decisions should not be given only when positively unavoidable, instead of rushing into a decision upon the least provocation. Then, too, so many decisions are but a re-declaration of prior ones, and therefore entirely needless. Brethren should more often be referred to the Book of Constitutions, without more, or to a prior decision, without more. Accumulated decisions upon the same subject, whether affirming old ones or overruling them, are to be deprecated. In the very large majority of cases the constitutional law or the common law of the Craft is all sufficient to decide the case. When this comes to be generally recognised, our brothers' law will be simpler, better, more Masonic. Let us not be guilty of the *profanity* of multiplying the written law until it becomes a tangled mass of verbiage, a labyrinth to which few can find the clue, a voluminous library composed of overlying and conflicting enactments and decisions. Brothers' law should be simple, direct, conclusive—*Keystone*.

A numerous gathering is expected of the members and friends of the King Solomon Lodge, No. 2929, this (Saturday) evening, when the annual installation meeting will take place at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion-square, W.C. Bro. W. P. St. Leonard Chubb S.W. will be installed into the chair, and the W.M. will adjourn after business to the Holborn Restaurant, where the banquet is to take place. This Lodge is known as one of the most popular and influential of the Branches of Freemasonry in which the principle of total abstinence from intoxicating liquors is the chief and essential feature of membership.

The true Mason is not satisfied with simply passing through the forms and ceremonies of its several degrees; he will strive to fathom their interior meaning—their true significance and teachings; he is a labourer in the Masonic vineyard, and takes an interest in unveiling the beauty he finds in its symbols and in imparting the lessons there taught to others.—*Masonic Light*.

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AMERICAN KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

HOW THEY WERE SNUBBED BY PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S SERVANTS, IN WASHINGTON!

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—From a paper, printed in San Francisco, of 4th December, called the *Argonaut*, I copy the following editorial, which, as far as I know, has not yet appeared in any Masonic paper; it certainly was new to my friends in the Boston Masonic circle. The news will, doubtless, amuse the mere Master Masons, but whether the chivalric Order of Knights Templar in the United States, and more especially those in Philadelphia, will suffer the insult they received to go unpunished, remains to be seen. However, here is the editorial, and your readers can form their own opinions about it.

"President Cleveland refuses to see a Commandery of Knights Templars. He snubs them. Good for President Cleveland! The more we see of him the better we like him. A set of half-baked dunderheads, dressed in absurd regalia, determine on an excursion, to air their clothes, select the national capital, as a cheap, convenient place upon which to impose their magnificent presence. Uninvited by the President, they march in martial array to the White House, and, with an impudence which cannot be exceeded, parade themselves in his best parlour; and there, with drawn swords, standing in rank, with their hats on, ordering a 'halt!—front face!—right dress,' the Commander 'directs' an usher to notify the President that 'they were there, and would like to see him." The usher politely informs the Knights that the President is occupied, and cannot see them. Instead of going away like gentlemen—which they were not—the Commander directs his Orderly to go upstairs and 'notify' the President that 'they are still there;" and when the Orderly was denied admission to the occupied President, the magnificent Commander of this tramping squad of masquerading nincompoops from Philadelphia goes himself. He went, but the nearest he got to the President was to his Usher—he did not even get a glimpse of the Private Secretary; and so this discomfited Commander and his disgusted squad of Knights marched back to their hotel; back to Philadelphia; and now there is danger that Pennsylvania will vote for Blaine for President. Grover Cleaveland is a brave man, he is no demagogue, and if he does not stop acting like a sensible citizen there is danger that he will be re-elected President, in spite of the politicians."

As already intimated, the American Masonic papers, though all conducted by chivalrous Sir Knights, have thus far been silent about the insult the Philadelphia chivalry received at Washington. The above rebuke, given by the editor of the *Argonaut*, to the whole Order of Knights Templars, may, however, stir up the editors of our Masonic press, and, if so, then—we shall see what we shall see.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

BOSTON, U.S., 15th December 1886.

"A DISTRESSING CASE."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Under this heading a paragraph appeared in the daily newspapers, just before Christmas, describing the melancholy end of a brother Mason, who, after enduring terrible suffering and hunger, was found dead beneath a bush on Plumstead Common. I have watched closely our own and other journals to see whether any notice would be taken of a circumstance so rare, and apparently so derogatory to the Craft; and, inasmuch as several non-Masons have been overheard to cast reproaches at the "vaunted charity and beneficence" of our Order, I have ventured to trouble you with these few lines in the hope that some satisfactory explanation may be forthcoming at the hands of those individuals most immediately interested in it. The facts are briefly these: Two lads were wandering about on the Common, when they came across the body of a man, covered over with a coat, lying under a furze-bush, in a lonely spot, 400 yards from the public road. On giving an alarm, the police and a medical officer were speedily in attendance, but the latter expressed his opinion that the poor fellow had been dead three or four days, and that he was probably frozen to death during the recent frosty nights. The report goes on to say: "In his pocket was found a parchment certificate, in English and Latin, certifying that Oliver Hutton was a member of 'Court Waterloo' Lodge (Woolwich) of Freemasons, and that he had been Secretary and a Warden of that Lodge. He had lately been in poor circumstances, and had not been seen by his friends for some time. From inquiries made by the police, there is reason to suppose that the deceased had been in the habit of sleeping under the bush in question for some weeks. By his side were some crumbs and a few well-picked bones. On Dr. Tees examining the body he found it emaciated, and gave the opinion that death had resulted from starvation and exposure to cold."

It seems almost incredible that in the nineteenth century, notwithstanding all that is said about depression of trade and slackness of work, any man should be so reduced by poverty and distress as to be compelled to retire to a dreary and desolate spot like Plumstead Common, and thus to die of starvation and exposure. But when it comes to be known that the unfortunate victim of such circumstances was "one of us"—a brother whose position at one time must have

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been a respectable and trustworthy one, as "Secretary and a Warden" of the Lodge referred to—the case becomes doubly distressing. It is often our proud boast that no brother is permitted to sink beneath difficulties which may be dissipated by the disciples of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; and it would be considered a disgrace and stigma to any Lodge were it to allow a member of it to descend even to a workhouse ward. How much deeper the slur, therefore, when a miserable wretch is allowed to crawl away to die like a dog—and worse—on a cruel and desolate spot such as that referred to!

At any rate, the episode is freely talked about, not merely in the vicinity where it occurred, and is being made a peg on which to hang sundry uncomplimentary observations and opinions respecting the "boasted charity" of Freemasonry. It is, therefore, almost necessary that some attention should be drawn to it, in order to shield the Craft from calumnies which, though they can do little harm, are calculated to place the power of ridicule in certain hands, and some explanation should be forthcoming from the Lodge in question as to whether anything was known of our deceased brother's desperate condition, his fearful struggle to obtain a few crumbs and "well-picked bones," and finally to seek a death-bed beneath a bush on Plumstead Common. The Craft is entitled to some information as to whether the late Bro. Oliver Hutton applied to his Lodge for aid, or made known his straitened case to them, and whether or not he had at any time previously received such assistance. One might readily understand how, in a large city like London, a man might become poverty-stricken and outcast, and perish in such a way without any one knowing of it; but in such a comparatively small place as Woolwich, where, I presume, the inhabitants are brought more frequently and intimately into communication with each other, it is almost impossible to think so direful a calamity could have been possible, or that the deceased's relatives and friends, residing in the same locality, could have remained in ignorance of his terrible impoverishment.

The narrator of this "distressing case" appears to have quoted wrongly from the "parchment certificate," inasmuch as he gives it as "Court" Waterloo, and affixes no number. The nearest approach to it is the Union Waterloo, No. 13, which meets at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich; and as their meeting is on Wednesday next, the 12th inst., it is to be hoped some notice will be taken of this matter, and the Lodge relieved of a stigma that will, in the absence of any such explanation, inevitably attach to it.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

VIGIL.

"DEATH OF THE OLDEST FREEMASON."

To the Editor of the FREEMASONS CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A paragraph has been "going the rounds" of the papers describing the death of Alexander Johnstone, "the oldest Freemason in the United Kingdom," which occurred recently at Langholm, Dumfriesshire. It is stated that he was ninety-five years of age, and had been a member of the ancient Craft—the correspondent does not mention the name of the Lodge—"for more than seventy-one years." There are so many "oldest Freemasons" talked about that it would really be interesting to know who has the true and only title to the appellation. Perhaps some student of the Craft may be able to ascertain who is the individual that claims our reverence on account of his most venerable association with Freemasonry.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally.

ENQUIRER.

NEW RESTAURANT.—A notable addition has been made to the restaurants of the metropolis, Messrs. Spiers and Pond having opened a large and commodious establishment in Old Broad Street. The Winchester House Restaurant—for that is its title—contains a spacious buffet, a very comfortable grill-room, and a large saloon in which luncheons and dinners will be served in the French fashion. The decorations are in admirable taste. The roofs of the principal rooms are supported by fine pillars of African marble in two colours; there is a tiled dado, and white and gold tiles line the walls, the same scheme of colour being carried through the classical ornamentation of the cornice. The whole is lit by incandescent lamps, which are enclosed in glasses the shape of pine apples, grouped in the most tasteful electroliers that have hitherto been used for this method of illumination. A very important feature of the new restaurant is a large banqueting hall, with an extensive gallery and a separate entrance, which is peculiarly well adapted for the dinners of City companies, regimental dinners, and, in fact, public festivals of all kinds. When we remember the high reputation gained by the Criterion and the Freemasons' Tavern (where they are booked well on into spring) for public dinners, it is pretty certain that the Winchester House Restaurant will receive a large share of civic patronage. It is close to Liverpool Street, Broad Street and Moorgate Street Stations, omnibuses pass the door, and in fact no more eligible situation could be found, for it is in the very heart of the City.

HOW MASONS SHOULD ACT.—A New Zealand brother ends his address with these words, which we repeat, because they are equally applicable to the brethren everywhere: "Let us then, one and all, as Masons, with such force of intellect or character as we may possess, seek to impress on the world the high teaching of our ancient brotherhood, helping it forward by wise and kindly sympathy, and above all, by noble life, until at last our work is done, and we join the Grand Lodge of God."—*Canadian Craftsman.*

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Monday, the 3rd inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, the Worshipful Master of the past year. The business of the day comprised the balloting for and initiation of Mr. Isaac Mitchell, the raising of Bro. McDuell, and the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, together with the usual proceedings associated with an annual celebration. The work was most efficiently performed by Brother Dewsnap, who added fresh laurels to those he has previously acquired, by his meritorious rendering of the several ceremonies of the day. Brother L. Wall having been regularly installed, the Officers for the year were appointed, Brothers G. Lyon and Isaac Botibol respectively receiving the collars of Senior and Junior Warden, Brother J. S. Lyon P.M. that of Treasurer, and Brother Lewis Lazarus P.M. that of Secretary. The various statements of account presented to the members shewed the Joppa Lodge to be in a highly satisfactory position—a position reached by but few Lodges—but it does not possess so grand a balance as it could boast a few years back, a fact which is to be accounted for by the liberality with which the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge has been dispensed among the many claimants who have sought its benefits. In connection with the Lodge funds proper, there is a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer, and this is swelled by a large excess of assets over liabilities into a surplus of close upon £60, while the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge shews a balance of £733 17s 11d, consisting of cash in hand and invested in consols, with no liabilities. Altogether then the Joppa Lodge may be said to have had a net balance of close on £800 at the termination of its financial year, a state of affairs equalled by very few Lodges; indeed we may safely say that the proportion of Lodges possessing such a balance is far below one per cent. of the total on the Register of Grand Lodge. These facts, which are well known, must be eminently gratifying to the members of the Joppa Lodge; but there is another feature of which they are equally entitled to boast, even if it is not more to their credit. The good which has been accomplished by the judicious administration of the Joppa Benevolent Fund has led to the formation of similar Funds in connection with other Lodges, so much so, that within a few years we may look for some sort of provision being made by a majority of our Lodges for their members, should they unfortunately be overtaken by calamity. It would, perhaps, be wrong to attribute all of this good work to the example set by the Joppa brethren, but that a large proportion has so resulted few will deny, and it is on this account that the members have reason to be proud of what they have done in the cause of Masonic benevolence. A beautifully illuminated address, in handsome frame, was presented to Bro. J. S. Lyon P.M., in recognition of his services to the Lodge in the capacity of Treasurer; the hearty way in which the brethren supported the presentation proving the popularity of Bro. Lyon in the important office he fills. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, who was also the recipient of most cordial marks of approval from the assembled brethren. After the closing of the Lodge the members and visitors adjourned to banquet, which, as usual, was served under the supervision of Bro. M. Silver. At the conclusion the customary toast list was honoured, the several sentiments being interspersed with some excellent harmony. The artistes engaged were Misses Eva Norini and Maude Hare, and Bros. Arthur Thomas and Lovett King. There were present the following Visitors—Bros. S. Jacobs P.M. 1327 P.P.G.P., D. McNish 1962, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, W. J. Murlis P.M. 1642, M. Leuw 1017, S. Pardoe P.M. 1585, W. Lyon W.M. elect 1033, Frederick Eastwood 1237, R. Kingsbury W.M. 1668, H. Martin Rose 1622, Wolfe S. Lyon 185, Alfred Henochsberg W.M. 205, J. Emanuel 1563, D. W. Davis W.M. 1017, W. Carr 1597, J. Plumm 1592, E. Liebmann S.W. 820, W. R. Osman 820, John Ridler 219, S. M. Lazarus P.M. P.P.G.W. Wilts, and W. W. Morgan P.M. 211.

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 304.

AT the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on the 29th of December, at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, there was a large muster, both of visitors and members, it being scrolling night. Bro. T. Myers W.M. presided. The Officers present were, W. Brownfoot S.W., J. Rickard J.W., C. Letchmason P.P.G. Treasurer, W. H. Hewson Secretary, Cockerline S.D., Grimshaw J.D., and Barrand Tyler. Also Worshipful Brother Craig P.P.G.D. Bedford, and Tomlinson P.M. Bro. Brownfoot was unanimously elected W.M.; Worshipful Bro. Mason for the tenth time was relected Treas., and Barrand Tyler. At the banquet, afterwards, the W.M. elect thanked the brethren for their kindness, and for the confidence they had reposed in him, as evidenced by their unanimous vote. It was only when elected to the position as occupant of the chair that he realised the gravity and importance of the duties he had undertaken. He trusted that when his year of office ceased he would carry with him, in as great a degree as he now possessed it, the confidence of his brethren. He relied upon the kindness and support of the P.M.'s to enable him to perform his exalted duties with credit to himself and advantage to the Lodge. Bro. Mason, the Charity Steward for the Lodge, made a powerful appeal on behalf of the Benevolent Institution in London. He called attention to the benefits which the province of West Yorks received from that Fund, benefits in which the Philanthropic Lodge especially shared, and he hoped this would be an incentive to several brethren to come forward as Stewards at the Annual Festival in February next. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony.

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GODERICH LODGE, No. 1211.

THE usual meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on the 3rd inst. Bro. A. W. Youings W.M. occupied his post, being supported by Bro. Scriven I.P.M., Bradford S.W., Smith J.W., Eddison P.M. Secretary, Rev. A. B. Coombe as Chaplain, W. Ward S.D., Craister J.D., Townsend Prov. G. Org. Organist, Jaques P.M. I.G., Spinks Steward, Crowe P.P.G.D., T. Winn P.P.G. Sup. of Works, and others. Bros. Pickeragill 495, Blakey 304, and Fretwell 2069 were amongst the visitors. Bros. Tasker and Smith were raised to the sublime degree, by the Worshipful Master in his usual careful and effective manner. Bro. Stansfield moved a resolution, pledging the Lodge to subscribe £21, for the purpose of endowing the Senior and Junior Deacons' chairs in the local Masonic Educational Charity. Bro. Stansfield—who is one of the founders, and whose exertions have, in the past, very materially benefitted the funds of this deserving Charity—said that Lodge Goderich had always been foremost in helping this Charity, and he was certain that now he would not have to appeal in vain. W. Bros. Jaques, Eddison, Winn, Crowe, and Bro. Warren spoke in favour of the proposition, and it was unanimously adopted. It should be stated that, owing to the exertions of Bro. Stansfield, the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs are already endowed. The Lodge closed with hearty and seasonable greetings, after which supper was partaken of. The Worshipful Master (Bro. Youings), in submitting the toast of Success and Prosperity to Lodge Goderich, alluded to the happy time he had spent inside its portals, and to the especially cordial relations which had existed between himself and the Lodge, especially since he had been installed. The more he knew of Masonry the more he loved it. W. Bro. Crowe—one of the founders of the Lodge—responded, and said that during the 19 years of its existence Goderich Lodge had been in the van of all good works. The name would be found on all the great Charities. During the long connection he had had with the Lodge he had received the greatest kindness from the brethren, and he cordially wished to them and the Lodge a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Other speeches, interspersed with songs, followed, and a happy evening was spent.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on New Year's Day, at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds. The W.M. Bro. C. L. Mason was supported by Bros. Dr. Smyth I.P.M., Tudor Trevor S.W., R. Craig P.P.G.D. as J.W., R. Abbott Treas., C. Middleton Sec., Rev. J. Rosser Chaplain, S. Scott Young S.D., J. P. Fretwell J.D., M. W. Jameson I.G., L. Howard Org., Atkinson D.C., and Butterworth Steward. Bros. Smithson and Spencer were raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., assisted by Dr. Smyth Prov. G. Chap., and Bro. Craig, the working tools being given by Bro. Trevor. Mr. Thos. Glover, commercial traveller, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by Bro. Craig W.M. and the S.W. Afterwards a most enjoyable evening was spent, and the names of two candidates for Freemasonry were mentioned.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—At the meeting on Wednesday, the 29th ult, Bro. Silvester took the chair, supported by a large number of brethren, and after the usual preliminaries invested his Officers in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Messer acting as candidate. Bro. Ferguson then worked the 1st, 4th, and 5th sections of the 1st Lecture. Bro. Gregory was unanimously elected W.M. for the following meeting, and Lodge was closed in due form. This Lodge of Instruction meets every Wednesday evening, at the "Alfred," Roman Road, Barnsbury, N.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 30th December, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. Bros. Cross W.M., Altman S.W., Cragge J.W., Austin Treasurer, Chalfont P.M. Sec., P. J. Davies S.D., Lindfield J.D., J. Davies Preceptor; Past Masters Bros. Spiegel, Sims, Williams, Rogers. Bros. Stoneham, Hardy, Cockrane, Corbeille, Stroud, Bonham. The Lodge was opened and minutes confirmed. The 2nd and 3rd sections were worked by Bro. Davies. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hardy candidate. The 4th section was next worked by Bro. Davies. Bro. Altman was elected W.M. for next meeting. A vote of thanks was given to the W.M. for his excellent working, the first time he had occupied the chair.

On Thursday, the 6th instant, Bros. Altman W.M., Cragge S.W., Davies J.W., Austin Treasurer, Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Lindfield S.D., Purdue P.M. J.D., Cavers I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. J. Davies (Preceptor), Spiegel, Sims; also Bros. Jennings, Whittle, Cross, Wood W.M., Cockrell, Cochrane, Chaffourier, Marsh, Ridgley, Love, Bonham, Head, Klein. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cross candidate. The W.M. announced his intention to rehearse the ceremony of passing, Bro. Chaffourier offered himself as candidate, and answered the usual questions. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The fourth section of the lecture was then worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cragge was elected W.M. for next Thursday, and Bro. Klein elected a member. Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

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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 10th day of January 1887, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1. By Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, V.P. and Trustee, P.G.D.: To amend Law 29, so as to read—

"Quarterly General Courts shall be held on the Monday immediately following the second Saturday in January, April—except when, in the latter month, that day shall fall on Easter Monday, then on the next following Monday," &c.

2. By Bro. JAMES MOON, Vice-Patron, on behalf of the House Committee, that Law 37 be amended so as to read in future—

"That the Meeting of the House Committee be held on the 'third Friday' in lieu of the 'last Friday but one' in every month."

3. By W. Bro. CHARLES FREDERICK HOGARD, V. Pres.—To add to Law 29 the following clause:—

"Voting papers duly issued for all Elections of Boys, after being properly signed, shall continue valid for the current Election, notwithstanding that the voter may have died between the time of signing the proxy and the day of Election."

To consider, and, if approved, to adopt a recommendation from the General Committee that—

"Twenty-five boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Monday, 18th April 1887, from an approved list of 45 candidates, thus increasing the number of boys educated, clothed, and maintained to 258.

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

By order,

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

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SEASONABLE FESTIVITIES WITH THE BARNARDO BOYS.

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A JOLLY time of it is the only adequate definition we can give of the festivities that have followed each other in such rapid succession since Christmas Eve till now in connection with Dr. Barnardo's "Homes" for destitute boys and girls. And yet, amidst the savoury fumes of ponderous joints, of Christmas plum-puddings and mince-pies, amidst the ripple of glad laughter and grateful thanks that have reverberated through the "Homes" during the festive season, the visitor cannot but have been impressed with the magnitude and value of the beneficent scheme which has been set on foot for the care and training of poor little waifs and strays, literally plucked from the mire of our courts and alleys, and who but for this truly philanthropic enterprise must have drifted—Heaven knows where! Cynics are disposed to sneer and shrug their shoulders at many of the efforts that are put forth for the amelioration of human distress; but a dispassionate observer cannot fail to be impressed with the true and earnest spirit of Christian charity that underlies the whole system upon which Dr. Barnardo's "Homes" are conducted.

I was happy to be able to avail myself of the invitation issued by the committee to assist at the Christmas Day gathering of the past and present inmates of the London "Homes," held at the Edinburgh Castle, Limehouse, and a more cheering or inspiriting exemplification of practical benevolent work it has rarely been my good fortune to witness. The happy family party, however, who clustered around the festive board on that occasion were but a section of the 1,600 destitute children now being fed, clothed, and educated in the various institutions that have been established through Dr. Barnardo's influence. They consisted only of the boys and girls of the London branches, for this Samaritan agency is by no means confined to the metropolis.

Amongst the 31 institutions comprised in the scheme there is a Nursery Home for "very little boys at Trighmore, Jersey; a village home for destitute boys and girls at Ilford; a rescue home for young girls in danger; a convalescent sea-side home at Felixstowe, Suffolk; a farm school at Bromyard; and an emigration depot and distributing home in Toronto, and Peterboro', Ontario, Canada. Over 8,000 boys and girls have already, through the agency of these "Homes," been removed from the life of the streets, from the perils of orphanhood, or from positions of the gravest danger, often from the custody of criminals and immoral people. These have all been educated, taught trades, or fitted for domestic service, and brought, during their stay in the "Homes," within the kindly influence of genuine Christian feeling and instruction. Of the large number already equipped for their life-work 2,405 have been placed out in the Colonies, no less than 622 having gone out during the past year to Canada. It will thus be seen that the scope of this beneficent work is of vast breadth; and its aim and object is so closely allied to that in which the Masonic Craft is engaged that we gladly add our tribute of admiration to Dr. Barnardo's noble enterprise.

In spite of the cold and dreary weather on Christmas Day, and quitting for a few hours cosy firesides and the festivities in which private families are wont to indulge at the "merry" season of the year, a large number of visitors accepted the invitation of Dr. Barnardo and the Hon. A. Kinnaird (Chairman of the Managers), to witness the gathering at the Edinburgh Castle; and the impression left upon their minds could but be one of unanimous and unfeigned gratification and admiration of the grand scheme which is so rapidly rising in public favour. In befitting manner the day was commenced with divine service, at St. Luke's Church, South Hackney, where a suitable address was delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. H. W. Langhorne. At half-past one o'clock the lads were marshalled in the hall, which, with its stained-glass windows, and walls glittering with Christmas decorations and scriptural mottos, presented an air of the utmost cheerfulness and animation. In a trice the tables "groaned" under the weight of sumptuous Christmas fare, and the avidity with which the children attacked the "creature comforts" provided, afforded no less pleasure to the many ladies and gentlemen seated in the side galleries than to the sturdy lads and lasses, whose wants were ministered to by kind and willing hands. Such a clatter of tongues, with knife and fork accompaniment, it has seldom been our lot to hear; whilst happiness and contentment were depicted on every countenance. No sooner were the platters emptied than the Doctor—who was here, there, and everywhere, encouraging and stimulating all around him—called upon his guests to be standing, and a charming Christmas carol, by Mr. Joseph Proudman, the musical director of the "Homes," entitled "The Silver Stars are Shining," was vigorously and heartily sung, with organ accompaniment, and aided by the excellent brass band of the Institution. As the cadences of the carol subsided, the cheery voice of the Doctor was heard to exclaim, "You will sing better after the pudding; and I will ask Father Christmas to bring in his first dish, and perhaps Santa Claus will be here also." Just then a side door opened, and a veritable Father Christmas, attired in purple and gold, with traditionally ruddy visage and flowing beard, his silver locks being decked with a crown of holly, was ushered in, amidst such cheers from the boys as it is seldom our lot to listen to. He was closely followed by Santa Claus, robed in histrionic guise, the pair very much resembling Gog and Magog of old, though bent on a much more pleasurable mission. The depositing of the huge Christmas pudding at the head of the festal scene was the signal for scores of others of equal quality and dimensions to be deftly cut up and distributed amongst the company, and although it seemed incredulous to the onlooker that the tightened waistcoats of the lads could bear any farther strain, yet the Doctor's inquiry as to whether they would like mince pies was answered by such a volley of cheers that left no room for any doubt whatever on the subject. In they came, in mountainous pyramids on the largest of salvers, and sad havoc was played with the dainty morsels which capped the bounteous feast. Then Santa Claus was trotted to the fore, and made to disgorge the contents of his Christmas box: but before doing so the question was put to the guests, "Have you all finished?" The lads were compelled to answer in a most unmistakable "Yes, Sir!" amidst a torrent of laughter and cheering, and the fragments that were removed from the tables fully sustained their voluntary confession of satisfaction. The organist then sang the well-known pathetic and appropriate song, "The Stowaway," which was loudly applauded, and the whole company devoutly united in singing grace, "We thank Thee, Lord." As an interlude several carols were sung, with organ and band accompaniment, including "Hark! the Herald Angels sing," "The Bells," "While Shepherds watched their Flocks," and a new melody, "Come, my friends and neighbours." The lads sang with remarkable accuracy and precision, giving evidence of careful and efficient training, and the Doctor, in wishing all present a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," was met with a thundering chorus, mingled with ejaculation of "Same to you, Sir, and many on 'em." He then addressed the company, in a few happily chosen words, remarking that this was the first Christmas dinner they had had at the Edinburgh Castle, but he hoped next year, if spared, to have the feast in a hall of their own—in the large building which is now in course of erection at Stepney Causeway. Their existing premises were not large enough to accommodate all the boys and girls now present, but they were in course of great extension. He was happy to say that during the past year the conduct of the boys at the Labour House had been remarkably good, and there had been fewer causes of complaint than for many years past as to the performance of their duty. No doubt that was in a great measure due to the kindly supervision of the governor (Mr. Cannon) and his staff. The Doctor proceeded to describe Mr. Cannon as a "great gun" who might go off at any moment, only they all wanted to keep him there, a remark that was received with prolonged laughter at the pun, and applause at the sentiment. A tribute of praise was accorded to Captain Allen Fowler, without whom this Christmas dinner would have been but a poor one; and then followed loud hurrahs for the cook, and for Dr. Mills, who, after unusual festivity administered the necessary "beautiful stuff," castor oil. Quoth the Doctor, you do not appreciate Dr. Mills sufficiently. Who is it that pulls out your teeth? Who is it that sticks a knife into you when needed? But whose wise counsel and advice is it that is so serviceable to you and so beneficial to you in every respect? There were lusty cheers for Dr. and Mrs. Mills, whom the Doctor was pleased to see present; and then Santa Claus produced his "lucky bag," containing sundry brand new coins from Her Majesty's Mint, which were to be distributed amongst the boys and girls who had distinguished themselves for good conduct during the year. It was explained that through the kindness of a modest friend, who did not care to have his name mentioned, Santa Claus had orders to give to every lad and girl present one of these new coins—some sixpences, some "threepennies," and others pennies. Thanks were vociferously accorded to the anonymous donor of these gifts, and then, at the word of command, the lads of the Labour House stood on forms and received, at the hands of the Doctor, a well-deserved meed of praise for what they had done during the past year. They had never done more good work heretofore, or showed a keener appreciation of what had been done for them; this made Christmas happier for all the supporters of the Institution, and he hoped they would keep on in the same way in the future. This wish was assured by the hearty cheers of the lads, whose wide-brimmed, sailor-fashion hats twirled about in ecstatic joy, like so many miniature windmills. Some of these big lads would soon be saying good-bye! for "Westward Ho!"—meaning Canada—and he wished them God-speed. Other warm expressions of thanks and appreciation of the efforts of the officers of the Homes were then uttered. Then amidst a *furore* of seasonable compliments and cheers the lads took their departure by the side doors, receiving their new coins as they passed out, and all blessing the kindly Doctor and his helpers for the grand feast that they had founded. Later in the evening the guests who had been invited to witness the festivities were entertained in the iron hall adjoining the Edinburgh Castle, where a pleasant social gathering took place, and speeches were delivered, describing the general scope, usefulness, and success of the various Institutions under Dr. Barnardo's care. Long after the "company" had left, to rejoin their own family circles, the boys played merry pranks in the large hall, and the Christmas Day of 1886 will be long remembered, not only by those who partook of the hospitality of the Committee, but by the lads and lasses who, in domestic service or in far-off lands, will have life-long reason to recollect the humane and philanthropic hands who, having rescued them from poverty, and perhaps crime, have placed them in positions as respectable members of society.

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NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT AT THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

IN political circles we are accustomed to look upon the annual banquet of the Lord Mayor of London as producing a foreshadowment of what is to be expected during the ensuing year from the heads of the Government; in like manner we may regard the Annual New Year's Entertainment at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, as likely to afford an insight into the possible future of that Charity. Bro. James Terry, the energetic Secretary of the Institution, usually takes the opportunity of unfolding the programme for the year on this occasion. This year's entertainment proved no exception to the rule, for Bro. Terry, in responding to the toast of "The Institution," which was proposed in the course of the evening, gave some particulars which may profitably be studied by all who are interested in the future of this noble Charity. He said—

The Institution was exceptionally fortunate last year in procuring the money for the New Year's entertainment; but this year unfortunately it was £31 less, which meant a material difference. Their good friends at Manchester were holding a similar entertainment at their Masonic Hall, in Cooper-street, at five that evening; and they had sent £5 for this entertainment, congratulating the brethren, the inmates, and the visitors. The Manchester brethren incurred large expenses in their entertainment, because they brought together the Lancashire annuitants. Some eight years ago he was there, and he mentioned to the brethren the fact of the New Year's entertainment at Croydon. They said they had never thought of that, but they raised £20 and sent it to him as a contribution to these expenses. That enabled him to give the residents £20 in equal proportions. The Board of Grand Stewards for 1884-5, as he had already mentioned, last year presented him with £13 9s, which sum was supplemented so as to make it up to ten shillings for each resident. When he went round to-day and distributed a packet of tea for every person in the Institution, and every male a packet of tobacco, they looked as if there was something more to follow, and he hoped that in the end they would not be disappointed. He had to acknowledge the kindness of Bro. Bowyer for presenting the two turkeys, and also the fruit, which would be served during the evening, and the good things he had distributed at the homes. He had likewise to acknowledge the great kindness of Bro. Hastings Miller in sending two nice hams, and Dr. Strong and his wife for the plum puddings. Brother Berridge had got the Company of Playing Card Makers to send half-a-dozen packs of cards, and Bro. Matier sent a dozen packs. These would be greatly appreciated. He had to thank those brethren, and also brethren of Lodges of Instruction who had contributed to the Entertainment. He had hoped to present half-sovereigns as he did last year. To some it would be a priceless boon. He hoped it would come; if not he should personally present it; they should not lose it. With respect to the Institution. This meeting was looked upon as one at which he was to issue a manifesto for the Festival. He had no doubt the brethren had read with some concern and interest the amount of contributions last year to the three Masonic Institutions. They would find there was a falling off of nearly £8,000. The Benevolent Institution was the greatest loser, having £3,200 less than it had received in 1885. The Girls' School approached very nearly their old amount. The Boys' Institution was a considerable loser. The Benevolent Institution announced £15,000 at its Festival, and they collected in round figures £14,300. But when he said there were on three lists alone over 1,000 guineas outstanding they would clearly see that if that amount had come in the Institution receipts would have turned the scale by that amount. Now with a diminished income to the extent of £3200, with a largely increased number of candidates and fewer vacancies than they ever yet had had at this time of the year the brethren would see that it was a moment of great consideration. What was to be done? The only way he had of getting out of the difficulty was this. He had received a letter from Cornwall, suggesting that it would be well if the Committee could see its way within a short time to make some positive announcement with respect to the Jubilee Fund. He hoped when next Wednesday came the Committee would see its way to do that, because in the Province of Cornwall they were prepared to come forward largely to augment their previous gifts, to do honour to the 50th year of Her Majesty's reign, to do something on behalf of the widows, the Queen herself being a widow, and the patroness of this Institution. It would therefore be an acceptable offering of thankfulness for the many years she had reigned over us, if they could get a certain number of widows to be known as the Victorian Jubilee Annuitants. How was the question to be solved? At the first meeting of the Festival Stewards on Tuesday, the number of Stewards who had accepted up to that time was 60 in advance of what it was this time last year; this certainly betokened better prospects as far as regarded amounts than they had in the past. There was a something being done which he hoped on the 22nd February would be worthy the exertions of the Stewards, and justify the expectations of the Committee. If he could only get a promise from certain Provinces that they would give during the course of the year 1887 such an amount as would justify the Committee in taking on, say twenty additional annuitants beyond every additional vacancy which might occur between now and May, he ventured to think it would be a most acceptable offering for the Jubilee year of the Queen. He hoped it would be so, and that next Wednesday he should obtain some such assurance from the Provinces. If so, he would pledge himself individually to the Committee that should they see their way clear to the payment of this £640 a year, they would take twenty widows on at £32 a year without troubling them any further in the matter. There was a balance to the credit of the Widows' Fund of about £2000, after defraying all the expenses of the year. The Male Fund had unfortunately been overdrawn considerably beyond £500. They were £800 to the bad last year, making a present total deficit of £1300. Therefore to attempt to increase the number there would be out of all character; but when they had sixty-seven candidates and only two vacancies for the widows, it certainly behoved them to do their best to augment the number of those to be elected in May next, and no more appropriate way of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee could be found than by taking on say twenty or thirty additional annuitants. He implored the brethren to assist him as far as they could.

The entertainment was of the usual character, a dinner being provided for the annuitants and this was followed during the evening by an entertainment by Herr Frikell, who greatly amused the company with his conjuring feats.

LIFE-BOAT SERVICES IN 1886.

DURING the past year splendid service in saving life was rendered by the gallant crews of the life-boats of the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, resulting in the rescue of 601 persons from imminent peril, and in most cases from a watery grave. As many as 33 vessels were saved by the life-boats from total destruction, or were helped by them into a haven of safety. Besides launches resulting in the saving of life, the life-boats put to sea as many as 147 times in reply to signals of distress, only to find either that their aid was not really required, or that the signals had been made in error or improperly. In the year the Society also gave rewards for the saving of 160 lives by means of shore-boats, fishing-boats, and other means, so that the Institution was instrumental in rescuing a grand total of 761 lives during 1886, bringing up the number of lives it has saved since its foundation to 32,671. The Committee most earnestly appeal to the British public for funds to enable them to place life-boats, with the latest improvements, on the coast, to maintain in thorough efficiency their 293 stations, and to reward their brave crews. The Institution is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions, and a very heavy expenditure is necessarily involved in carrying on its great work, the vital importance of which none can deny. Contributions are received by all the London and country bankers, and by the Secretary, Charles Dibdin, Esq., 14 John Street, Adelphi, W.C.

TRAPPED BY THE INDIANS.—On the 8th of July Braddock encamped within ten miles of Fort Duquesne. Colonel Dunbar was now forty miles in his rear; and his officers, but more especially Sir Peter Halkett, entreated him to proceed with caution, and employ the friendly Indians who were with them as an advanced guard, in case of ambuscades. In spite of this he resumed his march next day, without sending a single scout into the dense woods which now surrounded his slender force. About noon the troops entered a hollow vale, on each side of which there grew a dense primeval forest and thick brushwood. Suddenly the echoes of the solitude were wakened by a fatal and appalling whoop, the war-cry of the native Indians; and in a moment there was opened upon the front and all along the left flank of Braddock's force a deadly and disastrous fire, from an enemy so skilfully and artfully disposed that not a man of them could be seen, the flashing of their muskets alone indicating where they lay. These assailants were the native Indians, assisted by a few French troops from the fort. The advanced guard instantly fell back on the main body; the panic and confusion became general, and most of the troops fled with precipitation; and, notwithstanding that all their officers behaved with the most brilliant gallantry, it was impossible to stop their career. And now General Braddock, instead of opening a fire of grape from the ten pieces of cannon he had with him, and so scouring the place whence this fusilade was coming, or dispatching any of his Indians to take the ambush in flank, obstinately remained upon the spot where he was, and gave orders for the few brave men who remained with him to advance. Thickly fell the dead and dying around him, and all the officers were singled out in succession and shot down, as the marksmen could distinguish them by their dress, their gorgets, and sashes, which were now worn in the German fashion, round the waist. At last Braddock, whose obstinacy, pride, and courage seemed to increase with the peril around, after having no less than five horses killed under him, received a musket-shot through the right arm and lungs, of which he died in a few hours after being carried off the field by his aide-de-camp, the Honourable Colonel Gage, and some soldiers, whom, according to Lord Mahon, that officer had to bribe by offering them a guinea and a bottle of rum each. Gage, son of the Viscount of that name, died a Lieutenant-General, in 1788.—*From "British Battles on Land and Sea" for January.*

Bro. Edwin E. Sage, the first Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Dakota, died 16th November. Bro. Sage was City Treasurer of Sioux Falls, Dakota, and highly esteemed by a large circle of friends and brethren. Our brother fell a victim to that fell destroyer—consumption. His remains were interred with Masonic honours.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Covent Garden.—The circus season was inaugurated on Boxing day by two performances, and judging from appearances the present venture is likely to prove as great a success as its predecessors. The arrangements made for the comfort of visitors are well studied, the architect, Mr. Frank Matcham, following the plan of previous years. Hosts of attractive performers are engaged, and when we mention the names of a few only our readers will be able to judge. Mddle. Lizzie Aguzzi displayed some dashing somersault acts on a bare-backed horse, while Mdlle. Amalia Renz, who leaps and pirouettes on her horse's back, deservedly won the approval of a full house. Mdlle. Rosita de la Plata gave a dashing display of a jockey act, while Mdlle. Louisa Renz's tricks on horseback were marvellous to behold. Mdlle. Jenny exemplified how perfectly a horse can be taught to obey the word of command, while later on Signor Ciniselli introduced one of his highly trained liberty horses, to the satisfaction of the audience. Miss Jennie O'Brien made her re-appearance in a graceful double act, on a bare-backed horse, with Mr. George Gilbert, and afterwards went through an act of equestrianism with the greatest success, also bare-backed. Mr. Archie O'Brien and Mr. Gaston Renz are the other riders, and each thoroughly sustains the credit of the establishment. Besides the extraordinary show of horsemanship displayed, the other parts of the entertainment have not been overlooked; the management has provided both clever and varied entertainers to add to the enjoyment of visitors. Feats of strength by the great Nancke met the approval of all beholders, while the way this gentleman played with tremendous weights was simply astonishing. One of the most prominent attractions was Gougou, and his porcine wonder, Jack. Certainly this animal is rightly dubbed a wonder; to begin with, Jack is an animal of unusually large size, but this does not prevent him from running and trotting round the ring, jumping gates, and leaping through rings of fire, and closing with a comic scene with his master. In this Gougou is puzzled to find his pig's head—by no means a small one—and the way in which he howled was something to be remembered. In fact, the pig may be put down as one of the cleverest of his race. Mr. George Palmer's juggling acts on horseback were cleverly executed, and Mdlle. Alcide Capitaine astonished beholders by her astounding aerial feats. The Lavater Lee family, musical comiques, the Johnson troupe on rolling globes, Mr. M. Walton's performing dogs and monkeys, and the three performing elephants, all add to the enjoyment of both young and old. Covent Garden can this year boast of a goodly muster of clowns, and besides Gougou, already mentioned, there will be found Stewart, Little Valdo, and Tom Felix with his amusing butterfly act. Altogether the attractions at Covent Garden are thoroughly up to the mark, and with Mr. Douglas Cox to look after the comforts of the visitors, and Mr. W. C. Levey as conductor of an admirable band, we can cordially recommend a visit.

Strand.—Continuing the line of business his Comedy Company is so well versed in, Mr. Edward Compton last Monday revived Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer," and achieved a great success. All the familiar points were intently watched by a crowded audience, while judging from the hearty laughter and applause during the evening, each was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Edward Compton on this occasion made his first appearance in the character of Young Marlow; we may say that by adding this part to his repertoire he has done well. His Young Marlow is easy, and self-possessed except in the first scene with Miss Hardcastle, here he showed embarrassment to the life. His conversation with the supposed barmaid was carried on with spirit, but at the same time marked with that gentlemanly bearing that warranted the declaration he would not wilfully injure innocence. Another pleasing item of the evening was the re-appearance of Miss Virginia Bateman as Miss Hardcastle; her assumption was ladylike, and full of fun. Miss Bateman's barmaid was given in a bright and refreshing manner, and certainly deserved the applause bestowed upon it. Mr. Sydney Valentine's rendering of Tony Lumpkin was one of the best pieces of acting displayed during the evening. All the boyish tricks of Tony were admirably brought out, while his liveliness was never made vulgar. Tony, in the hands of Mr. Valentine, is certainly what it should be; in short, this gentleman seems to be thoroughly at home with the part. Mr. Lewis Ball's Mr. Hardcastle was another good piece of acting, the scenes with Young Marlow being especially good. Mr. Percy F. Marshall as Hastings was too stiff, but Mr. C. Dodsworth put some genuine humour into the part of Diggory. Miss Elinor Aickin, Miss Dora Vivian, and Mr. C. Blakiston each gave careful renderings. An enthusiastic call at the conclusion brought the principals before the curtain. We compliment Mr. Compton and his well trained band on having scored another success with old comedies.

Grand.—The residents of Islington ought to be thankful to Mr. Charles Wilmot for the way in which he has produced his annual pantomime; not only is it a good one, but it is staged on a magnificent scale of splendour. We do not say it will vie in the latter respect with such a production as is seen at Drury Lane, but what is lacking in number, is fully made up for in quality. Consequently, if any of our readers want to see a good old-fashioned pantomime,—full of puns, songs, dances, and with plenty of fun,—let them go to the Grand. The book has been written by Mr. Geoffrey Thorn, and the music selected by Mr. W. H. Brinkworth. Mr. Thorn has chosen for his subject the story of "Robinson Crusoe," and has closely followed the accepted legion. He has also introduced parodies on several well known songs, while his puns and "wheezes" are both plentiful and good. Nothing more should be wanting to make a good pantomime. Moreover, the mounting does not fall short; splendid scenery has been painted by Messrs. Robson, W. T. Hemsley and Ward, while the ballets have been artistically arranged by Madame Mariette D'Auban. The whole has been produced under the direction of Mr. Charles Wilmot, and we say that undoubtedly his fourth pantomime is the best he has yet produced here. The pantomime opens at Davy Jones's locker, and than changes to the port of Hull; here we find all the principal characters. The author has written his story up to date, he has made Sloper Crusoe the father of Robinson, while, among other characters we have Mrs. Crusoe, Billy Crusoe, Will Atkins, and Polly Perkins. The story goes on in the usual way until the wreck, when we are introduced to the fire king's palace, when a grand ballet takes place. In this we have a number of coryphées with flaming torches, who go through a short but pretty dance. We go forward with the story until we are shown the Sqnaw ballet. This is a most beautiful scene, where a pretty dance is introduced, with Mdlle. Escourt as premier danseuse. Mr. Thorn ends his story, and invites all concerned to witness the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. This is really the transformation scene, and is a magnificent one. It represents the Colonies, the last change disclosing a portrait of the Queen. The scenery is beautifully painted, the dresses are tasteful and effective. The piece is worked with much spirit by all concerned; foremost of whom we must name Mr. Fred Williams, as Mrs. Crusoe. This gentlemen is funny in the extreme, and makes the most of his opportunities. Mr. Fred Carlos as Sloper Crusoe, and Mr. Martin Adeson as Billy, are both amusing, while Miss Carrie Julien makes a dashing Robinson. The Will Atkins of Mr. Fred Newham is grotesque, while Miss Kitty Wren makes a most vivacious and pleasing Polly Perkins. Mr. J. M. Jones gives a clever rendering of the part of Friday, and Miss Amy Height, as Topsy, sang well. Two scenes are devoted to the harlequinade, in which Mr. J. M. Jones plays Clown, Mr. Hugh Carno Pantaloon, Mr. P. C. Burns Harlequin, Miss Dora Douglas Harlequina, Miss Nellie Davis Columbine, and the Carnos and Etharians (Sprites and Policemen).

PARIS HIPPODROME AT OLYMPIA.—Representations having reached the management of Olympia that it would be a convenience if visitors could lunch or dine before the Hippodrome performances, arrangements have been made for a private door, on the south side, to be opened at half-past twelve and six o'clock, at which tickets for boxes, stalls, and grand circle may be purchased. These tickets will admit visitors to Messrs. Bertram and Co.'s Dining and Grill Rooms, from which they will pass to their reserved seats with perfect comfort and entirely avoiding the crowd. Another innovation is the supplying of afternoon tea on the first Promenade, where ladies sip their tea and gentlemen enjoy their cigarettes while witnessing the performances. The first Promenade is fast becoming a fashionable afternoon rendezvous.

AN OLD LODGE.—Bro. Herbert Harris has published a historic sketch of Warren Lodge, No. 2, organised in 1778, and located at East Machias, Maine. We have not seen the pamphlet—spoken of as of much local interest—but find a summary of it in the last issue of the *Masonic Token*, from which we take the following: "This old Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons in Massachusetts, and was named for General Joseph Warren, who fell at Bunker Hill. The author refers to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine, 1884, as saying that this Lodge assisted in educating the orphan children of the General, and remarks that he can find no confirmation of the statement, either in the Lodge records or in those of the Ancient Grand Lodge. In its 109 years of existence, 330 candidates have been initiated, and 386 have been enrolled in membership. Its present membership is 87. Its daughter Lodges are Tuscan, at Columbia, 1798 (now extinct); Eastern, No. 7, at Eastport; Washington, 37, at Lubec; Narragangus, 88, at Cherryfield; Harwood, 91, at Machias; and Lookout, 131, at Cutler." It is a matter of importance, as well as of interest, to verify or dissipate traditions respecting old Masonic organisations, and on this account it is well that carefully prepared papers, such as that to which we refer, should be published. Of course the well attested historical facts furnished give added value to the work.—*Freemason's Repository.*

AN IRISH LEGEND.—As might be expected, the whole locality of Ross Island, Killarney, is rife with memorials of the great O'Donoghue of Ross, lord of the lake and its islands. Whatever may be the historic truth relating to this great chieftain, it has long since become obscure, and now only lives in a legendary form. The Halls tell the story with their usual charm of narration. "In ages long passed O'Donoghue of Ross was lord of the lake, its islands, and the land that surrounded it. His sway was just and generous, and his reign propitious; he was the sworn foe of the oppressor; he was brave, hospitable, and wise. Annually, since his death, or rather disappearance, he is said to re-visit the pleasant places among which he lived. Every May morning he may be seen gliding o'er the lake, mounted on a white steed richly caparisoned, preceded and followed by youths and maidens, who strew spring flowers in his way, while sounds of unearthly sweetness glide along the waters, and become thunder as they make their way up the surrounding hills. Although he appears in state only on May morning, he is seen on various other occasions; and lucky is the child of earth by whom the immortal spirit is encountered, for be he peer or peasant, good fortune will be sure to wait upon him; and, therefore, many are they who peer with longing eyes along the lake at sunrise or in twilight to catch a glimpse of the chieftain, and listen with eager ears for the music that heralds his approach." Another writer gives the legend in a somewhat different form, telling us that the prince is doomed to dwell beneath the waters till by an annual, or some say septennial, ride over the surface of the lake the silver shoes of his white horse are worn out by coming in contact with its waves. "As he approaches his ancient residence everything returns to its former state of magnificence—his castle, his library, his prison, and his pigeon-house are reproduced as in olden time.—*From Our Own Country, for January.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 8th 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)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1436—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1698—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2012—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)
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
306—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 1298—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 10th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
23—Loughborough, Ganden 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
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.
846—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden 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 9 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—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.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2013—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.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.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)

797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
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
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1906—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
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
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 11th 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 Mansions 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—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
196—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
846—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powcall-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)
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)
1473—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
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. 1642—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
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
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
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
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
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, 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, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 12th JANUARY.

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, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
148—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
238—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—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 4 (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, 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)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (I)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—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
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. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
R.A. 1446—Mount Edgcumbe, St. Botolph Chambers, Bishopsgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
K.T. 129—Holy Patest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.

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210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
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1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
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
1405—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1434—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1436—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1530—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1562—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1645—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1646—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
R.A. 34—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop'sStortford
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R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Crose Keys Hotel, Eccles

THURSDAY, 13th 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.
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.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
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)
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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., s. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1329—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.
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. (In.)
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 8 (Inst)
1706—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)
1860—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—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—Bendon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
R.A. 765—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. 48—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
113—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
308—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
315—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
316—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
349—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
453—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Staffs
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
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
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
1146—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
R.A. 230—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
R.A. 899—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
M.M. 146—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
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. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, at 8. (I)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (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)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2000—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
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 C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
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, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
468—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
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
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. 713—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 15th JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
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. (Inst)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 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. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

1558—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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FROM end to end of the "vast domain" over which her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria sways her benign sceptre, and upon which it has ever been our proud boast that "the sun never sets," we hear sounds of preparation to celebrate the jubilee of her glorious reign. Wherever the English language is spoken patriotic hearts are beating high in anticipation of being permitted to take some personal share in the festivities which are to grace the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Coronation of Britain's greatest and most beloved Sovereign. It would be vain to attempt to speculate upon the various forms which this celebration will assume, for the same spirit of loyalty permeates all sorts and conditions of men, both at home and throughout the Dependencies of the British Crown—a spirit of loyal rivalry as to how in the most befitting way to signalise an event so dear to the heart of every Englishman. In the Church, the various Departments of the State, our Universities, the Army and Navy, in every grade of social and political life, schemes are being propounded by which to give dignity and *éclat* to the jubilee year of the world's most illustrious Monarch; and during this year the old refrain which we have loved to sing from our earliest childhood will reverberate with unprecedented strength of meaning throughout Her Majesty's dominions —"God save the Queen." Foremost amongst the grand designs which are under consideration for raising a lasting memento of the glorious event is the inauguration of an "Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India," a suggestion worthy of the inception of our Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and which is receiving most earnest and practical support from all classes of the community.

It is, however, with special reference to the Ancient and Honourable Institution to which we belong, which is graced by the immediate patronage of our beloved Queen, and governed by her illustrious son, that the Jubilee preparations come home very near to the hearts of English Freemasons; and it would have been impossible that the occasion could have passed unnoticed by the great and influential body of men ranged under the banner of the Order, whose standing motto has ever been "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft." Thus it is no matter for surprise that English Masons everywhere are asked to "reason together" as to the most suitable and practical manner in which the Jubilee shall be signalised within their own ranks, apart from the modes that may be adopted by other sections of public and private men. Within the last few days a circular has been issued by the Earl of Carnarvon, in his capacity as Pro Grand Master, inviting the attention of the members of the Craft everywhere within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge to a series of proposals in reference to the Jubilee Celebration. Notwithstanding that, for some reason, the document is headed "confidential," it is now the common property of the Masonic body; and, without giving the actual text, we feel justified, as officially representing the journalism of the Craft, in saying a few words on the salient points contained in a communication upon which Masons are requested to express an opinion. Already in many of our Lodges the note of preparation has been sounded, and everywhere within the next few weeks similar appeals to the patriotic sentiments of the Masonic body will be submitted for consideration and report to Grand Lodge. It is scarcely necessary to say that we echo with every feeling of welcome and heartiness the confidence expressed by our noble Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, that whereas the event will be "welcomed most enthusiastically by all classes of Her Majesty's subjects," it will be especially so by those than whom "none are more loyal or devoted to their Sovereign than the Freemasons who owe allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, under our Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." It is admitted that certain difficulties surround the question of how a Masonic Commemoration of the event can be most fittingly carried out, for it is obviously impossible that anything like a concentration of all who would desire to take part in it could be arranged at any given centre. The privileged few who were enabled to secure admission to the Royal Albert Hall when His Royal Highness was installed as Grand Master, in the year 1875, will still have vivid recollection of the many disappointments then expressed by those who were less fortunate; and the enormous increase of the Craft since that period will render the task of arranging a similar gathering under the special auspices of the Jubilee year doubly difficult and perplexing. The suggestion at present before us is that "a great representative meeting of English Freemasons in Masonic clothing" shall be held during next summer, in London; and, in the event of the number of applications for admission exceeding the limits of the Albert Hall, then the gathering shall be transferred to the new leviathan building, "Olympia," which is just now the centre of so much popular attraction, at Kensington. At such meeting, of which the Grand Master has approved, and over which he has consented to preside, an address of congratulation to Her Majesty will be agreed to "from her faithful subjects the Freemasons of England." To such a proposal every individual member of our great Fraternity will gladly assent, inasmuch as it will be an embodiment of all those sentiments of fealty and love which we are accustomed to hear on every occasion when members of "ye mystic tie" assemble either for labour or refreshment. The details of the proposed scheme are as yet, of course, unmatured, and it is requested from the highest authorities that members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, both at home and abroad, should consider the proposal that has been shadowed forth, and communicate the result of their deliberations as early as possible to headquarters.

We repeat we have no desire to treat otherwise than "confidential" the circular issued by our Pro Grand Master, or to prompt the brethren as to any course they should pursue in relation to it. But, inasmuch as the document is now in the hands of Worshipful Masters of Lodges, and has been read to thousands of our brethren everywhere, it is impossible to avoid reference to it in these columns, and we do so in cordial appreciation of the general outlines which have been imparted to the Craft for their serious consideration. There can be little doubt that such a concensus of opinion will be returned by the various sections of our Order as will materially assist the Executive in framing a comprehensive and satisfactory arrangement for carrying their design into execution; and it may be expected that the "Masonic Commemoration" of the Jubilee will form an item in the national programme as strikingly magnificent as it will be distinctive. One portion of the plan submitted is that an admission fee of from one to two

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guineas should be charged for entrance to the assembly, the result of which would be to "produce a considerable fund, by which our three Masonic Charities may be substantially benefited, as a suitable memento of the auspicious occasion." Now, any movement which has for its object the benefit of our Charitable Institutions must commend itself to the hearty acceptance of every member of the Order, though when we consider the unwearying efforts that are continuously being made in our Lodges everywhere in that direction, and the substantial sums which are collected, in spite of the serious "depression" experienced in almost every department of commerce and industry, it may be deemed a question as to whether the purses of the charitably-disposed can stand any further strain. We are perfectly aware that whenever any appeal is made for additional aid to any branch of our Benevolent enterprises there is a ready and spontaneous response by every member of the Craft who is in a position to lend a helping hand; and there can be little question that for the honour and pleasure of attending the "Commemoration Festival" there are thousands who will be ready to contribute the fee suggested, more especially as the fund so raised would be applied to some permanent memento of the Jubilee from a purely Masonic standpoint. Whether or not the other proposal—namely, to strike a special Jubilee jewel, "to be worn by all Freemasons who are subscribing members of some Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England on the 20th June 1887, when Her Majesty will complete the 50th year of her accession to the Throne of these Realms"—will meet with such ready and general approval is open to some suspicion of doubt. It has long been a prevailing impression that the number of jewels and decorations worn by members of the Craft has reached its limit, and that any addition to our present collection is undesirable, save under very exceptional circumstances. It will, of course, be argued that this is *par excellence* a case of unusual importance; yet, when it is considered that many of our brethren are so bejewelled that they find it necessary to reduce their ordinary decorations to miniature size, a majority of Masons are inclined to think there is no predisposition to increase the number of personal adornments. As an evidence of this feeling, it is well known that miniature jewels are to be procured by brethren who find it inconvenient to carry such a weight of bullion about with them; and when men crowd on special distinctive marks for mere trivial services rendered—when we see young Masons who have scarcely been advanced to office sporting half a-dozen jewels on their breasts—the question naturally arises, "Where is all this accumulation of Masonic *bijouterie* to stop?" Anyhow these are the points considered by some of the Lodges at which Lord Carnarvon's Circular has been read; and, without venturing any decided opinion of our own, we would rather leave it to the verdict of our correspondents, whose views on the subject will be most acceptable.

Another important feature in relation to this matter is, that while "devotion to the Craft" is to be exemplified by the raising of a fund for the benefit of our "Charitable Institutions," at the same time "loyalty to the Throne" should be encouraged in connection with the "Jubilee Commemoration." Thus it is pointed out that as it is right that *all* Freemasons should have an opportunity of showing their loyalty to the throne, and their personal affection and respect for His Royal Highness their Grand Master, in a manner which will represent alike the feelings of good citizens and true Masons, the national memorial—which is distinguished from all local memorials—it is proposed to raise in Her Majesty's honour by the people of this country should form part of the programme under review. It is therefore suggested for the consideration of the members of the various Lodges that a voluntary subscription, not to exceed one guinea per head, be raised in each Lodge for the purpose of contributing to the erection of the proposed "Imperial Institute" to which we have already made reference. This Institute, which originated in the proposals of our Grand Master, and has his warm sanction and approval, will record both the national memorial of her Majesty's Jubilee and also the personal interest which his Royal Highness the Grand Master has taken in the work; and Lord Carnarvon does not doubt "that for such an object a sum worthy of the Craft of England, and of the loyal and patriotic feelings of its members, will be contributed." This is another important point which the members of Lodges are asked to consider and express their views upon; and we need hardly point out how desirable it is that these opinions should be returned to the proper quarter as early as convenient. Every one of us must rejoice that an event of such vast importance in our national history is being so heartily and spontaneously taken up by the various institutions of which the English-speaking community is composed, and we feel assured that the Masonic body will not yield one jot in the genuine feelings of loyalty, patriotism, and love that during the present year will be on every lip and throb in every heart, that our most gracious Soverign Lady the Queen, "happy and glorious," may yet be spared "Long to reign over us."

MASONIC CREDULITY.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

HEATHEN mythology proves that in olden time even the highly educated and cultured classes were exceedingly credulous, and we, of course, laugh at their credulity. I think, however, that in a future generation our descendents will have as much reason to laugh at us as we now have of laughing at the credulity of our predecessors. Take for instance our Masonic histories; we find that from the earliest time to the present day writers were steeped over head and ears in superstitious credulity. Thus, legends that were invented by pre-1717 writers were not only embodied in later histories, but each successive historian invented new fables, and all these fables were palmed off as Masonic histories. Although strong efforts have been made within the last twenty-five years, by honest historians, to enlighten the Fraternity by exposing the old errors, yet the papers reprinted in this paper from the *Voice of Masonry*, and other American journals, prove conclusively that "the fools are not all dead!" Indeed, if Masons had not been credulous the cock and bull story that Locke found a MS. in the Bodleian Library, containing a dialogue between Henry VI. and some Masons, would never have been reprinted in Masonic books so many times. And although the said story was exploded about forty years ago, yet it is repeated in the January 1887 No. of the *Voice of Masonry* as a fact, and it will probably continue to be repeated as a fact for "the Lord knows how long." And if Masons had not been so credulous so many of them would not have been humbugged by high degree mongers.

Again, about forty years ago Dr. Leeson, an English high degree monger, asserted that in 1772 a book was printed in Brussels containing extracts from the records of the Grand Lodge of England, wherein is mentioned Masonic Knighthood. This story was for many years repeated by high degree writers and lecturers, both in England and in America, as "Gospel truth." The fact, however is, the Grand Lodge of England had no records in 1722, and not a shadow of such a book was printed in Brussels in the above named year.

Still again, owing to Masonic credulity Dr. Oliver's writings became famous both in England and America; whatever he wrote was believed, without question or doubt; he asserted that the Royal Arch was once part of the Master's degree, and the best informed Masonic writers believed it. His "Antiquities of Masonry," his "Johannite Masonry," his Revelations of a Square," &c., were quoted far and wide by English and American Masonic luminaries. Well, in 1873 I read an extract from Oliver's "Freemason's Treasury," in Bro. Lyon's "History of Freemasonry in Scotland," the purport of which was, that Desaguliers and Anderson got the Hiramic legend "from certain idle tales taken out of the Jewish Targums, which were published in London A.D. 1715, from a manuscript in the University Library at Cambridge." I then called Bro. Woodford's attention to the paragraph in question, and urged him to make inquiry whether such a book was printed in London in 1715? and whether such a manuscript was ever in existence in the Cambridge Library? And the answer I got from Bro. Woodford was, that no such book was printed in London in 1715, and no such manuscript existed in Cambridge. Now, Oliver's "Treasury" was printed in 1863, but no one seems to have questioned the truth thereof before 1873.

I will mention another case to show how easily Masons can be imposed upon; thus, a Rev. Bro. Kerr, in Canada,

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got hold of a pre-1717 MS., dated 1505. The said MS., together with a lecture thereon, by Bro. Kerr, was printed in Bro. Leon Hyneman's paper, about thirty years ago. In 1874 Bro. Hyneman sent me the said papers, with the question, "What do you think of the antiquity of Masonry now?" and I immediately replied that I was satisfied that 1705 was changed into 1505. Briefly then, at my instigation Bro. Hyneman wrote to Bro. Kerr, and eventually the said MS. was printed in the *Canadian Craftsman*, and the editor confirmed my suspicion. In Bro. Gould's History, Vol. I., p 69, under the heading of "Scarborough," the reader will find a brief account of the above event.

But I must mention another kind of imposition that was palmed off on Masons, viz., the so-called "Inigo Jones MS.," which is dated 1607, and is the only MS. wherein the name of Hiram Abiff is mentioned. I have, however, no doubt that the said MS. was not manufactured before the middle of the eighteenth century.

I might give scores of similar misstatements made by Masonic writers; some of these originated in the brains of well-meaning dreamers, and others were unscrupulous inventions. Some were invented to make Masonry older than it is; others for the purpose of proving that Adam, Moses, Solomon and Co. were Christians; and others, again, in order to enhance the antiquity of the high degrees; and as these impositions cannot be disputed, I am, therefore, justified in demanding unexceptional evidence from Masonic writers, be they who they may, who profess to discover some new proof about Masonic antiquity.

Now, a Lodge with the outlandish name of "Quatuor Coronati" was recently chartered in London, and its membership is confined to Masonic *literati*, whose respective new discoveries are to be read in the Lodge, and subsequently to be published in its Proceedings. But however praiseworthy the aim of the founders of the said Lodge may be, yet the choice of such a name for the Lodge certainly indicates a clinging veneration for mediæval superstition on the part of our English Masonic enlighteners. However, be that as it may, it seems that one of its members at least is not afraid to combat errors. Briefly, then, a paper was read before the said Lodge on the 8th of November, by Professor Hayter Lewis, designed to prove the antiquity of the Hiramic legend, which paper was reviewed by Bro. Gould in the [Philadelphia] *Keystone* 11th December. It seems that the whole of Bro. Lewis' evidence rests upon a statement he received from Rabbi Dr. Marks, that he saw in the Bodleian Library an Arabic MS. "of about the 14th century, having reference to Masonry (or architecture), in which there was a distinct reference to the Master having been lost and found." Bro. Gould did not question the existence of the said MS., nor its contents, but confined his arguments to show that there is no evidence either in England or Scotland to indicate the existence of the third degree, or a knowledge of the Hiramic legend before 1717, or even somewhat later.

Now, I also know Rabbi Marks, whom I had the pleasure of meeting at the house of my late lamented friend Bro. Henry Faudel, in 1857—(Bro. Faudel was a P.G.D. of the G.L. of England). Well, in the course of conversation that evening, Mr. Marks informed us that he once read something about the Hiramic legend in a preface to the Zohar. Now, if Bro. Lewis derived his information from the same Mr. Marks, then there is a curious discrepancy between the two statements. However, it is possible that a Mason in the last century published an edition of the Zohar, and inserted the Masonic legend into the preface. It is also possible that an Arabic Mason may have written an Arabic MS. in the last century, and palmed it off on the Bodleian Library as an ancient MS., the same as the Scarborough and Inigo Jones MSS. were palmed off on the Rev. Bros. Kerr and Woodford. And as Rev. Doctors have again and again made misstatements, as already shown; some have even appealed to books and manuscripts in certain libraries, which upon inquiry were found utterly baseless; it is, therefore, now no more than right and proper, before we consider Bro. Lewis' statement, to ascertain—

First. Whether there is such an Arabic MS. in the Bodleian Library?

Second. Whether it was written in the 14th century?

And third. The legend therein must be translated into English, so as to enable us to judge of its value.

Should such an investigation confirm Bro. Lewis' theory, he will then be entitled to the thanks of every Mason. Should, however, the statement he received be on a par with the statements formerly made by Messrs. Oliver, Leeson and Co., or should the MS. in question be of recent date, it would then become the duty of the W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge to caution Bro. Lewis, that if he value a reputation for veracity and common sense he must never again repeat unsupported statements, which were designed to bolster up either Masonic sectarianism, high degreedom, or the antiquity of Masonic legends, even if these statements proceed from Medical, Divinical, or Rabbinical Doctors of the highest reputation for scholarship, piety, and what not.

BOSTON, U.S. 27th December 1886.

POPERY OR MASONRY.

THERE is nothing in the Catholic religion which is adverse to Masonry; for the truth is that Masonry embodies "that religion in which all men agree." This is as true as that all veritable religion, wherever found, is in substance the same. Neither is it "in the power of any man or body of men" to make it otherwise. Doctrines and forms of observances conformable to piety, imposed by spiritual overseers, may be as various as the courses of the winds; and like the latter may war with each other upon the face of the whole earth; but they are not religion.

Bigotry and zeal—the assumptions of priestcraft, with all its countless inventions to magnify and impress the world with its own importance and the necessity of its rule over the minds of men, are ever the mainsprings of strife, hatred and revenge, which defame and banish religion and its inseparable virtues; and work unspeakable mischief wherever mankind are found upon the earth.

Popery and priestcraft are so allied that they may be called the same; the truth being that the former is nothing more nor less than a special case of the latter; being a particular form of evolution of the same vicious principle; which itself is but the offspring of the conceit of self-sufficiency and the lust of dominion. Nothing which can be named is more repugnant to the spirit of Masonry—nothing is to be more carefully guarded against; and this has always been well understood by all skilful masters; and it must in truth be said that such is the wisdom of the lessons, and so admirable the order of the Ancient Craft Lodge, that these pernicious influences have hitherto been kept under better subjection throughout all bodies of the institution, than in any other equal to it in antiquity and the multitude of its votaries. Nevertheless Masons must not flatter themselves with the self-delusive notion which has deceived the supporters of all orders and establishments of the world; that they can "take a bond" of human nature to hold them harmless against the delinquency and folly common to the race.

There always glides into every association or community of whatever kind, a lurking disposition to assume and extend more and more oversight and control over individuals and subordinate bodies if any, and to multiply provisions and prescriptions concerning conduct and beliefs, not called for or warranted by the principles of the fundamental law; or involved in the prime object of the institution. This prompts repeated encroachments, and departures from the original design; always commencing with changed modes of procedure, dereliction in observing "the weightier matters of the law;" and making up for the shortcoming by contentious zeal in tithing "mint, anise and cummin." From this proceeds continual legislation and controversies over countless quibbles and prevarications: and these in turn generate new departures, with their trains of litigations; more perplexing and vexatious as they are more and more worthless; until division and dissolution set in. Those which have survived this stage of degeneracy have been hierarchies backed by dependent and servile civil governments, by which their integrity could be forcibly maintained.

All these troubles come in with the increase of members and influence; as can be seen in the history of institutions founded in aid of moral and religious improvement. The whole process is known by the common term "corruption," and the further it proceeds the more incurable

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are the evils engendered. All this is the beginning and progress of what is meant by Popery; which flourishes as vigorously under the zealous care of Brahmins, Grand Lamas and Bonzes, as in any of the Christian hierarchies or establishments of untutored barbarians.

It cannot be denied that indications of this universal tendency can be detected in some of the developments taking place in Masonry at this time. It can be seen manifesting itself gradually in various forms—in none perhaps more distinctly than in advanced (?) doctrines in jurisprudence, beginning to grow up: some of them threatening the Craft with serious evil.

Passing over some which are more conspicuous, let us take notice of a group of propositions in Masonic law or ethics, as you may please to term them; which appear to be finding favour in influential circles among the Fraternity; and which are allied in their principles, and tend to enhance the mischief of each other in cutting under and subverting the benignant rule of friendship, benevolence and justice. It is true that not all of them have attained a magnitude sufficient to occasion immediate and irreparable injury on a large scale; but this is the very reason why now is the proper time to fix attention on their presence and the consequent danger; for if they pass their incipient stage, they cannot be remedied until they have run their course beyond the verge of disaster.

Among these is, first, the proposed doctrine that a newly formed Grand Lodge may rightfully call upon the Craft to coerce by pains and penalties the will of regular and older Lodges found within the territory over which it claims jurisdiction—a subject of heated controversy at this time; and portentous of much evil throughout the Masonic world.

In the wake of this proposition (when established) necessarily follows that of the right of a particular Lodge to force membership in its own body against all Masons, members of other Lodges, who may be found within the metes and bounds of its territorial jurisdiction—this to be done by pains and penalties under Grand Lodge power.

Third, the unnecessary and unjust claim of what is called "perpetual jurisdiction," by which if any person has petitioned a Lodge for the degrees, and some member or members have for any reason voted adversely, so that his petition has been rejected; and he afterwards has removed to another region, and lived there it may be twenty years, "under the tongue of good report," no Lodge there can receive and act on his petition without a "waiver of jurisdiction" by the Lodge which had acted on his former application.

It will be best to mention no other instances here, as the above are fully enough for one short article. It is manifest, on close examination, that these all have a common tap root, and are but branches of the same stem. They all may be said to spring from that form of dominion which attaches itself to the particular society or body corporate, and not so much to mere self. Jesuitism is a familiar and proper example of this spirit in a high state of development. But in its beginning it is not imbued with intent of craft and fraud, as it afterwards comes to be—it is content with acquiring dominion by legal stratagems and adroit management; but the domination it must have in some way; and it finally becomes impatient of any restraints based on the proper rights of others; and ends in being not only despotic but demoralising and base, and so dangerous and destructive. Those who are animated with zeal for the cause, whatever it may be, often slide into zeal for the corporate institution which sustains it, and finally labour for the extension and dominion of the latter, to the hindrance and disparagement of the former, until the cause is lost and the institution remains to work the very evils it was designed to overthrow.

Now, as to the above mentioned propositions or doctrines in Masonic jurisprudence, it is proper to say that they are upheld by Masons who are just and magnanimous—who are devoted to the highest principles of morality, and who would scorn an act infringing on the rights of others, or tending in any way to bring reproach upon Masonry. Some, therefore, will say, What is the harm? good men will not do wrong, and what better is wanted than to let good men have their way? But the answer is that harm is one of the very things which good men have been doing all over the world at all times. It is undeniable truth that many of the most reprehensible encroachments on liberty and human rights, and especially on the rights of conscience, have grown to the proportions which made them impregnable, by means of the countenance and support of excellent and respected men. For this has been the misfortune of this world in all ages, that rulers, both temporal and spiritual, of the highest moral sentiments, have used their consequent great influence in favour of policies, laws and observances which seemed on too little reflection well grounded; yet which in truth were fraught with the germs of insidious evils. In thousands of instances what were taken for newly perceived and desirable forms or aspects of truth, have turned out to be revivals of ancient fallacies but partly disclosed.

Doubtless there are among worthy and intelligent brethren conflicting opinions concerning each of the three propositions above mentioned; and some who favour one or two hold the other or others in aversion; so that only a limited number agree in support of all of them. What is intended here is not to discredit or attack the intentions or conduct of any, but to invite attention to the departure from the prime law and order of Masonry, which is doubtless involved in each and all of them; for they each contain a germ of false philosophy and of false law, considered in the light of Masonry.

The first is contrary to a vital principle of proper Masonic government, which is, that although every organised body claiming to be a lawful Lodge must be able to show that it is authorised by regular Masonic documents emanating from a recognised Grand Body, capable of conferring proper capacity and authority; yet while its existence as a working Lodge must originate in that manner; when it is once so clothed with the attributes of a regular Lodge, it is and must be of necessity independent of the power of any other body of Masons, grand or subordinate, except its own Grand Lodge; so long as the latter may exist as a recognised body; and it remains in allegiance thereto. In short a Lodge of Masons holding a charter under a living Grand Lodge, cannot be compelled by any other Masonic authority whatever to *change* its allegiance; and any attempt to coerce it by such other Grand Body is an assault, not only on the Masonic liberty of its members, but on their Grand Lodge; which has no right to cast them off, they being an integral part of itself; and such an assault as would at once justify the latter in calling upon all the Grand Lodges of the world to resent it, as an attack upon the common liberty and rights of those bodies, by such measures as in the common judgment would seem meet. And why not? seeing that a Grand Lodge with its subordinate or constituent Lodges, as you please to consider them, is like a tree with its branches and roots, which are all *one*; so that you cannot injure either without injuring the tree; so whether a particular Lodge is a branch (subordinate) or a root (constituent) is no matter; the Grand Lodge (like the tree) can neither lawfully abdicate government, nor abnegate the same over any constituent part without its consent; and certainly nobody else can interfere.

Any Grand Lodge instituted within the territory where any such chartered Lodge may exist, must take its jurisdiction subject to the incumbrance occasioned by the prior rights of the Lodge, which will hold its own jurisdiction half way to the next Lodge, or as may be agreed on; and pursue its ordinary Masonic course as though nothing had happened; although it might be better if the latter would elect to accept the new jurisdiction.

All who claim that the Lodges located in any state or other independent political division, in which no Grand Lodge may exist, can elect to unite and form a Grand Lodge of their own; admit also thereby their right to elect to stay as they are; any other supposition dissipates the right of election. A proposition that a Lodge may elect to leave its Grand Lodge and accept allegiance in another; but that at the same time it cannot elect to decline to do so, is not even good nonsense; and yet some Lodges must elect to go out and form a Grand Lodge before there can be such a body for other Lodges to elect to join. The whole process of forming a Grand Lodge is, therefore, a process of election; and that is all there is of it.

Take the second proposition, which includes forced affiliation of the members of one Lodge by another Lodge which is situated nearer. This being a similar state

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case the right and the law must be the same; to wit, the law of Masonic liberty—of election—a law which presents itself as necessarily existing and paramount in every such case, and inseparable from it, in such an institution as Freemasonry.

The right of a Mason to continue his existing affiliation, or unite with a nearer Lodge, is so obvious that it need not have been mentioned here, if the same right in a Lodge of Masons to adhere to its own Grand Lodge had not been put in question, and an attempt actually made, backed up by one or more Grand Lodges, to coerce the "affiliation" of several Lodges—that is to force them to elect to leave their old Grand Lodge and accept allegiance in the new.

When this project shall be accomplished, the Grand Lodges which support the innovation will have already committed themselves, at the expense of unfraternal edicts and wide-spread animosities, to the mischievous doctrine of forced affiliation all round, as well in respect to individual Masons as to Lodges of such—the two cases being in substance the same: for what is the difference to Freemasons between forcing twenty of them separately out of their own Lodges, and forcing twenty of them in a body out of their own Grand Lodge? Hence the firebrand of forced affiliation must, doubtless, soon be added to the one now lighting the fires of discord and division.

The third proposition, that of so-called "perpetual jurisdiction," although it will doubtless engender countless contentions between Lodges, will not so much violate the rights of Masons as either of the others, and may be easier disposed of, because easier understood. It is, nevertheless, subject to two grave objections. First, it will work injustice to many worthy persons who may petition for the degrees and be rejected, perhaps by the vote of a single member, cast without any sufficient reason, as often happens. It is not enough when a man of fair character presents his petition to a Lodge which contains some worse men, and one or two members, out of forty or more, vote against him that he be treated as rejected by the entire Lodge, and let go, to fare better perhaps at some future time if found worthy by the same or some other Lodge? That he should be required to disclose the fact of his rejection to any Lodge he may afterwards petition is a different matter; for that enables such Lodge to inquire into his character.

Too much importance is allowed to the mere fact of rejection. If any one who has been a Mason thirty years will count up all the cases of rejection which he has known he must not be greatly surprised to find that more good men have been rejected than bad ones, or that more bad ones have been admitted than rejected. And this is natural enough, for most men, in the absence of any special cause of mistrust, are reluctant in using a black ball against anybody.

Secondly, the entire pretence of perpetual jurisdiction is manifestly absurd; and this alone ought to be cause enough for any Mason to reject it at once, even if he disregards its injustice. It is much more absurd than that other detestable claim of popery, that if a child has been baptised by a priest even by surreptitious procurement, as in the case of the Jewish child (Mortara's) the hierarchy have a divine right to seize it afterwards, even by kidnapping, and keep it secreted from its parents for ever, by virtue of "perpetual jurisdiction." This Masonic claim is more absurd in this, that the popish hierarchy had in the first place done something towards accepting the child; but in this case the only thing done by the Lodge was to refuse to have anything to do with the petitioner.

When all three of the propositions herein mentioned shall have been placed among the phylacteries of Masonic law, who can deny that Masonic Popery has come to stay? *Voice of Masonry.*

THE BALLOT.—Secret it must be and indedendent. It is a duty from the exercise of which no brother should be exempt, and every brother should bear in mind that while no one can question his motives, or even know how he may have voted, yet that he is responsible to his own conscience, to his Masonic obligations, and to his Creator. If he be a true Mason he will allow no unworthy or un-Masonic motive to actuate him. No more personal prejudice or bias, no spirit of revenge, or retaliation for the acts of others will influence him to vote unfavourably upon the application of a good, true, and worthy man, either for the degrees or for advancement. And still, at the same time it is his bounden duty to reject any and all whom he knows to be unworthy, no matter what the views of others may be. —*Masonic Tidings.*

A MASONIC ALPHABET.

XI.—KINDNESS.

When Forest and Plain,
Need the nourishing rain;
When the Rivers have ceased to run,
When the soils are all dried,
And the herbage had died,
'Neath the rays of the fiery sun.

When the cattle and sheep,
In their agony creep,
To the place where the water has been,
Comes the life-giving rain,
And rejoicing, again
Fills the objects and lives of the scene.

And often in life
Distress may be rife;
Till the heart grows both harsh and severe,
May decline to disclose
Its trials and woes,
Yet long for some brotherly cheer.

Oh! then let the showers
Of the kindliest powers
Fall soothing and sweet o'er its pain;
Its pulses will thrive,
Its hopes will revive
And strengthen'd 'twill rally again.

XII.—LOYALTY.

Historic pages richly teem,
With deeds of Knight and Squire;
Who held 'mid angry weapon's gleam
Their Loyalty entire.

Gold could not buy their noble love—
Nor break their plighted word;
Despair and danger failed to move
Their fealty to their Lord.

Through good and ill his cause was theirs,
With him their lives were cast;
Through battles fierce or peaceful cares
Were loyal to the last.

The sterling Mason, too, must show
His Loyalty sincere,
By fostering its Sacred glow,
And keeping actions clear.

Be loyal to an impulse good,
And shun the voice of ill,—
Be loyal to the gen'rous mood
And all its terms fulfil.

Be loyal to the laws which guide,
On Home or Foreign sod;
Be Loyal to his Order wide,
His Sovereign and his God.

WM. H. ORR, W.M. 10, Grand Bard.

GLEANINGS.

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Masonry is in the heart rather than in ceremony and ritual.

There are twelve thousand Royal Arch Masons in Illinois.

Last year the eight Grand Lodges in Germany spent 59,000 marks in charity.

The candidate for Freemasonry must come of his own free will and accord. It is very wrong to persuade or induce any one to come and yet we fear it is done every day. Masonry only wants volunteers in the strictest sense of the word.

It is a great mistake, a most reprehensible error among Masons in using and passing their Masonic word on business transactions. It should never be done.

Dr. Mackey defines Masonry to be a science engaged in the search after Divine Truth, and which employs symbolism as its method of instruction.

As Masons we seek not that which is new or sensational; we seek to know the truth and follow after it.

The requisites for membership in the Masonic Veterans' Association, of Pennsylvania, are: (1) Twenty-one years' service as a Master Mason; (2) A petition, recommended by one Veteran brother, setting forth the Masonic history of the applicant, with a fee of six dollars, covering expense of medal worn by each Veteran.

The Supreme Council (Scottish Rite) for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States has a permanent fund of more than 50,000 dollars.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland will celebrate its centennial in May next. Among the other ceremonies there will be a procession of the Craft.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.—Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, of Philadelphia, at its last stated meeting, donated fifty dollars to provide a Christmas dinner for the aged brethren, inmates of the Masonic Home, Broad Street, Philadelphia. This is the second donation made for this laudable purpose by Girard Mark Lodge.

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It is a marked feature in the progress of the Craft that the number of these useful little companion works, which are so essential to the information of members of Provincial Lodges, is on the increase, whilst the style in which they are arranged, elaborated, and got up is alike creditable to the compilers and handy to those who are placed in possession of such books of reference. The Calendar which has just been published by authority of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire is an admirable specimen of this class of Masonic work, and there is evidence throughout its pages of skill and attention having been bestowed upon its compilation by the editor, Bro. Geo. E. Lake Prov. Grand Secretary, Edenlea, Watford. In addition to the Calendar proper, in which notices are given of the dates of installation and other meetings in connection with the Province, spaces are left on the opposite pages for entering "engagements;" and then follow lists of the Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England for the current year; of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire; lists of Lodges in the Province, with times and places of meeting; dates of consecration; the investiture of Officers at last installations; subscribing Past Masters; and indeed all the information that can be deemed requisite concerning each individual Lodge. The same remarks apply to the Royal Arch Chapters, Knights Templar, and Mark Lodges and Lodges of Instruction; whilst in an Appendix we find an "In Memoriam" of brethren deceased during the past year; a list of the Masonic Charities, and local Stewardships and subscribers thereto; special reference being given to the Hertfordshire Masonic Charity Association, of which the Prov. G. Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., is the President. The little compendium is neatly stitched into a cover of blue boards, with gold title and border; and is of a convenient size for the waistcoat pocket. The letterpress is in every respect perfect, whilst the amount of information contained in the book renders it indispensable to every member of the Craft in the Province.

Calendar and Directory for the Province of Middlesex, 1887. London: 26 Budge-row, E.C.

Here we have another valuable compilation, from the pen of a well-known Brother, Henry Lovegrove, A.R.I.B.A., whose name is as a "household word" amongst every section of Masonry in Middlesex, and far beyond. It is published under the authority of the R.W. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.S.W., Provincial Grand Master, of whom an excellent portrait is given as a frontispiece. It necessarily follows that these Calendars are very similar in the manner in which their contents are arranged, and many of the remarks given with respect to the above-named work are applicable to this. Every information is here afforded that can be useful to, or desired by, the members of Middlesex Lodges, Chapters, &c.; and the details are so arranged that any point upon which brethren are desirous of being instructed is placed readily at the finger end. A portrait is included in the book, of Bro. Henry Lovegrove himself, as Prov. Grand Treasurer R.A.C., and the Calendar is well printed, on good paper, of handy size, and is in every respect suited to the purposes for which it has been designed.

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British Ballads; Popular Educator, &c. London: La Belle Sauvage-yard, Ludgate-hill, E.C.

Amongst the many admirable standard works that have emanated during recent years from this eminent firm of publishers, "British Ballads" must be accorded a foremost rank. It is almost unnecessary to allude to Messrs. Cassell as the pioneers of pure and wholesome literature, for their efforts in supplying an antidote to the pernicious effusions of the "cheap press" have achieved a world-wide reputation. The series under notice, and to which we have had the pleasure of calling frequent attention in these columns, is rapidly approaching completion, and next month will witness the concluding number of one of the best and most appreciated issues from the Belle Sauvage establishment. We opine there are few libraries in which may be found anything like so perfect and *récherché* a collection of the old ballad literature of our country, and the volume will prove not only a valuable addition to the store of useful information and reference on the drawing-room table, but a solid addition to the reading material of a household or public library. The work is exquisitely got up, from a typographical point of view, whilst the illustrations, which have been contributed to by most of the leading of our modern artists, are profuse, and of a most delicate and superior description. Many and excellent as have been the serial volumes published by Messrs. Cassell and Co., we regard "British Ballads" decidedly as one of the most elaborate, comprehensive and useful, affording as it does the means of coming into contact with all the best—though unhappily little-known—of our own ballad writers. We say advisedly that these composers are comparatively little known by the majority of modern English readers, for it is a lamentable truth that most of the rising generation may be on quotation terms with the latest music-hall ditty or "penny dreadful" atrocity, and yet be entirely in ignorance of the beauty and sublimity of the best of our old ballads. To rescue the reading public from such a condition, or at any rate to place within their reach a feast of richer things, has been the aim of the publishers in their years of literary enterprise; and we sincerely congratulate them upon the near completion of a new addition to the splendid collection of standard works they have placed upon our library shelves.

"The Popular Educator" is so familiar to every class of English reader who lay any claim to intellectual study whatever, that the mere mention of the title is sufficient in announcing that another series is almost complete, the twenty-sixth number being issued this month. It would be difficult to enumerate how many editions this wonderful mass of education has been through since our schooldays: and it would tax the ingenuity and patience of the most astute philosopher to try and gauge the tremendous amount of benefit that has been conferred upon our youth and manhood by the production of these successive volumes. Not a subject in the whole range of study and useful information but has been thoroughly thrashed out in the pages of the "Educator," and the practical lessons have been supplied by such easy and gradual stages that even the youngest students has been assisted most pleasantly and thoroughly along the paths of educational research and knowledge.

Another marvel of literary enterprise has very recently been despatched from the Belle Sauvage press, and what would have been an impossible feat a few years ago has become now an accomplished fact. We refer to the publication, at the ridiculously low price of threepence, of Charles Dickens's *Christmas Carol* and *The Chimes*, stitched together in neat and handy form, and which is finding its way rapidly into the hands of myriads of readers. The publication in cheap form of this immortal author's undying works may be in a measure attributed to the expiration of the copyright; but when we remember that originally five shillings was the price charged for the *Carol* alone, it is truly as marvellous as it is gratifying that these grand works are now placed within the reach of the most humble classes of readers, amongst whom they are being taken up with an avidity that is as commendable to them as it is congratulatory to every well-wisher to the spread of pure and wholesome literature.

"Illustrations."—The Queen has graciously accepted, from Mr. Francis George Heath, a copy of the first volume, just published by Messrs. W. Kent and Co., of his pictorial threepenny magazine—"Illustrations"—which contains as its frontispiece a large cabinet portrait of Her Majesty, privately taken, and for the publication of which, in "Illustrations," the Queen's special sanction was given to Mr. Heath.

The brethren of True Love and Unity Lodge, No. 248, Brixham, will formally dedicate their new Hall on Thursday, the 20th instant. The foundation stone of this building was laid on the 25th February 1886, and the ceremony on the 20th instant will be conducted by Worshipful Bro. W. G. Rogers Deputy Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Worshipful Bro. T. W. Lemon Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, and Worshipful Bro. W. J. Hughan Past Grand Deacon (of England). The Lodge will be opened at half-past one, and at three o'clock the brethren will attend a service at All Saints' Church. Brethren of the neighbouring Lodges are fraternally invited to attend this meeting; those wishing to remain to banquet (tickets 4s each) will kindly oblige by signifying their intention to the Secretary, Bro. Charles Atkins P.M. 27, at the Queen's Hotel, Brixham, not later than Monday, the 17th instant.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Olympic.—We are glad to hear that Mr. Edward Terry's season at this theatre is likely to be a prosperous one. "The Churchwarden" increases nightly in popularity, and for the first time for many years boards are frequently seen with the words "House full." This is as it should be; "The Churchwarden," with Mr. Terry in the title *rôle*, is certainly one of the merriest pieces running at the present time. It is preceded by the one act comedy drama "Home Rule," and Offenbach's burletta "The two Blinds." We trust Mr. Edward Terry has turned the fortunes of this house, and will secure the reward he so justly deserves.

Mohawk Minstrels.—This popular troupe of entertainers is now offering a most interesting programme, with several new songs and ballads for the first part; while in the second, the entertainment is both amusing and varied. Such vocalists as Thos. Campbell, Ernest Gordon, Walter Hawkins, Grantham Yates, C. H. Chivers, and Master Bell are sure to please an audience, while the comic element is equally well sustained. Mezzetti, Onzella, and Mezzetti go through a wonderful performance on the triple horizontal bars. Johnny Morton and Tom Sadler, American comedians, are amusing; while the dancing spider of Pete Dwight is well worth seeing. The entertainment is brought to a conclusion by "The Double Let," supported by several prominent members of the company.

Mr. Edwin Drew announces the second Dickens' Birthday Celebration in the Banqueting Room, St. James' Hall, on 8th February. There will be an entertainment of music, readings, recitations, and scenes connected with the novelist, and afterwards a Costume Ball, in which will appear many characters from the novels. Mrs. Weldon will attend as Sergeant Buzfuz.

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CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, under the presidency of Bro. George Gardner W.M. Among those present at the meeting were:—Bros. Richard Harvey S.W., W. Gomm J.W., Dr. F. Lawrence P.M. Treasurer, George Everett P.M., T. C. Walls P.M., W. R. Dowling S.D., J. Brown J.W., R. H. Wimpey I.G., C. Riechelman Org., and other members of the Lodge. After the formal opening the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, as also was the auditors' report, which shewed a substantial balance to the credit of the members. Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. W. Thornton was impressively raised to the third degree, Bro. Gardner performing the ceremony in a most gratifying manner. Bro. Richard Harvey, the W.M. elect, was next presented, and having given his allegiance in ancient form, he was regularly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, by Bro. George Everett P.M. Bro. Harvey subsequently appointed the following as Officers for the year:—Gomm S.W., Dowling J.W., Lawrence Treasurer, F. Walden Secretary, Brown S.D., Wimpey J.D., Packer I.G., and Rowe Tyler. The Installation was then completed in due course by the delivery of the various addresses. The first act which the Worshipful Master was called upon to perform, after the Installation, was to present to his predecessor in the chair the Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him by the members of the Lodge in recognition of the way in which he had managed the work of his office. The members fully appreciated what Bro. Gardner had done for the Lodge, and wished him long life to continue his support of it. In one particular he had been most assiduous in his attention, having for the past three years worked in the most energetic manner on behalf of the Charities of Freemasonry. The brethren felt that what he had done in that respect was deserving of special recognition, and had accordingly passed a cordial vote of thanks to him, and had ordered that the expression of their good-will should be engrossed on vellum and presented to Bro. Gardner. This had been done, and Bro. Harvey had much pleasure in now publicly handing to Bro. Gardner his well-earned testimonial. The vellum, which was handsomely framed, was engrossed as follows:—

CHISWICK LODGE OF FREEMASONS,

No. 2012.

At a meeting of the above Lodge, held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Monday, November 8th, 1886, it was proposed by the Worshipful Bro. GEORGE EVERETT P.M., seconded by Bro. RICHARD HARVEY W.M. elect, and carried with acclamation, That the best thanks of the Lodge are due, and are hereby accorded to, Bro. GEORGE GARDNER, Worshipful Master, in appreciation of his valuable services as Steward to the Masonic Charities for three consecutive years, and for having by his indefatigable exertions obtained for those noble Institutions the handsome sum of £175.

That this resolution be engrossed on vellum, and presented to Bro. GARDNER on his retirement from the chair, which he has filled with such marked ability and satisfaction to the Lodge.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,

FREDERICK LAWRENCE, Treasurer.
H. FURZE, Secretary.

Bro. Gardner suitably acknowledged the two presentations, after which the sum of ten guineas was voted from the Lodge Funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of the Treasurer, who will act as a Steward for that Institution at its next Festival. Dr. Lawrence then made a presentation of an album to the Lodge, and some matters of formal business having been attended to, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. A banquet followed, after which, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, the usual toasts were honoured, and an enjoyable evening was spent. There was a very large attendance, but the arrangements made by Bro. Brill for the comfort of his guests were such as to reflect the highest credit on him, and to give satisfaction to all concerned. Among the visitors were Bros. B. Lemere P.M. 193, J. Barnett 177, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, R. Feuillade S.W. 1381, G. W. Raffle Dir. of Cers. 1381, H. Salter Dir. of Cers. 780, A. Freeman 1614, St. J. Stollery W.M. 209, K. Montgomery P.G.S.W. Middx., W. Causton P.M. 162, D. Plenderleith 177, C. Ellis S.W. 1044, H. Purdoe P.M. 834, J. H. Lansdown 1541, R. Pringle S.W. 92, G. Wright S.W. 1612, E. Coleman 145, W. H. Hooker Inner Guard 1670, C. Shannaw 857, J. Bieling Immediate Past Master 534, &c.

CANDOUR LODGE, No. 337.

THE Annual Festival of St. John was celebrated by this Lodge on the 6th instant. The brethren were summoned to meet at high twelve. Lodge opened at two p.m. A board of installed Past Masters was formed, and the ceremony of installing the late S.W., Thomas H. Tanner, as W.M. of the Lodge, was very ably performed by Bro. John Hirst P.M. The W.M. then invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. T. Stott S.W., J. W. Tanner J.W., Rev. H. Doig Chaplain, E. Rowbotham Organist, Blackburn P.M. P.P.S.G.D. D.C., W. Mallalieu S.D., J. Bradbury J.D., R. Eastwood I.G., B. B. Bradshaw P.M. Treasurer, J. Lawton P.M. Secretary (for the sixteenth year in succession), F. Fisher Captain of Stewards, James Shaw, Abel Holmes, John Moore, and James Walker assistant Stewards, Bro. A. Hawkyard Tyler. The Worshipful Master called Bro. P.M. Jas. Lawton to the pedestal, and called upon Bro Blackburn P.M. and John F. Tanner P.M. to make a presentation to Bro. Lawton, which consisted of a gold breast jewel, with crosspens on the five points of fellowship, and P.G.L.'s jewel and ribbon, also a Past Master's collar and solid P.M.'s pendant, and a purse of sovereigns new from the Mint, as a mark of the esteem of the Brethren for his gratuitous services for 15 years. The following inscription was on both the jewels—Presented to Bro. Past Master James Lawton, together with a purse of gold, by the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge of Candour, No. 337, as a mark of their esteem, and in appreciation of his services as Secretary of the Lodge for 15 years. January 6th, 1887. Though nearly every member of the Lodge had subscribed, the secret was so well kept that Bro. P.M. Lawton had not the slightest idea as to what he was called to the pedestal by the Worshipful Master for, and the consequence was that he was completely taken aback, and with the greatest difficulty could make a suitable acknowledgment of thanks to the brethren. There were about seventy brethren assembled, and this was increased to eighty at the banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and drunk during the evening, interspersed with glees, songs, &c. The brethren departed about half-past eleven, in peace and good harmony. There were twenty-seven visitors at the Lodge.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No 1693.—Held at Bros. Bakers', the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Monday, 10th inst. Bros. Flack W.M., Stockhall S.W., Collingridge (Secretary) J.W., Fenner J.D., Cooper Treasurer, Forge Preceptor, Ball I.G.; and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Snook candidate. After routine work, Lodge was closed, and adjourned till Monday, 17th inst.

PRINTERS' PENSION CORPORATION.

A VERY gratifying return has just been issued in connection with the Second South London Auxiliary of this Society, whose meetings are held on Saturday evenings, during the winter session, at Bro. J. L. Smith's, Skinners' Arms, Camberwell New-road. Smoking Concerts are now a popular institution, and deserve to be encouraged when the sole aim and object is the promotion of objects of benevolence and mutual help; and it is gratifying to learn that during fourteen weeks three réunions have taken place, and no less a sum than £64 0s 8½d has been collected in aid of the Pension Fund, Of this sum no less than £40 was contributed at a recent concert. The funds thus contributed, together with what may be received up to April next, when the session closes, will go towards the formation of another pension. We understand that other districts in London are doing equally well, and it may be hoped that the great body of printers in the metropolis will emulate the example so well set them in Camberwell.

MASONIC HALL AT LA HARPE.—The Masonic Fraternity of La Harpe, Illinois, are enterprising and prosperous. They now possess a hall which is twenty-eight feet by sixty-six feet eight inches, and which was Masonically dedicated on the 11th November 1886, by Right Worshipful Owen Scott, acting as Deputy of the Grand Master. The hall has high arches, and is well lighted, well ventilated, and finely furnished and ornamented. Its dedication services were attended by large delegations from Lodges in towns adjoining, and were thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Dr. Butler, on behalf of ladies of the Eastern Star, presented the Lodge a large and costly Bible. Her remarks were very appropriate, and aptly responded to by W. W. Gillon W.M. The Lodge was formed 29th March 1856, with Bro. C. C. Sympson as its Master, under dispensation. It was chartered 6th October 1856, as La Harpe Lodge, No. 195, with the same brother as Master, and he was present at the dedication. In the mean time he has filled numerous civil positions, among which is that of Clerk of the Senate of the United States, he having received that appointment 1st December 1861, and having been retained until this time.

INHERENT RIGHT.—Bro. Drummond holds "that the Grand Lodge of Quebec acquired its sovereign authority from the inherent right of a majority of the Lodges in that Province to form a Grand Lodge with exclusive jurisdiction, without the permission of any man or body of men." Inherent right? Bosh! When and where did any Lodge acquire the "inherent right" to dimit all the members of another Lodge and force them into allegiance to itself? When and where did a majority of Lodges acquire the "inherent right" to non-affiliate all the members of a minority of Lodges in the same Province and coerce them into a new allegiance? Such talk means that the minority of Lodges have no rights which the majority shall respect. More: it means the basest assumption and usurpation, and the vilest despotism, and is as un-Masonic as Hades. It is high time that Masonry freed itself from such hideous shackles. Verily, it seems some of the Craft have forgotten that ours is "the land of the free, and home of the brave," and that the quintessence of fraternity is unity by free will and accord.—*Voice.*

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday last, when there were present, Comps. Hallows M.E.Z., Dean H., Barnet J., Sheffield S.E., Liebmann S.N., Radcliffe P.S. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a fair attendance. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a perfect manner.

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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, and supply them with all necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large numbe of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time.

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OUR INSTITUTIONS.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 8th instant, Brother Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G. Treasurer, in the chair. Amongst others present were Bros. J. L. Mather, J. H. Matthews, Peter de Lande Long, C. F. Matier, W. Dodd, Neville Green, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, G. Coop, George Prestige, F. R. W. Hedges Secretary, &c. After the minutes of last Quarterly Communication had been read and confirmed, a letter from Mrs. Joshua Nunn, in answer to one from the Secretary of this Institution, conveying the resolution of condolence with her and her family in their bereavement, was read as follows:—

Mrs. Joshua Nunn and members of her family wish to thank the Brethren and all connected with the Institution most sincerely for the very kind feeling they evinced for her late dear husband at their meeting on Saturday last, also for the remembrance and sympathy for her in her heavy bereavement.

Bocking Hall, near Braintree,
Oct. 14th, 1886.

It was agreed that this reply be entered on the minutes.

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Bro. J. H. Matthews then moved the following recommendation of the General Committee :—

"That in consequence of three of the Girls Elected in October last being below the age for admission in January, the three highest unsuccessful candidates on the poll at the above Election be admitted by the Quarterly General Court, in accordance with the recent addition to Law 60."

It was agreed that the three highest unsuccessful girls at the October election—Clark, Steng, and Goodchild—be admitted to the benefits of the Institution. Twenty-nine candidates were declared eligible for the election in April, for which there will be twenty-four vacancies. 244 girls now receive the benefits of the Institution, as compared with 100 in December 1872. Bro. Hedges read a letter from Bro. H. W. Hemsworth P.M. 190, in which that brother, after some preliminary observations, said, with reference to the meeting,

In case any reference should be made to the Jubilee year. As Her Majesty the Queen is Grand Patroness of the Institution, I think something ought to be done. I should not object to subscribe any sum not exceeding 100 guineas. I leave you to propose to the General Committee what you may deem suitable for the occasion, and if you prefer any active member of the Committee to bring it forward, I would suggest the name of Bro. Raynham Stewart.

Bro. J. H. Matthews said the question of the Jubilee had been taken into consideration by Grand Lodge, and a circular was to be issued by the Grand Secretary on the subject. He thought until that circular had been sent out, and the propositions in it were known, any suggestions had better stand over. Bro. Horace B. Marshall suggested that Bro. Hemsworth's letter should be acknowledged by the Secretary, and then referred to the General Committee for consideration, and he moved a resolution to this effect. This was seconded by Bro. J. H. Matthews; it was put, and carried unanimously. The customary vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Those of "Our Girls" who are staying at the School of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls during the winter holidays enjoyed the annual Twelfth Night Entertainment on Monday, at the School at Battersea Rise. There were about fifty of the pupils present, and a fair number of visitors. Shortly after the arrival of the latter at the Institution, tea was partaken of, and later in the evening a successful and interesting exhibition of jugglery was witnessed by those present. This was succeeded by dancing, and then followed some well executed performances with marionettes, which, together with some humorous selections by Bro. G. S. Graham, including his celebrated whistling performance, brought the programme to a conclusion.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Boys' School was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. Roebuck Grand Sword Bearer in the chair. He was supported by Bros. G. J. Dunkley, C. F. Hogard, W. H. Saunders, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), Raynham W. Stewart, Wm. Masters, G. King, C. H. Webb, W. Purnell, A. E. Gladwell, T. Cubitt, R. Eve, F. Binckes (Secretary), &c. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. R. W. Stewart P.G.D. proposed, and Bro. C. F. Hogard seconded, a motion to amend Law 29, so as to read—

"Quarterly General Courts shall be held on the Monday immediately following the second Saturday in January, April,—except when in the latter month, that day shall fall on Easter Monday, then on the next following Monday," &c.

This motion was agreed to. Brother R. W. Stewart, P.G.D., moved, on behalf of Brother Moon, Vice-Patron :

"That Law 37 be amended so as to read in future—That the Meeting of the House Committee be held on the 'third Friday' in lieu of the 'last Friday but one' in every month."

Brother A. E. Gladwell P.M. 172 seconded the motion, which was carried. Bro. C. F. Hogard, Vice-President, moved—

"To add to Law 29 the following clause :—Voting papers duly issued for all Elections of Boys, after being properly signed, shall continue valid for the current Election, notwithstanding that the voter may have died between the time of signing the proxy and the day of Election."

Bro. Hogard stated that in the Girls' School the voting papers were available for the whole year. Brother A. E. Gladwell P.M. 172 seconded the motion; he thought the change would be in harmony with that of the Girls' School. After other brethren had expressed their opinions, the motion was carried. Brother R. W. Stewart P.G.D. moved the adoption of a recommendation from the General Committee that—

"Twenty-five boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Monday, 18th April 1887, from an approved list of 45 candidates, thus increasing the number of boys educated, clothed, and maintained to 258.

Brother C. F. Hogard seconded the motion. Brother Webb moved that the number be 27 instead of 25, so as to make the total 260. Bro. Binckes said he should like it to be 27; but he could not get this agreed to at the Committee, though he tried. The Quarterly Court had no power to increase, although they could reduce the number recommended. The original motion was carried. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. occupied the chair; he was supported by Bros. Frederick Davidson P.G.D., T. Cubitt P.G.P., James Brett P.G.P., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Samuel Brooks, John Bulmer, C. H. Driver, W. B. Daniell, W. Belchamber, Hugh Cotter, Alex. Forsyth, J. Freeman, Albert Fish, W. Hilton, Charles Lacey, Charles Belton, Louis Stean, A. H. Tattershall, W. Vaughan Morgan, W. M. Bywater, H. J. Strong, Charles J. Perceval, J. A. Farnfield, W. J. Murlis, C. G. Hill, Charles F. Hogard, John E. Dawson, John L. Mather, S. B. Wilson, and James Terry Secretary. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of four annuitants (two male and two female), and of a male candidate. The Warden's report having been read and accepted, and that of the Finance Committee adopted, both were ordered to be entered on the minutes. An application by the widow of a deceased annuitant for the half of her husband's annuity was granted. A female candidate's name was withdrawn from the list. The petitions of 25 candidates (14 men and 11 widows) were then considered, and with one exception were accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the lists for the May election. The customary vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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LOYAL BERKSHIRE LODGE OF HOPE, No. 574.

FRIDAY, the 7th instant, was a red letter day in the history of Freemasonry in this town, a numerous assemblage of the Officers and Brethren of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, together with a number of Visitors, taking place on the occasion of the installation of the Senior Warden (Bro. Harman S. Hannington) as Worshipful Master. The Lodge was opened at the Temperance Hall, at four o'clock, and after an initiation ceremony, Past Master Stephen Knight installed, in an able manner, Bro. Hannington as Worshipful Master. A handsome Past Master's jewel was subsequently presented to the Immediate Past Master Bro. Montagu Palmer, the presentation being made by the newly installed W.M. The Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year. were then appointed and invested by the W.M., as follows :—Bros. Montagu Palmer I.P.M., Nundy S.W., Hawkins J.W., the Rev. J. Atkins Chaplain, W. H. Belcher Treasurer, S. Knight Secretary, Newbery S.D., Maples J.D., W. Knight D.C., Harrold I.G. Canning and Neate Stewards, Legg Tyler. At close of the business on the agenda the brethren adjourned to the Council Chamber, where a banquet was served by Bro. Hamlen. Through the kindness of Mr. Stephen Knight jun., the Council Chamber had been decorated with festoons of evergreens and flowers, Masonic emblems, &c. The decorations were exceptionally good, and conspicuous amongst them was a representation of the Prince of Wales' plume, arranged above the stone mantelpiece at the rear of the head table. The Worshipful Master presided, and the company, which numbered about 50, included Bro. W. G. Mount, M.P., and Bro. C. T. Murdoch, M.P., each of whom met with an enthusiastic reception. The customary Masonic toasts were honoured, and the health of the Worshipful Master, proposed by Bro. Mount, M.P., was drunk with great cordiality, as were also the toasts of the Immediate Past Master, the Treasurer and Secretary, and other Officers of the Lodge. The toast of the Masonic Charities was eloquently proposed by Bro. Murdoch, M.P. The Visitors returned by the 9·50 train, but the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge continued their sitting until about 11 o'clock, when a very enjoyable and successful Masonic Festival came to an end.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, London, E.C., on Saturday, the 8th inst., when there were present: Bros. F. W. Potter W.M., Robt. Fendick I.P.M., H. J. Bertram S.W., Robert Gr[illegible] J.W., N. B. Headon P.M.

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Treasurer, W. Baber P.M. Secretary, W. Cook P.M. S.D., W. F. Bertram Dir. of Cers., E. Wesley Organist, H. J. Frost I.G., W. B. Mozley and T. Keene Stewards, Robert Potter P.M. Tyler; Past Masters F. T. C. Keeble, James Stevens, G. W. Blackie, W. F. Kibble, Jno. Seex; Bros. G. M. Fraser, J. K. Gwyn, A. J. Coleman, R. Brookman, J. Cooper, F. Bailey, G. Jenkins, Julian Hartley, J. K. Hooper, G. W. Robson, Henry Dottridge, J. Greebe, J. R. Hartley, O. Bowen, B. C. W. Petersen, G. W. Hatcher, F. J. Biggs, J. W. Colmer; and the following Visitors:—Bro. C. N. McSutrie North 1559, J. C. Main Secretary 1531, T. W. Wilcox 1314, E. Wendover P.M. 171, E. J. Goodale P.M. 1531, C. Grassi S.W. 1559, W. Wilkinson P.M. 167. The Lodge was opened punctually at 3·15 p.m., and the minutes of the last regular meeting having been approved and confirmed, Bro. Jacques Greebe was raised to the degree of M.M. Ballots were taken for Messrs. George William Hatcher, architect, and B. C. W. Petersen, merchant, which proving unanimous in their favour they were severally introduced and initiated into the Order. The whole of the ceremonial work of the degree was performed with that care and perfection which has characterised the Officers of this Lodge since its institution, and which always finds much encouragement from those members of other Lodges who have the opportunity for visiting The Great City. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren dined together in the Pillar Hall. The customary toasts were duly honoured, and the responses were brief and earnest. The Worshipful Master having expressed his intention of attending the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in June next, as Steward, received many subscriptions to his list from members of the Lodge, and there is no doubt that his efforts on behalf of that Charity will result in a substantial addition to its funds. An appeal on behalf of a candidate for admission to the School at the next election—a son of the late lamented Bro. Gwyn Parker—was made by Bro. N. B. Headon P.M., and many promises of assistance were given. A very pleasant evening was spent in harmony—Bro. E. Wesley, the Organist of the Lodge, presiding at the pianoforte—and amongst the several brethren whose instrumental and vocal efforts greatly added to the general enjoyment, may be mentioned Bros. Jacques Greebe (Musical Director of the Brighton Aquarium), W. F. Bertram, H. J. Frost, W. B. Mozley, James Stevens P.M., W. F. Kibble P.M., and C. Grassi (a visitor). The party broke up about half-past ten, much pleased with the entire evening's proceedings, and with interchange of seasonable compliments.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE January meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Martin W.M., who was supported by the following Past Masters:—Usher Back, T. H. Peirce, W. W. Morgan, J. Linsdell, and F. J. Hentsch. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Horace Henry Hunt, Arthur Henry Hancock, and Edmund Thomas Bagley, each of whom was proposed by Bro. Challen, and seconded by the Worshipful Master; these gentlemen were accepted, and will be initiated at the next meeting. Bros. Henry Percy Harrison, Orlton Cooper, and George Cockrell were raised, and then the Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months was elected; the choice of the brethren falling on Bro. F. T. Bennett, while Bro. Alfred Green P.M. was elected to the office of Treasurer, and Bro. Banks as Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring Worshipful Master (Bro. H. Martin), as a mark of the appreciation of the brethren of the way in which he had discharged his duties during the year. The circular from the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon was read, but its consideration was deferred until the next meeting. The resignation of one member was received, and accepted with regret. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Among the visitors were Bros. L. Beck P.P.G.O. Middlesex, W. S. Dunkley P.G.A.P. Middlesex and F. J. Bonham S.D. 1305. Bro. W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary was at his usual post.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 309.

THE annual meeting of the members of this Lodge took place at the Red Lion Hotel, Farnham, on 6th inst., when Bro. W. A. Hill S.W. was duly installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. There was an unusually large attendance, including the following Installed Masters:—Bros. Edgar Goble Prov. Grand Secretary, J. B. Goldsmith P.P.G.W., Rev. A. A. Headley P.P.G. Chaplain, H. Cawte P.P.G.W., J. Mason (London) P.P.G.D., Asher Barfield P.P.G.D., A. R. Holbrook, J. W. Gieve, D. G. Gilmour P.G.S.D., T. H. Williams, R. W. Houghton, E. Pratt, G. L. Stobbs, G. Darby, W. G. Gilbert, W. Smoker, I. S. Gardner, J. Golding, J. Brickwood P.P.G.D., G. Whitehall, F. Sanders P.G.S., S. Smith, G. Bond P.P.G.S.B., and T. P. Hall. There were also present Bros. H. Cooke, Dr. E. T. Crouch, Dr. B. H. Mumby, G. Harry, H. E. Bate, T. W. Haydon, T. Whiteman, W. Lee, H. Andrew, A. W. Leaver, J. H. Lyon, E. H. Cooper, Harry Love, C. O. Smith, W. Robins, C. Reader, E. H. Buck, J. Cottered, R. Fraser, J. Wickens, J. Bryant, G. Aylward, W. A. Rowe, and J. S. Beckervaise. The ceremony of installing the new Worshipful Master was performed in a most impressive manner by Brother D. G. Gilmour, the outgoing W.M., to whom a special vote of thanks was passed and a handsome jewel was presented in recognition of his services during the past year. The Worshipful Master appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. D. G. Gilmour I.P.M., H. Cooke S.W., Dr. E. T. Crouch J.W., Rev. A. C. Hervey Chaplain, J. B. Goldsmith Treasurer, Rev. A. A. Headley Secretary, G. Harry S.D., Harry Love J.D., C. O. Smith I.G., W. Lee Organist, T. W. Haydon Dir. of Cers., W. H. Bolitho and E. H. Cooper Stewards, R. Eames Tyler. After the ceremony a banquet was served in the large hall adjoining the Red Lion Hotel, by George Bond, who catering gave general satisfaction. Bro. W. A. Hill W.M. presided, and efficiently conducted the proceedings. A capital musical programme was arranged to intersperse the toasts, Bro. E. H. Cooper undertaking the duties of accompanyist.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at York. Bro. W. Brown Worshipful Master in the chair, and there were also present Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Simpson P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., John Blenkin P.M., G. Balmford P.M. and Treasurer, W. B. Dyson S.W., S. J. Dalton J.W., Jas. Kay Secretary, W. Lackenby S.D., George Lamb J.D., J. H. Shonksmith Steward, Wm. Storey I.G.; also Bros. P. Pearson, W. Blenkin, E. Wilkinson, F. W. Halliwell, W. H. A. Coates, R. Ware, W. Ream, J. Mennell, J. Smith, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. H. Allison 1001, W. A. Todd Naylor 1168, M. Bryson 236, Major McGachen 236, and others. The business consisted of a passing to the second degree, after which the W.M. presented, on behalf of Bro. Goldthorpe, to the Lodge library, a copy of that brother's history of the St. George's Lodge. Bro. Whytehead presented a framed symbolical engraving of 1790, and Bro. Halliwell gave a set of electro-plated sugar crushers. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren spent a pleasant evening in love and harmony.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Saturday afternoon, the 8th instant, in the Leeds Masonic Hall, George Street, Leeds. The W.M. (Bro. Chas. Letch Mason P.M. and P.P.G.Treasurer) was supported by Dr. Smyth P.G.Chaplain I.P.M., Bros. Tudor Trevor P.M. S.W., W. Watson P.M. J.W., C. Middleton Secretary, R. Abbott Treasurer, S. Scott Young S.D., J. T. Fretwell J.D., M. W. Jameson I.G., Howarth Organist, J. Atkinson and Walter Storey D. of Ceremonies, Butterworth and Milling Stewards, and S. Barrand Tyler. Following the laudable custom initiated by him, the W.M. had sent out official invitations to the W.M., P.M.'s, officers and brethren of his mother Lodge (Philanthropic, No. 304), and there was a satisfactory response, the invitations having been accepted by the W.M. Bro. T. Meyers, the W.M. elect Bro. J. Brownfoot, Bro. José Rickards J.W., Bro. W. H. Howson Secretary, Bro. Cockerline S.D., and the following Past Masters:—R. Craig P.P.G.D., W. F. Tomlinson, and Hill. Among the general body of Visitors, of whom there was a good muster, were Bro. H. France P.P.G.D.C. (1019), A. Hess (1019), Chas. Normanton, E. Barber (Love and Honour), J. W. Bailey, &c. Rev. Bro. Henry Evans, M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, Dewsbury Road, was balloted for as a joining member and accepted. Mr. Chas. Cryer and Mr. Edward Bentley were balloted for, and being approved were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremonies being worked in that efficient and impressive manner for which this Lodge is celebrated. The Provincial Grand Chaplain next gave his admirable exposition of the Tracing Board in this degree. Worshipful Brother Tudor Trevor P.M. S.W. then delivered his instructive and admirable lecture upon the two great pillars of the Temple. He said that some agreed with Josephus that they were placed outside, or at the entrance, whilst others placed them inside the porch, on each side of the gate. Whatever their exact situation, these pillars stood on the right and left, and were admired as well for their marvellous beauty and workmanship as for their symbolical meaning. They were cast in brass, B.C. 1005, in the clayey ground between Succoth and Zaredatha, by Hiram of Tyre, who was filled with wisdom and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. The height of each pillar was 18 cubits or 27 feet, and their circumference 12 cubits or 18 feet. Including the chapiter, which was 7½ feet, the total height was 33 feet 9 inches, but as the porch was 240 feet in height their loftiness need not surprise us. On each pillar was set a chapiter, the precise form of which has caused much discussion, some describing it as a crown, and some as two crowns joined together, others as a globe or spherical body. The probable shape of the chapiter was an oval. Besides the pillars being very beautiful ornaments to the Temple, they were most probably erected by King Solomon as memorials to the Israelites of God's protecting providence. Such memorial pillars have existed not only from the earliest times, as seen in the Egyptian obelisks, but we read of Jacob commemorating by a pillar at Bethel his vision of the angelic host ascending and descending from earth to Heaven on a ladder, then another at Galead in memory of his alliance to Laban. Joshua, Samuel, Absolom and others erected memorial pillars; so no doubt in these two pillars King Solomon desired to perpetuate in the minds of the children of Israel God's providence over them in the wilderness, and to remind them as they daily passed into the Temple of His abundant and repeated promises of support. The support of the Temple virtually depended, it would appear, on these two magnificent columns, and as their erection was typical of the wealth and splendour of King Solomon, so their destruction was typical of the ruin and annihilation of the Jewish nation. [illegible]ns, those pillars had great and important lessons, o[illegible]alty, and of charity. No Freemason could be an infidel or a blasphemer, or a slanderer, if he lived up to his great privileges and obligations. As the Temple was divided into three parts—the Porch, the Sanctuary, and the Holy of Holies—so Freemasonry is divided into three degrees, and as in the Temple each step brought the worshipper nearer the Holy of Holies, so in the Temple of Freemasonry we were led step by step nearer the object of our researches, and we were reminded of the impartial justice of the Most High, who had defined for our instruction the limits of good and evil, and that He would hereafter

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reward or punish as we had obeyed or disregarded His divine commands. Pray we and act we, brethren, that we may each so live in this earthly temple that when we shall be summoned hence we may ascend to the Grand Lodge above where the world's great Architect lives and rules for evermore. A cordial vote of thanks was enthusiastically passed to the Senior Warden for his paper, the visiting brethren being especially hearty in their expression of thanks. W. Bro. Watson P.M. J.W. moved, that 10 guineas be voted out of the Lodge funds towards endowing the W.M.'s chair for Old Men's and Women's Benevolent Funds. He said at the present moment there were something like 130 old men and women waiting to get on the Fund, there being only 2 or 3 vacancies. We can hardly picture to ourselves the distress and suffering which this means. In many cases, unless the Craft subscribe liberally, a number of these poor people would be thrown upon the parish. It was a most deplorable state of things, and he felt sure the brethren of their Lodge would do their share towards finding a remedy. As the Festival came on in February he had somewhat hurried his motion, but its extreme urgency must be his excuse. W. Bro. Trevor S.W. seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously. W. Bro. Trevor S.W. gave notice of a resolution appropriating three guineas from the funds of the Lodge towards the Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Fund. That noble and deserving Charity was urgently in need of funds, and whilst they did what they could for the great London Charities, they must not forget their duty nearer home. Bro. Myers (W.M. Philanthropic) expressed his sincere acknowledgments to W. Bro. C. L. Mason for the invitation he had sent to the Philanthropic Lodge. He was sure that he and all the members of his Lodge who had accepted that invitation had enjoyed a great treat in listening to the lecture of Bro. Trevor, and seeing the manner in which the business of Lodge Prudence was carried on. It must be a great encouragement to the brethren when they had the opportunity of listening to such lectures, and he wished the example were followed by other Lodges. W. Bro. Tomlinson P.M. 304 also thanked the W.M. for his invitation, and said that he had initiated in that direction a practice which commended itself to all, and one which he trusted the other Leeds Lodges would follow. Bro. Robert Abbott Treas. having announced that his son was a candidate for initiation in the Lodge, hearty good wishes were reciprocated, and a hymn and a passage of scripture closed the proceedings. An adjournment was made to the Banqueting Hall, where an ample and seasonable repast was partaken of by a large company. Under the direction of Bro. Howarth, an effective programme of music, songs and recitations was gone through, and alike to the members and visitors the evening was a most happy one.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No 3.—At the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday, the 5th instant, Bro. Fraser took the chair, with Bros. Boyden and Surridge as Wardens, and there were a number of other members present. Lodge having been duly opened, and minutes confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ament acting as candidate. Then followed the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, with Bro. Gregory as candidate. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed to first, when Bro. Boyden was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The brethren adjourned to the first meeting of the "Fidelity Charity Society," an association formed to enable brethren and others to become Life Governors and Subscribers to the Masonic Institutions by the payment of one shilling weekly.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—At the meeting of this Lodge of Instruction at Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 6th instant, the ceremony of installation of W.M., with ceremonial of constituting a Board of Installed Masters, was rehearsed by the Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens, in the presence of a numerous gathering of members and visitors from other Lodges, a fair proportion of whom were acting or Past Masters in the Craft. Among those present were:—Bros. J. Leach Barrett S.D., Geo. Moss P.M., A. Foreman J.W., W. W. Munday S.W. and W.M. elect, James Amsden W.M., of 1201; F. C. Rush S.W. and W.M. elect, and W. Parder P.M. 1851, W. Berry, A. Milwells, J. F. Smith, A. Jardine 2029, B. Williams, J. R. Pitt, C. Daniel 65, F. Warden, J. S. Lavington P.M. 857, J. W. Johnson P.M. 1320, A. C. Anstacher W.M. 73, W. Klingenstein P.M., A. Poore W.M. 1949, W. H. Paddle P.M. P.Z. P.G.D.C. Surrey. The respective openings and closings of the Lodge in the several degrees were performed in accordance with the Preceptor's views, with regard to the original working in the early part of the present century, and afforded opportunity for noting several of the more important innovations and divergencies which have affected the ritual as at present elsewhere rendered. Whether or not a perfect agreement with the endeavour this Lodge of Instruction is making to restore the purity of ritual and ceremonial can be accorded generally, it cannot fail to be of great interest to all studious and earnest members of the Craft desirous of instruction and information on doubtful or debatable points. On the above occasion a ready acknowledgment of services rendered was accorded to the Preceptor, who undertook to repeat the same ceremony in February next. The Lodge meets as above every Thursday, at half-past six p.m.

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SATURDAY, 15th JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
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.
1384—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 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. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

611—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 17th JANUARY.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
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.
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.)
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.)
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, 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
2000—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1869—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
K.T. 38—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 18th JANUARY.

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 Mansions 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,
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
869—Bull-calse, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
901—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1054—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1449—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1869—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1951—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1120—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1216—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, 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. 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. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great WesternHotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 19th 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, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, 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, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
578—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst.)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
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
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
1476—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 816 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
152.—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (I.)
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)
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
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, A Portland-st., Regent-st., 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—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Peckham.
425—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
637—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
681—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
681—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
692—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
694—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
833—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
899—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worksop
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Ashton-street, Walsall
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1056—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1128—St. Chad, Rochdale Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester

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1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1346—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1391—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
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1968—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. 417—[illegible]th and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
R.A. 58C—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 633—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1333—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1360—Vermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 136—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 20th 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)
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)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (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
18'—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1458—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, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
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. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aboburch 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.
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 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. 1316—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—Belief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
96—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
533—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1613—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1589—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 283—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Haslingden
R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith
R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raigan Tavern, Plumstead
R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

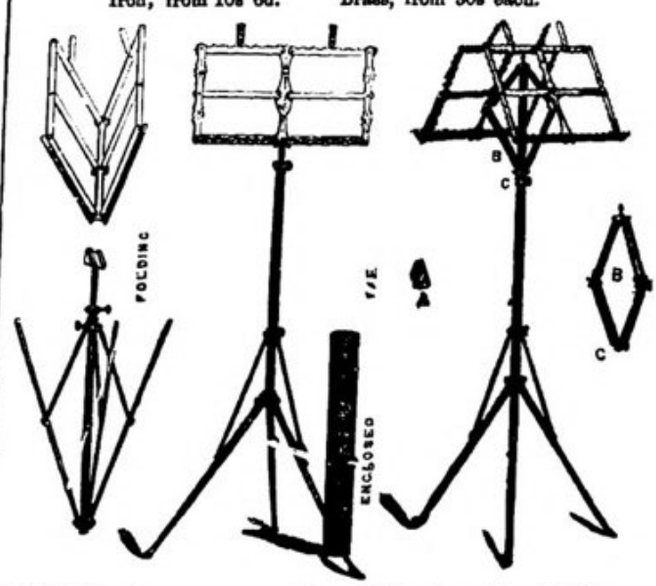
FRIDAY, 21st JANUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, at 8. (I)
768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (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)
1116—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instrction)
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)
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).
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. 176—Era, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. 46—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
153—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. (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1963—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
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. 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Winborne
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, 22nd JANUARY.

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)
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
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A JUBILEE YEAR SUGGESTION.

WE have often heard it remarked by brethren when in complacent mood that "Masonry is a succession of pleasant surprises"—that, no matter how far we may have travelled along the "hidden path," there are constantly new scenes and fresh sources of enjoyment opening up to the diligent student of the Art. If this be true in respect of the fraternal sentiments that are engendered by frequently mingling with the members of our Brotherhood, it is none the less so when opportunities are afforded of exercising that virtue which is the "distinguishing characteristic of every Freemason's heart"—Charity. The Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign will undoubtedly reveal to us many new and special objects to which it will not only be appropriate, but beneficial, that we should direct our attention. It is quite clear, from the signs and symptoms everywhere around us, that this is to be a memorable year in the annals of the Masonic Craft, equally as it will be so from a national point of view. There is already a pleasant ruffle on the surface of the waters, premonitory of social and festive gatherings which will take place in every corner of the Queen's dominions on the auspicious anniversary of her coronation. The "leading spirits" of our Lodges are reasoning together as to the most befitting means of celebrating the Jubilee of the illustrious Patron of English Freemasonry, and committees are even thus early being formed for the purpose of framing and maturing the necessary arrangements. In no stratum of society will the patriotic pulse beat more heartily than in the body of the Ancient and Honourable Institution of which it is the pride and pleasure of so many thousands of our fellow-countrymen to profess and call themselves members; and it is no empty anticipation to predict that amongst the two thousand and odd Lodges that stand on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, to say nothing of Chapters and various other adjuncts to Freemasonry, there will not be one to stand isolated from the rest in making some demonstration of loyalty and rejoicing in connection with the glorious Jubilee. The circular issued by our Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, to which we last week alluded at some length, has proved a touchstone to every Lodge within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge; and although there may be divergencies of opinion on some minor matters of detail in the proposals which have been shadowed forth, yet upon the main scheme of the Jubilee commemoration there will be no disparity of view whatever.

Apart, however, from the general aspect of the subject, even so far as it affects our own particular Craft, there is a very apparent desire that something special shall be done to stamp the Jubilee era upon the annals of Freemasonry, and the suggestion to which it is our intention to refer in this article will commend itself to many of our readers as particularly appropriate. In a month from this time the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be upon us, and notwithstanding we have heard the wish reiterated frequently of late that Bro. Terry may have "a bumper" on that occasion, there are many clouds that darken the horizon of that hope. It is plainly evident that the number of deserving applicants for the benefit of that Institution is hugely in excess of the resources of the committee to deal with, and under ordinary circumstances it would be utterly hopeless to imagine that one tithe of the cases—all of which we may presume are urgent—can be met. In connection with this condition of things, it occurs to us as strikingly opportune that the Jubilee of our widowed Queen should be made an occasion for a grand and special effort on behalf of a large number of other widows, who are appealing for sympathy and succour, and which under existing circumstances we are positively unable to give. We stand face to face with the unpleasant fact that although there are at present only two vacancies in the "Old People's List," there is a formidable array of seventy-eight poor and deserving widows knocking at our gates, and craving for that shelter and assistance to which virtually they are entitled. Now, presuming that in the ordinary course there may be six more vacancies—and that would be an outside calculation—even then we shall find that seventy of these widows must inevitably be left "out in the cold." Provided that by any stretch of our imagination the committee could see their way to place twenty additional widow candidates on the list—which is going to the most extreme limit of what they possibly could do—that would still leave fifty helpless and despairing. Considering, then, that this is the fiftieth year of the reign of our widowed Queen, is not this a particularly apt moment to enquire what can be done for those fifty other widows who, under any possible circumstances, must stand aside unless an almost superhuman effort be made to rescue them from indigence and misery? To place them all absolutely on the fund would entail an all-round expenditure of over three hundred pounds to each widow; and, giving an average of ten years, which is a low estimate, seeing that some of our "Old Folks" live on to eighty, and some, happily, to ninety years of age, it means the raising of a clear lump sum of fifteen thousand pounds.

Now, is it asking too much, considering the wealth that exists amongst the aggregate of the members of the Masonic Order, that a special fund of £15,000 should be created as a means of commemorating, in purely Masonic fashion, Her Majesty's triumphant Jubilee? We think not, and venture to believe that when the matter is thought out the idea will strike the great bulk of our brethren as extremely simple and practicable. In the first place, if we are to deal at all with these fifty poor old women it must be done "out and out," absolutely, and at once, by a special fund during the Jubilee year. And at the expiration of the ten years' average of life to which we have alluded, in case there should be aught remaining of this £15,000, the residue might go into the general coffers of the Institution, to be applied either to the increase of the widows' pensions, or to any other purpose which the committee might deem most suitable. Any other arrangement would only be of a "hand-to-mouth" character, for supposing twenty only were placed on the fund, the probability is that no fresh vacancies would occur for two or three years, and brethren who had candidates on whose behalf they were solicitous and working hard would argue that it was futile to continue subscribing to an institution whose doors were closed to the admission of any new cases.

As we have already pointed out, there are upwards of two thousand private Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, beside an almost innumerable list of Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Lodges of Instruction—the latter of which, by-the-bye, are no inconsiderable factor in the aggregate of Masonic Benevolence—and other degrees of Freemasonry. But, taking the private Lodges

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alone, and setting aside for a moment all the rest, we will suppose that they each subscribe the small sum o seven pounds ten shillings beyond their normal contribution, and the grand result which we venture to lay before them is instantly achieved. It is a fair computation that these Lodges will average a minimum of forty subscribing members each; and it needs but little calculation to demonstrate that this Special Fund could be immediately raised, were every individual member of our Lodges to put his hand in his pocket and contribute a modest five shillings. Such a bagatelle would never be missed by even the humblest member of our Craft, and see what a glorious triumph would be attained—a result not only proudly beneficial to our youngest Charitable Institution but redounding infinitely more than anything that has been done in recent years to the credit of the Order. Failing this, or any other scheme which may develop itself between now and then—if, through the lowness of the subscriptions last year the Committee do not feel themselves capable of incurring any additional risk at all—then even a more modest proposal is open for adoption. There are in all 130 candidates for admission to the benefits of the Charity, that is reckoning both sexes; and supposing the idea be carried out that the Queen, being a widow and having reigned fifty years, therefore that fifty other widows were relieved, it might be urged that no provision whatever is made for the male candidates. But when we found that the supporters of the Widows' Special Fund came forward with their donations, the male fund, which has its particular share in the general contributions to the Charity, would unquestionably be benefited in a more modest, if not to a corresponding, degree. We deal with the widows especially at this time, on the principle that it is to commemorate the Jubilee of our beloved Queen, who is herself a widow. Then, failing the greater scheme which we have sketched above, we come back to the original calculation—that there are 130 candidates for admission, and out of these there will probably be from a dozen to twenty elected, leaving 110 still unprovided for. How would it be to present to the first fifty who secured the highest number of votes the sum of £10 absolutely as a Jubilee consolation gift? This would absorb £500; to the next twenty-five highest £7 10s each, involving the additional sum of £187 10s; and to the remainder of the applicants £5 each, or another £175. In round figures this would amount to a total contribution of £900, allowing a margin for small necessary expenses connected with the collection; and surely this sum, spread over the great body of our Fraternity, is not too much to ask.

We do not desire to say one word in reference to the debatable features of the circular which our Pro Grand Master has issued in relation to the Royal Jubilee, but when we consider that Masons everywhere are asked to subscribe their guinea towards a national memorial which, though emanating directly from our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and therefore engaging his warmest attention, is not essentially Masonic, there can be no inappropriateness in placing either of the suggestions above outlined before the Craft as deserving of special attention at this eventful period. The Grand "Commemoration Festival" might still be held, with its substantial result, for the benefit of the three Charities; but this special effort on behalf of the widows would raise a splendid tribute of "Devotion to the Craft," whilst no way infringing upon the other portion of our motto—"Loyalty to the Throne." The only other hint we throw out is, that Lodges having funds in hand may be induced to vote a grant of say five or ten guineas for this special effort, and then the general contribution would be made still lighter, and would be infinitesimally felt. On the principle that such examples invariably find imitators, it is only necessary for one to begin then others would emulate the idea and a substantial result could be recorded. We proffer these observations, as our Pro Grand Master did his now much-discussed circular, "confidentially," in the hope that our readers may regard it in the same spirit, and communicate their opinions on the subject to us at "their earliest convenience."

SEEING THE UNSEEN.

ANY fool can see that which stands out objectively and plainly before him, but it requires a wise man to see the unseen. All Freemasons should be wise men, and many of them are. Their ability to draw aside the veil which separates between the appearance and the reality of things, to enter into the secret crypt and discover long lost truths, is proverbial. Freemasonry itself is a mental telescope, designed to assist the spiritual sight of the immortals who are its initiates. By its aid, under its instruction, they learn the sublimest truths of the here and the hereafter. They learn these truths symbolically, according to a system which is peculiar to itself. All of these truths are old, for there is nothing new in Masonry, but some of them are so old as to be regarded as out of date by the *profane*. Not so by Freemasons. Truth is always truth, and never becomes superannuated. The old truths constantly need to be made new to popular apprehension—as a thoughtful writer has forcibly phrased it, so as to become "truth out of truth, a thousand times reverified, self-illustrated, made self-luminous." This is what Freemasonry strives to do, to make real the old ideals, to so clothe the eternal verities as to render them tangible to the senses, visible to the eye of the mind, attractive to the imagination, so that the intellect may comprehend them, the heart feel them, and the whole physical and spiritual entity of man be made subject to their sway. Our Fraternity is a rendezvous for thinkers, a republic of initiates who have inherited Masonic light and knowledge, and who are willing, nay, anxious, discreetly to communicate it to those who seek it and are worthy.

We "let light into the nature of things." As the sun in the heavens, when it sheds its effulgent rays clothes the earth with a garment of light, so Freemasonry when it speaks to its initiates by sign and symbol makes clear to their understandings some world truths of priceless worth. By its aid they rise to new life, lift the veil, enter the crypt, and see the unseen. Happy the Brother who "marks, learns and inwardly digests" the rich mental food offered him by the Masonic Fraternity. Such a Brother is a true "son of Light;" in him is no darkness at all.

Is there any Brother that glances over these paragraphs who has eyes which have seen not, and ears which have heard not, the *secrets* of Freemasonry which are hidden in its symbols? Has he seen the objective, without apprehending the subjective? If so he has failed to see the unseen, failed to be a true Freemason. Each Masonic jewel, each implement of our Craft, each piece of furniture in the Lodge Room, each symbol, each official title, each Masonic ceremony, from the least to the greatest, is an object-lesson to craftsmen, a truth teacher. They point Godward, Masonward and selfward. They teach us our obligations to the Grand Architect of the Universe, our Maker; to our brethren, our equals; and to ourselves, of whom alone we need to be afraid. We should love our Maker, love our fellows, and fear only ourselves.

Could the world well dispense with this race of Masonic seers. We trow not. At all events, the world has never in all of the ages been without exemplars of the Fraternity which teaches its initiates to see the unseen.

How little do we actually see even of material things—how much we are compelled to take upon trust. We dwell upon a great habitable globe, only a speck of which is familiar to us. We live in a human period which includes some six thousand years, and yet a mere span of this time is known to us personally. We are compelled to see, if we see at all, the unseen in time and space through the eyes of history and biography, of chronology and geology. And then what is our tiny globe to the myriad hosts of heaven—the sun and moon, the stars and planets? And what is time to eternity, and earth to heaven? Do we not need to learn how to see the unseen? Should Freemasons not avail themselves of their manifold opportunities for grasping hidden truths, for learning Masonic verities, for comprehending the here and the hereafter? Does an honoured member of our Fraternity, rich in years and abundant in labours, with his work squarely done, pass from our sight through the portals of the grave—how we should realise, as we have never done before, the divine reality, the priceless value, of the great Masonic doctrine of the immortality of the soul! He has gone from the Lodge below to the Lodge above, from the presence of the Grand Master on earth into the presence of the Grand Master of the Universe. We shall follow him. His time measures our time; it may be, has exceeded it. We shall meet him, and shall meet each other, hereafter. Here we are taught by our Fraternity to see the unseen. If we have been diligent students of Masonry, have tasted the flavour of its kernel, and not merely toyed with its shell, have peered through the symbol and seen the truth typified, then we

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shall not be surprised when the King of Terrors overtakes us, shall not fear to leave the Lodge below, shall thereafter boldly knock at the portals of the Lodge above, and having the true word and the true work, shall find an abundant entrance and a fraternal greeting in the Lodge above. Welcome the unseen here, apprehend it, comprehend and love it, as unfolded by Freemasonry, and you shall be welcomed by it hereafter, when time is past and eternity present, and the unseen shall have become the seen.—*Keystone.*

LATE HOURS AT MASONIC GATHERINGS.

FREEMASONRY calls the attention of every candidate to the importance of rightly dividing the passing hours, and appropriating them to proper uses. One portion of the day is allotted to work, another to the development of the moral nature and the services of benevolence, and still another part is devoted to refreshment and sleep. There should be a careful adjustment of these several sections that no one of them be infringed upon, and no demand of the moral, social, intellectual, or physical being be allowed to pass unheeded. Freemasonry is intended to build up the whole manhood. It recognises the various elements of human nature, and would provide for all, that so the result may be a healthy, hearty life—a full-formed, symmetrical and vigorous manhood.

To this end all excesses need to be avoided. It is not wise to crowd too much work, or too much play, into one occasion. It is not well to practice a ceremony to unseasonable length, or continue festivities beyond well approved limits. Weariness of the flesh and weariness of mind is sure to follow a tension long continued, even though the service to which attention is given may be every way pleasing and edifying. And then, possibly, there is a neglect somewhere; a want of sleep and rest, by which the body suffers and becomes enfeebled. All this ought to be guarded against so far as possible that Freemasonry may express itself most truly and accomplish its highest usefulness.

We are moved to this word of reminder by our knowledge of the fact that earnest, zealous brethren, having the direction of Masonic organisations, especially in cities, are quite likely to think it necessary to advance several candidates in one evening, besides providing for the transaction of business and giving an hour to the social features which on no account ought to be neglected. The hours of the evening quickly pass away in carrying out this varied programme, and it is midnight or later before brethren separate and depart homeward. It is needful, we are told, that these late hours should be kept, for otherwise the fulness of Masonic work could not be done and the organisation kept in an active, progressive condition. But is there this urgent need? Would it not be better to increase the number of meetings rather than crowd so much into one evening? In some cases might not the Lodge be convened at an early hour, and the work of testing candidates, &c., gone through with in the presence of the officers and a few brethren able to attend at such an hour without inconvenience, so that considerable time might be saved afterwards in the progress of the ceremony? And then it would be a great gain if promptness could always have rule, preventing waiting at the beginning, or delays during the rendering of the work. Our thought is that it would be altogether better if the work and business of every Masonic organisation could be so arranged as to close by 10 o'clock. Then there would be time for a brief social occasion, and brethren would still reach their homes at a seasonable hour. Two hours are ample for a Masonic ceremony if its full impressiveness is to be brought out. There is apt to be dullness and exhaustion if this limit is much over passed in ordinary Lodge work. Let the service be as elaborate as may be thought expedient, yet it can hardly be appreciated after more then two hours of earnest attention. The social occasion ought not to be abridged, but we hold it would be all the more enjoyed, as well as more generally participated in, if entered upon somewhat earlier than is the practice in many localities.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

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THE TRIANGLE.

PERHAPS there is no symbol of Masonry more varied in its application than the triangle. It is more ancient and comprehensive than the cross. Among the Egyptians in the remotest time the right-angled triangle was the symbol of universal nature. The base represented Osiris, or the male principle, the perpendicular, Isis, or the female principle, and the hypothenuse, Horus, their son. Pythagoras brought it from Egypt into Greece, where he had learned its peculiar properties: that the sum of the squares of the two sides is equal to the square of the longest side. The figure has been adopted in the third degree of Masonry, and will be recognised as the forty-seventh problem of Euclid.

The equilateral triangle has long been used to represent the Great First Cause, the invincible Creator manifesting Himself in space and time in an infinite variety of forms. The Egyptians regarded it as the most perfect and beautiful of figures. It may be found scattered all over the Masonic system. In the Royal Arch it forms the figure within which the jewels of the Officers are suspended. It is the sacred delta of the ineffable degrees. It plays an important part in the ceremonies of Ancient Craft Masonry. The seats of the principal Officers are arranged in the shape of a triangle, the three lesser lights have the same shape, and the square and compass formed by their union on the greater light, two triangles.

The triple-triangle is familiar to the Knights Templar as the form of the jewel worn by the Prelate of the Order, and here more especially represents the mystery of the Trinity. In the Scottish Rite this form of the triangle is said to refer to the triple essence of Deity. The symbol is made more mystical by using it to represent the sacred number 81, each side of the three triangles being equivalent to 9, which is again the square of 3, the most sacred number in Freemasonry. In the twentieth degree, or that of "Grand Master of all Symbolical Lodges," it is said that the number 81 refers to the triple covenant of God seen by Solomon at the dedication of the Temple. Throughout the ineffable and philosophical degrees this symbol is more frequently used than in Ancient Craft Masonry. The radiated triangle in Masonry represents the eternal light of Divine Wisdom. It is most likely a waif of the sun-god of the old Sabian worship.—*Masonic Record.*

IS FREEMASONRY EXCLUSIVE?

UPON this question there may be a diversity of opinion. It is right that a father should guard carefully his own household. In this respect he should be strictly exclusive, for the reason that the members therein are nearer to him than all others, and the same rule holds good with societies, associations, clans, communities, or whatever the formation may be. A man must give his own kindred the preference. When a body of men are joined together by ties of the strongest nature; when these men worship at a shrine that is as extensive as the world itself, and whose motto is universality; we think that, after taking all things into consideration, such a body should be exclusive. When it comes to national affairs, matters of business, or anything outside of a fraternal nature, then Freemasonry should be non-exclusive, for every man should meet one another, in all his dealings, as a man. And when a brother violates the laws of the country, or those of society, then the fact of his being a Mason should not shield him from receiving the penalties that the violations inflict.

From our conception of Freemasonry, we should prefer our own as far as is consistent. We should act judiciously and discreetly, and the mere fact that a man is not a Mason should not deter us from bestowing toward him the good feeling, kindness and all the blessings of life that a good man has the right to expect and enjoy.—*Freemason's Journal.*

Bro. Will Carleton, the poet, author of "Over the Hill to the Poor House," and other popular poems, was made a Mason in Kane Lodge No. 454, New York City, as was also Bro. Fletcher Harper, of the famous book firm of Harper and Brothers.

Wednesday, the 26th inst., has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Spring Exhibition of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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MEDINA LODGE, No. 35.

THE installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Cowes, on Thursday, the 13th instant. There were present Bros. J. C. Airs P.M. D.C. W.M. pro tem, R. L. Roberton I.P.M., G. A. Mursell P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Sec., H. C. Damant S.W., F. Rutland J.W., J. Leftwich S.D., Albert E. Lee J.D., R. Cullingford I.G., H. H. Wheeler P.M. Reg., A. Barfield P.M. P.P.J.G.D., T. W. Faulkner P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Treas., T. M. Taylor Steward, S. Young Tyler, R. Sullivan, T. Halliday, F. W. Dyett, W. H. Bartlett, S. S. Wheeler, A. Perry, Chas. Stook, Chas. Dewdney, Stanley W. R. Russell, J. Binfield Bird jun., F. Osborne, H. Barlow, W. Snelgrove, G. F. Werry, Oliver H. Caws, T. W. R. Edlind St. Nicholai Lodge, Sweden, George Brown 328 and 2169, John Stafford Bush 1037, John R. Dawson P.M. 35, Alfred Greenham W.M., and F. Raynor J.W. 1884, George R. King W.M., G. A. Brannon J.D. Albany, A. Shaw W.M. Sandown, H. J. Pain S.W., and G. J. Myers 1339, H. C. Sims I.G. 1461. Bro. S. Wheeler P.M., P.P.G.D. Albany, telegraphed felicitations, stating that he was detained on the mainland on account of the fog prevailing; and other Visitors were prevented from attending by the same cause. After the completion of the ordinary business of the Lodge, the Worshipful Master elect for the ensuing year, Bro. H. C. Damant S.W., was installed in the chair by Bro. Faulkner with all the accuracy of ceremonial and impressiveness of which he is so capable. The Worshipful Master then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the year, the collars of the I.P.M. and Chaplain being taken pro tem by Bros. Airs and Barfield. —Bros. H. C. Manners Immediate Past Master, F. Rutland Senior Warden, J. Leftwich Junior Warden, T. W. Faulkner P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, Rev. P. G. U. Pickering P.M. P.P.G.C. Chap., G. A. Mursell P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, A. Barfield P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Charities Committee, A. E. Lee Senior Deacon, R. Cullingford Junior Deacon, T. Taylor Inner Guard, W. Snellgrove Org., S. W. R. Russell Director of Ceremonies, J. B. Bird Assistant Director of Ceremonies, G. Wherry Registrar, J. C. Airs P.M., H. H. Wheeler P.M. Stewards, S. Young Tyler. A Past Master's jewel had been voted by the Lodge to Bro. H. C. Manners for his services in the chair during the past year until called away from Cowes by his duty; but in his absence the presentation was deferred to the following Lodge night. A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Mursell and Barfield for their labours during the past year as Secretary and member of the Charities Committee respectively. Donations to the Charity funds to the amount of about 60 guineas were announced, 20 guineas being on the list of Bro. Barfield, who is going up as Steward of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the remainder on that of Bro. Mursell, who will act as Steward for the Girls' School. Bros. Barfield and Stanley W. R. Russell, each contribute 10 guineas to the total. After the Lodge was closed an excellent banquet was served at Drover's Marine Hotel, when the following toasts were given: The Queen and the Craft, proposed by the W.M.; His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, and Grand Officers present and past; the Right Worshipful Bro. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hants and I.W., and the Prov. Grand Officers present and past, proposed by Bro. Faulkner and responded to by Bros. Barfield P.P.J.G.D. and Mursell P.P.S.G.D.; the Worshipful Master Bro. H. C. Damant, proposed by Bro. Faulkner in a genial and highly complimentary manner, and responded to by Bro. Damant in a most happy and telling speech; the Masonic Charities, proposed by Bro. Mursell and responded to by Bro. Barfield. The collection at the table in aid of the Charities amounted to £3. The I.P.M. Bro. H. C. Manners, and the Installing Master, Bro. Faulkner P.M. Treasurer P.P.G.J.W., proposed by the W.M. and responded to by Bro. Faulkner; the Visiting Brethren, proposed by the W.M., who extended a hearty welcome to the subjects of the toast, responded to by Bros. G. R. King W.M. Albany, Pain, Myers, Sims, Rayner, and Edlind, who said his brethren in Sweden would be delighted to hear of the hospitable reception he had met with; the Secretary and Past Masters, proposed by the W.M. and responded to by Bros. Mursell Sec., T. W. Faulkner, Airs, Haxtbausen, Barfield, Wheeler, and Roberton; the Officers of the Lodge, proposed by the W.M. and responded to by all the Officers present; the Tyler's and other toasts followed. During the evening songs were contributed by Bros. Werry, Rutland, H. H. Wheeler, J. C. Airs, Myers, Lee, King, Cullingford and others. Mr. F. Rutland presided at the piano and played the accompaniments with great skill and taste.

ALBANY LODGE, No. 151.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 10th instant, when there was a large attendance of members and Visitors. Among those present were Bros. J. G. Garnham W.M., G. R. King S.W., Dr. Arthur Price J.W., W. Way Buckell I.P.M., J. H. Wavell S.D., Alfred Milledge J.D., D. S. Pring Treasurer P.G.D.C., T. Kentfield jun. P.M. Secretary, G. A. Brannon I.G., Dr. M. L. B. Coombs and W. F. Beach Stewards, J. G. Jones Organist; P.M.'s C. E. Lock, S. Wheeler, George King, Francis Cooper, I. Golden, George Wyatt P.P.S.G.W., C. T. Allé; C. E. Pinnock, George Knight, A. G. Calow, W. H. Towers, A. Hyams, I. J. Hyams, C. Good, Horace Groves, Colonel Astley Terry P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, F. W. B. Waterworth, H. Blackwell, H. W. Horan, George Duke Richardson, Dr. Foster Nicholls, McGrotty, W. H. Clack D.C. 551, Alfred Greenham W.M. and F. Rayner J.W. 1884, A. Shaw W.M. and H. H. Izod I.G. 1869, J. W. Evens P.P.G. Registrar Somerset P.P.G.S.D. Bristol, W. Lime, R. Fairlee, J. Woodford, George Green, Robert Roche, and C. Dwaine 234 I.C., Colonel C. P. Cramer, Quartermaster T. M. Riley and J. W. Dwaine 234 I.C., Major Montagu, C. B. F. Walker 1722 Punjaub, B. Spittle 215, R. L. Roberton I.P.M. 35, W.M. 2169, J. C. Airs P.M. D.C. 85 I.P.M. 2169; H. C. Damant S.W. W.M. elect, F. Rutland J.W., G. A. Mursell P.M. P.P.G.S.D., and T. M. Taylor 35; Henry Durrant W.M. and Charles Carter J.W. and W.M. elect 165, W. T. Wakeham, R. Cullingford I.G. 35. The preliminary business of the Lodge included the second and third ceremonies, and the balloting for thirteen military joining brethren, all of whom were elected. This having been disposed of, the Wardens' chairs were taken by Bros. Allé P.M. and Pring P.M., and Bro. Kentfield, after taking the Master's chair, proceeded to instal Bro. G. R. King S.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the whole ceremony being most efficiently and impressively conducted. On behalf of the Lodge the newly-installed W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. G. Garnham, at the same time paying him a high compliment for the admirable and courteous manner in which the Master's duties had been discharged during the past year. The following is the complete list of Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. G. R. King W.M., J. G. Garnham I.P.M., A. Price S.W., J. H. Wavell J.W., Rev. E. W. Watts, M.A., P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, D. S. Pring P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer, G. Wyatt P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Registrar, T. Kentfield jun. P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, R. B. Cheverton P.M. P.P.G.P. Director of Ceremonies, A. Millidge S.D., G. A. Brannon J.D., J. G. Jones P.P.G.O. Organist, M. L. B. Coombs I.G., W. F. Beach and H. Groves Stewards, C. Knell Tyler. After the Lodge had closed a number of the members sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Wavell in the building known as the Albany, in Holyrood-street, where they were joined by Bros. Ellis, Wakeham, Mursell, Damant, and other Visitors. The large room had been entirely renovated and carpeted, and with some appropriate decorations presented a most cheerful appearance. The toasts of the Queen and Craft, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, were appropriately introduced by the Worshipful Master Bro. G. R. King, who occupied the chair, and were warmly received. Brother Golden proposed the Masonic Charities in suitable terms, saying there was a warm place in the heart of all Masons for their three great Charitable Institutions. Bro. Wyatt responded, and said he sincerely hoped that during this Jubilee year, when their own Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., was to preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, there would be a special effort made to do honour to his office, by largely increased contributions from the Lodges in his Province. The collection at the table, here made as usual on the occurrence of this toast, realised £5 5s. Bro. C. E. Lock proposed the M.W. the Pro Grand Master of England, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W.D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom; and the Officers and Past Officers of Grand Lodge; the R.W. the P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and the Officers and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Lock said his toast was a speech in itself, and he should therefore do little more than express his admiration at the excellent manner in which their high officers did their work. Bro. Wyatt P.P.G.S.W., in the course of his speech in acknowledgment of the toast, gave some interesting reminiscences of the earlier Provincial Officers within his recollection. Bro. Wheeler P.P.G.D. also responded. He said he had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Beach for some time, and he never failed to be impressed with the admirable way in which the Provincial Grand Master did his work. Bro. Le Feuvre had carried out the arduous duties of Provincial Grand Secretary for many years in a most efficient manner. He well deserved the promotion to the rank of Deputy Provincial Grand Master which he had gained, and every brother in the province rejoiced at his preferment. Bros. Kentfield P.P.G.O. and Jones P.P.G.O. also acknowledged the toast. The Worshipful Master, Bro. G. R. King, was proposed in cordial terms by the I.P.M., Bro. Garnham, who spoke of the great pleasure with which he had worked with Bro. King for the last four or five years as an Officer of the Lodge. The brethren had bestowed well-merited honour when they had elected Bro. King to the highest office in the Lodge, and he heartily wished him all happiness during his year in the chair. Bro. King acknowledged the toast in feeling terms, saying he should endeavour to emulate the way in which his predecessor, Bro. Garnham, had discharged his duties, and he earnestly trusted that the interests of the Lodge would not suffer in his hands. He had many excellent examples before him, and he should try to follow them. Bro. Buckell submitted the toast of the immediate Past Master, Bro. J. G. Garnham, in a warmly congratulatory speech, paying a special tribute to the courtesy and efficiency with which Bro. Garnham had carried out his duties during the year. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Garnham in an appropriate manner. The Visiting Brethren, proposed by Bro. Wheeler in a felicitous speech, was acknowledged by Bros. Evens and Wakeham. The services of the Installing Master next received appropriate recognition, and the compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Kentfield. In proposing the Past Masters, Bro. Price said the Albany Lodge was particularly fortunate in its Past Masters, who did not lose interest in the affairs of the Lodge when they had passed the chair, but continued to do their best to keep their juniors up to their work. He himself looked forward to the attainment of this rank, which seemed to confer a most desirable sense of repose, of dignity, and of self-satisfaction. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Lock. The Treasurer and Secretary was introduced by Bro. Dr. Coombs, who said the holding of these two offices entailed a great deal of work, and the Lodge was particularly fortunate in having two brethren in those offices who carried out the duties so admirably as did Bro. Pring and Bro. Kentfield. In their respective positions they had succeeded two brethren, Bro. Allé and Bro. Wyatt, who had perhaps done more for Masonry in Newport than any one else. In their time the minute and account books had gained special commendation in Provincial Grand Lodge, and he was well aware that these books were kept in an equally efficient manner by the present holders of the offices. The Officers of the Lodge was submitted in complimentary terms by Brother Dr.

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Foster, who said the testimony of independent visitors was a satisfactory tribute to the excellent manner in which the Officers carried out their duties. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Price S.W. and Wavell J.W., who each responded. The Tyler's toast, the Host and Hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Wavell), and other toasts followed. During the evening songs were sung by Bros. Jones, A. Hyams, Nicholls, McGrotty, Golden, Wheeler, and others.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

SPLENDID and interesting as have been many of the gatherings lately in connection with this popular old Lodge the réunion of Friday evening last must be regarded as decidedly one of the most successful and exhilarating. Those who were present at the Centenary Festival at the Criterion last year will remember the éclat with which Bro. Harry Nelson Price entered upon his term of office, and the numerous assemblage of members and visitors who clustered around him on Friday last at Anderton's Hotel, had the gratification of hearing the emphatic "well done" expressed in acknowledgment of services faithfully discharged and of duty ably done. There were many features of interest to render this gathering more than ordinarily important, for in addition to Bro. Price setting the laudable example of a Worshipful Master installing his successor—the crowning point of the masterly conduct of the proceedings of the year—there were many pleasing incidents in the course of the evening, relating to the Centenary year just closed, the Royal Jubilee that is approaching, and last, though by no means the least, a most substantial and valuable recognition by the brethren of the services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Harry Nelson Price during his memorable and distinguished year of office. A spirit of robust vigour in work, and abundant, not to say lavish, hospitality to follow pervaded the entire assembly, which must certainly be set down as one of the most thoroughly enjoyable in the annals of a Lodge which proudly boasts of a continuous and uninterrupted career of upwards of 100 years. The brethren assembled soon after three o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, who was supported by a goodly muster of the members, and amongst the galaxy of Visitors, eighty-four in number, the purple and gold of distinguished Masonic rank were in profuse display upon the dais. Ample and perfect arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the numerous party were made by Bro. F. Clemow, the proprietor of this famous old City hotel and favourite trysting-place of Masons, and although there were no fewer than half-a-dozen important meetings and dinners in progress during the same evening, every matter of detail was so admirably carried out that not a single hitch occurred to mar the pleasures of the event. Amongst those present during the evening were:—Bros. H. Price W.M., A. Simner S.W., H. J. Chapman J.W., G. Everett Treasurer, H. Salmon I.G., C. Riechelman Organist, T. Morris Secretary, J. E. Spurrell D.C., R. Hervey S.D., J. Billinghurst S.W., R. Pierpoint I.P.M., P.M.'s W. J. Ferguson, J. G. Walford, W. M. Funston, E. White, I. Buscall, W. Herbage, A. Bowman Spink. Visitors—Bros. E. Bowyer Past Grand Standard Bearer, J. M. Hodder P.M. 217, C. Cruickshanks P.M. and Secretary 1777, G. H. Finch W.M. 2005, J. T. Hume S.D. 144, J. Pain P.M. 1339, E. Storr P.M. 167, J. Hill W.M. 1658, J. D. Smith P.M. 1658, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, W. W. Westley J.W. 186, J. Oldis I.P.M. 1288, W. A. Scurrah P.G. Superintendent of Works Middlesex P.M. 2047, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., B. Jenner P.M. 1406 P.S.G.W., H. Stunt W.M. 1641, H. Stiles P.M. 1507, P. Allen S.W. 1056, N. Turner P.M. 72, S. Ayres P.M. 742, A. Holmes P.M. 548, W. H. Boys P.M. 1658, R. J. Taylor P.M. 144, W. W. Lee 1897, J. T. Salmon W.M. 919, H. Dickey S.W. 1744, H. Potter W.M. 1347, J. Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution P.M. 228, W. Williams J.W. 2005, E. Lowther P.M. 1307, J. E. Sband P.M. Westminster, W. W. Morgan jun., &c. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the previous meeting and the auditors' report were duly confirmed. Advancing to the second degree, Bro. V. Merillo was passed, and subsequently Bros. W. F. Turner, F. B. Hallatt, and I. J. C. Alger were raised to the sublime degree. All these ceremonies were rendered in perfect manner, eliciting unanimous expressions of congratulation from all the brethren present. Brother Abel Simner S.W. was then presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and having formally assented to the usual interrogatories on accepting the responsibilities of the chair, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the ceremony of installation was performed by Brother Harry Nelson Price in faultless manner, and on the readmission of the brethren the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed and saluted with full Masonic honours. In presenting the Worshipful Master with the warrant of the Lodge, the Installing Master laid stress upon the fact that the document had been in possession of preceding Masters for "upwards of 100 years." Bro. Simner then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, addressing to each a few appropriate remarks relative to his respective duties. The collars were thus bestowed:—Brothers Harry Nelson Price I.P.M., Chapman S.W., Harvey J.W., George Everett P.M. Treasurer, T. Morris Secretary, Salmon S.D., Spurrell J.D., J. Billinghurst I.G., Goodfellow D.C., Hewetson W.S., and Walkley Tyler. The ancient charges to Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered with considerable elocutionary effect by the Installing Master, and the whole ceremony, directed by Brother Ferguson P.M., the musical portions being led by Bro. Riechelman, on the organ, was carried out in the most impressive and perfect manner. Brother Ferguson P.M. then stepped forward and said an important duty had been entrusted to him, and he had undertaken it with a considerable amount of pleasure. This year was a very important one in the history of the Domatic Lodge, for it was not every Lodge that had arrived at its 100th year of active work. This Lodge had the proud distinction of having passed through 100 consecutive years of continuous work; and Bro. Harry Nelson Price was a fortunate man to have held the position of Worshipful Master during the auspicious year in which the Centenary of the Domatic Lodge was celebrated. Bro. Price went into office at an opportune time, and had discharged the duties of that office right well; so much so that it occurred to the minds of many of the brethren that the year should not be allowed to pass by without some lasting memento of so important an event. They thought they would like to mark it in a particular way, by presenting their retiring Worshipful Master with some memento of the great occasion that was celebrated during his tenure of office. It had, therefore, fallen to his (the speaker's) lot to present to their worthy Immediate Past Master a token of the good fellowship and kindly feeling which the members of the Domatic Lodge entertained towards him, and he begged Bro. Price's acceptance of a gold watch and chain, which had been gladly subscribed for by the brethren, and which he hoped their esteemed brother might live long to wear, with the most agreeable recollections of the affectionate regard in which he was held by every member of the Lodge. Amidst hearty and spontaneous applause the testimonial was handed to Bro. Price. It consisted of a valuable and handsome gold watch and chain, enclosed in morocco case, the inscription on the plate being as follows:—

Presented to
Bro. Harry Price,
To mark the close of the first centenary of
The Domatic Lodge, No. 177,
As a memento of the uniform courtesy and kindness which has characterised him as Worshipful Master during his successful year of office—1886-7.

Brother Ferguson continued: Brother Price, I have very great pleasure in presenting you with this memento, the spontaneous tribute of respect and esteem from members of the Domatic Lodge. As you look upon it, and I trust you may be able to do so for many years to come, you will be reminded of the pleasant and successful year of office which you have just completed. You will think also of the kind feelings which you must have aroused amongst the brethren when they have taken this voluntary form, without any trouble on our part. I trust you will have the happiness of wearing that watch and chain for many years to come, and that health and strength may be vouchsafed to you. Whilst the gift marks the kindly feeling of the Domatic Lodge, it will also remind you that you owe something to the kindly feeling of the Lodge, and that therefore you should not allow the prosperity or happiness of the Domatic Lodge to want a helping hand from you. When in the course of time that watch and chain shall be transferred to some of the younger generation, it will still mark the kind feeling which the members of the Domatic Lodge entertained towards you as their Worshipful Master. Bro. Ferguson's address was received with prolonged applause, and the Worshipful Master briefly thanked the brethren for the spontaneous way in which they had come forward to assist in providing this testimonial. He assured Bro. Price it was entirely a free-will offering, and it was their sincere wish that when he looked at that watch he might have pleasant reminiscences of Freemasonry in general, and of those events which should bind him closer and closer to the Domatic Lodge in particular. Bro. Harry Nelson Price, who was received with something like an ovation on rising to respond, said he could scarcely find words adequately to express his thanks for the very great kindness which the members of the Domatic Lodge had evinced towards him that day. It had been a very important year in the history of the Lodge, and he acknowledged with gratitude that he had been well supported by every member of it in the discharge of his duties. He asked them to believe him when he said he really could not express how heartily he thanked them for this kind mark of their consideration. He should never for a moment forget the happy year he had just passed; yet at the same time, when in their thoughtfulness and considerate kindness they presented him with such a handsome testimonial, he thought he scarcely deserved it. If he had given them satisfaction he considered he had simply done his duty, and should have taken their approval as his adequate reward. However, they had been kind enough to present him with this handsome and valuable gift; believe him it would cement his feelings with this Lodge, and if he could be of any use to it, he only begged them to command his services. He trusted that as long as he lived he should continue a member of the Lodge, and that at the end of his time, when he should be called away from this world, he might leave it with the same good feelings as now subsisted amongst every member of the good old Domatic Lodge. He resumed his seat amidst renewed applause. Considerable time was then occupied in discussing the circular recently issued by the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, in respect of the approaching Royal Jubilee (fully described in our leading columns last week), and the subject was ultimately deferred to the next meeting of the Lodge. On the motion of Bro. George Everett P.M. Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Spink P.M., the sum of 25 guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge towards Bro. Simner's list, as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Worshipful Master threw out as a suggestion that as this was the first year of the new centenary of this Lodge, he should like to take up 200 guineas. If the brethren would supply between them 100 guineas, he would undertake the responsibility upon himself of making up the amount named. Bro. Ferguson P.M. gave notice of a motion for the next meeting that a committee be formed to consider in what way the Domatic Lodge would be affected by the Jubilee of Her Majesty's accession to the Throne, and what entertainment should be arranged to celebrate that auspicious event. On the motion of Bro. White P.M. a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master (Bro. Harry Nelson Price) and recorded on the minutes, for the able way in which he had discharged his important duties during his year of office. He (the speaker) was greatly pleased at the way in which the installation ceremony was performed, and the same sentiment would be shared by every one of the brethren present. Bro. Ferguson P.M. seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation; and Bro. Price having acknowledged the compliment paid to him, the Lodge was duly closed after

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the customary interchange of fraternal greetings. The brethren then adjourned for the banquet, which was laid out in the most elaborate style in the Throne-room; the saloon presented an unusually brilliant appearance, the walls being literally covered with flags and trophies, while strings of bannerets were suspended from the ceiling and supporting pillars. A sumptuous menu was provided by Bro. F. H. Clemow, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the numerous company elicited unbounded expressions of satisfaction. Before proceeding with the toasts an artistic programme and book of words, together with an excellent portrait of the Worshipful Master, were distributed amongst the guests. During the evening a choice selection of music was rendered by Madame Riechelman, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Mr. Dyved Lewys, and Mr. Stanley Owens; Bro. Riechelman presiding ably at the pianoforte. The Worshipful Master, in graceful terms, proposed the loyal toasts, in doing which he characterised the Jubilee year as a theme for such an epic as had never yet been written, and no poet could treat it commensurate with its greatness. The toast Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft was most enthusiastically received. The Grand Officers were represented by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., in the absence of Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Stand. Bear., who had been obliged to leave early; and Bro. H. N. Price I.P.M. then proposed in felicitous terms the health of the Worshipful Master. They all well knew his good heartedness, kindness, and thorough application to, and love of, Masonry. They had seen him this evening initiate an old and esteemed friend of his own (the speaker's), and he was sure, from the careful manner in which he had performed that ceremony, it augured well for a grand and happy year, so far as the working of the Lodge was concerned. They would find him one of the happiest and best of brethren, and when he retired from the chair he would do so with the love, esteem, and affection of every brother of the Lodge. The toast was received with every demonstration of welcome, and Bro. Simner, on rising to respond, was greeted with the utmost enthusiasm. After acknowledging the kindly expressions made towards him, both in and out of the Lodge, he said it had always been his endeavour to improve the tone of Masonry, and in this aim he should persevere as long as he lived. He trusted his Officers would give him the same amount of support as they had done his predecessor, and perhaps at the end of his year he might be able to give as much satisfaction as their worthy I.P.M. had prophesied. He was going up as a Steward to the Girls' Festival, and if the brethren had any guineas to spare he should be pleased to add them to his list. He did not intend to press them now, but at the next meeting he should send his list round. He wished to make up that list to 200 guineas, and was prepared to take half that responsibility on his own shoulders if the brethren would make up the rest. This was the first year of their new Centenary, and also the Jubilee year of the Queen, and he wished them to show they appreciated the importance of the event. Their I.P.M. was very proud of having been W.M. during the Centenary year of the history of the Lodge, but he had the proud privilege of being W.M. in the Jubilee year, which he considered far better, for the Jubilee Festival of a Sovereign was a less frequent occurrence, and would be a season of joy and rejoicing all round. He again thanked them for the great cordiality with which the toast had been received. The W.M. then proposed the Initiate, whom he welcomed with Shakspeare's greeting—"Our hearts of brother's temper do receive you in with all kind love, good thought and reverence." Brother McPherson having replied, the Visitors were welcomed by the Worshipful Master, and appropriate responses were made by Bros. J. Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., Edwin Storr P.M. 167, J. Hill W.M. 1658, and E. Lowther P.M. 1307. In giving the I.P.M. and Installing Master the W.M. said it had long been a custom in this Lodge for the outgoing Master to instal his successor, and Bro. Price had been no exception to the rule. The manner in which he performed the ceremony was an intellectual treat, and those who were present in the Lodge had an opportunity of seeing what the brethren thought of him. After some farther words of eulogy he presented Bro. Price a handsome P.M.'s jewel, bearing inscription similar to that on the watch. This made the third presentation Bro. Price had received during the Centenary year, which was a memorable one to him and to the Lodge. And he hoped he might live many years to enjoy their love and admiration. Bro. Price acknowledged the gift in suitable words. Other toasts followed, including the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge. The proceedings throughout were characterised with the utmost harmony and good feeling.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 221.

THE annual meeting was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at four o'clock in the afternoon. Present: Bros. Charles Crompton W.M., P. Bradburn I.P.M., James Walker S.W., W. H. Chambers J.W., G. P. Brockbank Treas., J. W. Draycott Secretary, W. Siddorn S.D., R. Cuerden J.D., J. W. Taylor P.G.S.D. Director of Ceremonies, W. Forrest I.G., E. Halliwell and J. F. Elliston Stewards, J. R. Haslam Organist, Thomas Higson Tyler. Bros. T. Morris, J. Boothroyd, E. Melrose, J. M. Rutter, Sterling, Critchley, Margerison, Sutcliffe, Stevenson, Radcliffe, Truman, Bentley, Entwisle, E. Howarth, Brown and F. Jackson. Visitors: W. P. Brockbank 37, Nightingale W.M. 146, Mantell I.G. 348, W. Lory 1509, N. William 269, A. Cosgrave W.M. 1723, W. Chadwick W.M. 348, J. W. Abbott Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W. Hardcastle Provincial Deputy Director of Ceremonies, J. Barrett P.M. 1723, W. Hughes P.M. 721, J. Yates 548, W. Peers 721, J. Seddon 381, H. M. Staveley 1723. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been confirmed, the Lodge proceeded to the 2nd degree, when Bro. James Walker S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the W.M. and obligated, as regards the government of the Lodge. The Lodge was then opened in the 3rd degree, and a Board of Installed Masters formed. Bro. Walker was solemnly obligated, installed, and proclaimed in ancient form as W.M. for the ensuing year, the Installing Officer Bro. Crompton discharging his duty with remarkable ability and accuracy. The following were invested as Officers, the brethren being instructed and addressed as to the nature of their several duties by Brother Boothroyd P.M.:—Brothers W. F. Chambers S.W., W. Siddorn J.W., G. P. Brockbank Treas., J. W. Draycott Sec., R. Cuerden S.D. W. Forrest J.D., J. W. Taylor Dir. of Cers., J. R. Haslam Org., Edwin Halliwell I.G., J. F. Ellison and W. H. Brown Stewards. The final addresses to the W.M., Officers, and Brethren were delivered by Bro. G. P. Brockbank P.G. Standard Bearer of England, and senior member of the Lodge. The proclamations of the Installation of the Worshipful Master were ably rendered by the veteran Director of Ceremonies, who excelled himself on this occasion. Brother Brockbank presented, on behalf of the Lodge, a Charity medal of the Order to Bro. James Walker W.M., he having served as Steward at two Festivals, and qualified himself as a Life Governor to two of the Charities. A Past Master's jewel—specially designed and furnished by Bro. Lamb, of Clerkenwell, London—was presented to the retiring Master, who was highly complimented on the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office for the past year. The sum of five guineas was voted in aid of the fund for presenting a portrait from the East Lancashire Lodges to their esteemed Prov. G. Master, Col. Starkie P.G.W. Bro. Peter Bradburn P.M. presented an elegant purse for collecting the alms of the brethren, and the same was forthwith put into active service. A sum of £3 17s 6d was the result; this was handed to the Secretary. A gentleman was proposed for initiation; after which a portion of the ancient rules and charges was read, and hearty good wishes tendered from the Visitors. Lodge closed at six o'clock, in peace and harmony, and the brethren forthwith adjourned to banquet. The Lodge-room was most elegantly and tastefully decorated with the banners of R.A Chapter 221, and from forty to fifty private banners of the members of this and other Lodges of the town, who kindly lent them. The work of arrangement was confided to the willing hands of Bros. Boothroyd, Bradburn and Radcliffe. This Lodge has given about eighteen Charity medals to brethren who have served as Stewards and qualified as Life Governors within the last fifteen years. The retiring Worshipful Master last year served as Steward for the Boys' School and qualified as a Life Governor; he collected in small sums £10 10s, this he paid in name of the Lodge to the same Charity; we trust he will be enabled to make up another Stewardship before long, and that he may be numbered amongst the brethren who wear the honourable badge of Charity.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 357.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Monday afternoon, the 17th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Southampton, when Sheriff E. Brown was duly installed W.M., the ceremony being impressively performed by Brother Aldis P.M. The newly-made Master then appointed his Officers, as follow:—Brother G. Aldis I.P.M., Brother Dusantoy S.W., Brother A. J. Blackman J.W., Brother Jenvy S.D., Brother A. J. Baker J.D., Brother Dacombe I.G., Brother Hardie Organist. There were over 28 Past Masters present, and after the Lodge had been closed about 70 of the brethren sat down to a banquet, prepared by Brother T. Dartnall.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

THERE was a goodly muster of the members of this Lodge on Wednesday evening, at Anderton's Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. G. W. Knight W.M., who was supported by Bros. T. C. Edmonds S.W., T. Dimsdale J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treas., F. J. Perks P.M. Sec., W. F. Bates J.D., R. C. Fraser I.G., J. Bruton A.D.C., R. Alaway A.W.S., J. F. Saunders Org., Past Masters Bros. C. J. Scales, W. M. Stiles, Henry Stiles, J. J. Michael, &c., with Bro. Richard Whiting Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. Powdrell, R. Ross, W. H. Ross, and A. Dickey 1744, J. A. Ames 390, W. D. Palmer and R. Bott 1949, G. Dickinson 1681, E. G. Cherry 861, and J. Edmunds 279. Lodge was opened soon after five o'clock with the customary formalities, and advanced to the third, when Bro. Henry Wells was raised to the sublime degree. Resuming in the second, Bros. David Trongi, Celeste Pezzati, Edwin Elton Hawkins, and Stanley Saxby were duly entrusted, and passed. The ballot was then opened for Mr. John George Evans, assistant manager of Anderton's Hotel, proposed by Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M., and seconded by Bro. C. J. Scales P.M.; Mr. George Davey, proposed by Bro. Cherry, and seconded by Bro. Jaggers; and Mr. Carlo Meschini and Mr. Constantino Martignini, both of the Café Monico, Tichborne-street, W. The latter were proposed by Bro. J. V. Baggi, and seconded by Bro. Churchill. All were unanimously accepted, and the candidates were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the ceremonies being performed in a very commendable manner. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Brother F. H. Clemow, the arrangements being admirably carried out under the personal superintendence of Brother Smith. At the conclusion of a well-served dinner the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the Worshipful Master alluding in suitable terms to the approaching Jubilee of her Majesty's reign, and the suggested Masonic commemoration of that auspicious event. The Immediate Past Master in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, spoke in felicitous terms of the able manner in which Brother Knight discharged the duties of his office, keeping the brethren well together, and sustaining harmony and good feeling in the Lodge. Referring to the Charities, he reminded the brethren that Brother Willing, their esteemed Treasurer, was going up as a Steward to the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and he should very much like to see a list

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in his hands of not less than 100 guineas, in addition to the 25 guineas voted from the funds of the Lodge. The Institution was deserving of every support, and there were many poor old men and women knocking at the gates, longing to participate in the benefits of the Home at Croydon. To relieve these poor old people was the duty of the Freemasons of England, and he sincerely trusted that for the coming Festival Brother Terry would have a "bumper." He should like to celebrate the Jubilee Year by sending up such a list as had never before been equalled in the Metropolitan Lodge, and concluded by again alluding to the satisfactory way in which Brother Knight fulfilled the duties of the chair. The W.M. briefly acknowledged the toast, and in the course of his remarks said he thanked them for the support he had received from the brethren generally in the position he was proud to occupy. His rise to that position showed what could be done by constant perseverance, and he thanked Bros. W. M. and Henry Stiles, and also their excellent Treasurer, Brother James Willing jun., for introducing him into the Lodge. He hoped he might live many years to be a member of it, and to see the brethren whom he had just had the pleasure of initiating rise to the position he now enjoyed. He then proposed the Past Masters, and in doing so expressed his acknowledgment of the valuable assistance and counsel he had received from them individually and collectively. The Immediate Past Master, in returning thanks, spoke of the excellent way in which the affairs of the Lodge were carried on under the presidency of Brother Knight, who had told them he was initiated into this Lodge, eleven years ago, by Brother Clark. He had the pleasure of meeting that brother on the preceding day, and he asked him to express his regret that another engagement would prevent him from being present this evening. He trusted the Lodge might continue to prosper, and felt sure that all the Past Masters would do what they could to promote its welfare. Brother Willing, in the course of his response, expressed the hope that the contribution from this Lodge would exceed the 100 guineas which had been mentioned; and this wish was cordially endorsed by Brother W. M. Stiles, who said the Past Masters had the best interests of the Lodge thoroughly at heart. Brother Henry Stiles, in his remarks, thanked the brethren for the kindly letter they sent him during his recent illness, and said it was the most comforting of all the letters he received at that time. He was thankful and proud to be amongst them again, and hoped the day might be far distant when the chain which bound him to the Metropolitan Lodge would be severed. Bro. Michael also responded in suitable terms. The Worshipful Master next gave the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, the former of whom was the father of the Lodge, and was always willing to come amongst them and assist in promoting the interests of members. The same remarks applied to their excellent Secretary, Bro. Perks; by the aid of those able Officers there had never been any trouble whatever in carrying on the business or pleasure of the Lodge. The toast was appropriately acknowledged, and the Worshipful Master then gave the health of the Initiates, one of whom was the assistant manager of Anderton's Hotel (Bro. J. G Evans), who thoroughly intended looking after the interests of the Metropolitan Lodge. They might rest assured that nothing would be wanting in that respect at the hands of Bro. Evans; and that in the future the management of this old-established hotel, in which so many Masonic gatherings were held, would be as excellent and praiseworthy as it had ever been in previous years. He was proud and pleased to welcome the Initiates, all of whom he hoped would become apt students of the Masonic art and worthy members of the Metropolitan Lodge. Bro. J. G. Evans thanked the Worshipful Master for the kindly terms in which he had proposed the toast, and promised he would do his best to promote the interests of the Lodge to which he had now the honour of being attached. The Worshipful Master had spoken some very encouraging words to the initiates who, he hoped, would each strive to attain to positions in the Craft. Bros. Meschini and Davey also briefly replied, thanking the Lodge for having admitted them as members of the Ancient and Honourable Institution. The Worshipful Master then extended a cordial welcome to the Visitors, on whose behalf acknowledgments were made by the several representatives of the sister Lodges present; and the services of the Officers of the Lodge having been recognised by the Worshipful Master, and responses made by the Senior and Junior Wardens, the list was closed in fitting manner by the Tyler. At intervals, some excellent songs were rendered, Bro. Saunders presiding at the pianoforte, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—The weekly meeting of this successful Lodge of Instruction was held at the St. Andrew, George-street, Baker-street, W., on Friday, the 14th inst., at 8 p.m. Bros. Grassi W.M. elect New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, W.M., F. W. Spurgin S.W., C. Wetzbar J.W., G. Coop Preceptor and Treasurer, F. Smith Secretary, R. Carsons S.D., J. Schew J.D., Langley I.G.; also Bros. C. Dairy, Dusterwold, C. Bellerby, Blumenstein, W. Woodruff, Prendergast, Artand, Fromholz, Klein, Von Joel, Halliday, and others. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Carsons candidate. The Worshipful Master now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Dusterwold, when the ceremony of the third degree was beautifully rehearsed, Bro. Dairy being candidate. Bro. Coop announced that two, and probably three ballots, would be drawn on the following Lodge night, 21st instant. This is the second Association working in connection with this Lodge of Instruction; the first (nearly completed) will have caused upwards of 250 guineas to be paid into the funds of the three Masonic Institutions. It is fully expected that the second Association will be equally successful, there being already twenty-five members. Bro. Spurgin, J.W. 1305 was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Coop informed the brethren that he had been invited to rehearse the ceremony of installation on Monday, 8th February, in the Queen's (Westminster) and St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly. On this occasion would be presented the Auditors' report for the past year, and Officers elected for the year ensuing. Several brethren intimated their intention to attend. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted to Bro. Grassi, this being the first time he had occupied the chair in this Lodge. Nothing further offering, Lodge was duly closed.

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THE ROYAL JUBILEE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since reading your very able and sensible article on this subject, in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, I have had the privilege of attending three or four Lodge meetings at which our Pro Grand Master's circular has been considered; and on canvassing the opinions of many of the brethren found them very nearly in accord with those expressed in your editorial columns. But, inasmuch as you invite correspondence on a proposal which is now engrossing so much attention in the Craft, I may be permitted to say that a very general feeling seems to be that the Jubilee in which all Englishmen naturally take such a patriotic interest should be decidedly marked by a great and representative gathering of the Masonic body, such as is suggested by the Earl of Carnarvon. On that point most of the brethren with whom I have conversed appear to be unanimous, the great recommendation of such an assembly as that which would undoubtedly fill the Albert Hall or "Olympia"—or both—being that a splendid addition would be made to the funds of our three Benevolent Institutions, each of which would be thus strengthened in its sphere of usefulness. The main questions in dispute, if indeed the discussions that have taken place on the subject admit of such a term, are as to the amount of the admission fee suggested, the manufacture of a Jubilee jewel, and the proposed contribution on the part of individual members of the Imperial Institute.

Now, there are no doubt many Masons who would be glad to meet the views of our worthy Pro Grand Master in each and all of these respects; but it must be borne in mind that all Freemasons are not affluent, and that in our Lodges there are a vast number to whom, in these "bad times," every guinea is a consideration. These brethren doubtless, rather than "look small," or appear to a disadvantage by the side of those to whom money is less an object, would strain a point to keep pace with the rest; but in a great many cases that effort would amount to a tax, pressing rather severely upon a not overburdened pocket.

So far as the great "Commemoration Festival" is concerned, there may be ten or twelve thousand among the richer classes of the Craft who would gladly pay their guinea, or even two, for the honour and distinction of assisting at a monster meeting over which our Most Worshipful Grand Master is to preside, and thus a substantial sum would accrue to the coffers of the three Charities. But in other cases, where brethren are not blessed with too much of this world's goods, they would either have to suffer temporary inconvenience or feel themselves left in the cold, so far as the Jubilee is concerned. There can be little doubt that in every Lodge throughout the Queen's dominions there will be a Jubilee celebration of some kind or other; and, in fact, committees are already being formed for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for such "special occasions." This, of course, is entirely optional, but I imagine it will be none the less warmly taken up on that account. So far as I have been able to gather, there is a very general and unanimous opinion that the great Olympia meeting might be open to those who have the means and inclination to attend, and that all other matters connected with the Jubilee celebration should be left to the option of the members themselves. The remarks you offered last week as to the unwisdom of adding to our stock of Masonic jewellery were quite to the point, and have been endorsed by every brother whom I have heard speak on the subject; and the verdict of many of our Lodges already is that such a jewel is unnecessary and uncalled for. The contribution of a guinea per head to the "Imperial Institute" fund is also regarded as straining a point beyond which it is advisable to go from a Masonic standpoint. Whilst yielding to no one in my loyalty and devotion to our illustrious Grand Master and our most Gracious Queen (God bless her!) whose Jubilee is to be thus commemorated, I agree with the sentiments I have heard expressed that the funds to be raised for the "Imperial Institute" should be left in cosmopolitan hands, and not made a distinctive feature of the Masonic celebrations. There will be ample and abundant responses from all classes of her Majesty's loyal subjects in aid of that scheme, to which every one of us must wish success; but to make a special and almost imperative appeal to the Masonic body for that object, in addition to the other exceptional efforts they are about to make, would, in the opinion I believe of a majority of Masons, be travelling a little beyond the bounds of prudence. Probably you may receive the expression of other views on this important matter, but these are a reflex of the opinions which have found utterance in the presence of,

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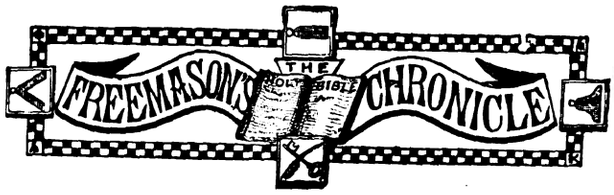
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ROYAL JUBILEE NOTES.

WE have received several communications from esteemed correspondents in various parts of the country, in which opinions are expressed relative to the circular issued by the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, and which was dealt with in our columns last week. They are, however, so uniformly in one direction that, dictated by economy of our space, we are disposed to summarise them for the information of our readers.

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Taking the paragraphs of the circular *seriatim*, the majority of the writers express their unbounded satisfaction at the idea of commemorating the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty's reign with every demonstration of loyalty and affection, and of respect for our Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. That this would be the prevailing sentiment of the Craft at large we were confident in predicting when our comments on the circular were penned; and it must be a source of universal congratulation that a chord of such harmonious note has been made to reverberate throughout the entire ranks of English Freemasonry. Thus there

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appears to be entire approval of the scheme for holding a great representative meeting of Masons, as suggested, and additional congratulation is expressed that the "Commemoration Festival" is to be made the vehicle for conferring substantial benefit upon the three Charitable Institutions of our Order. In that direction the brethren are going to the extreme limit of their ability, and wishes are ungrudgingly expressed for the entire success of that laudable undertaking. In the minds of some, however, it is thought that one guinea, and not two, should be made the scale of admission, as the larger sum would press somewhat heavily on those who are not in too prosperous circumstances, in the face of many special appeals which are certain to be made to them during this eventful year.

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The matter of the Jubilee jewel is treated with levity, if not with actual resentment; the impression being that it would partake of the nature of a medal, the price of which might be five shillings or "another guinea." Apart from this, however, it is deemed inadvisable to make any addition to our Masonic decorations, of which there is already a sufficient catalogue, many of them being of very trivial and obscure value. There is a decided tendency to reduce, rather than add to, the number of such personal adornments; and amongst the grounds given for this opinion it is advanced that in connection with some of our recent military campaigns the profuse distribution of reward medals has reduced their value and importance to such an extent that many of our soldiers fail to appreciate such embellishments at all.

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The "Imperial Institute" question is regarded as "outside the pale of legitimate Freemasonry," notwithstanding that the national memorial was conceived by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and is being matured under His Royal Highness's especial and personal supervision. No disrespect or disloyalty is implied by the expression of this opinion, but the "Institute" is regarded as of a purely national character, apart from the proper sphere of Masonry, and that therefore it should be left purely optional on the part of individual members of Lodges as to whether they should subscribe to it or not. Masons who either cannot afford, or are not disposed, to spend a guinea in this direction must not be laid under the stigma of disloyalty to the Throne, or lacking in devotion to the Craft on that account, which it is urged they would be if the order were given for a general contribution in Lodges, and they failed, from any of the causes hinted at, to comply with it.

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A correspondent writes:—If we could subscribe such an amount as would enable us to secure the admission of all candidates now on the lists of our Masonic Charities, it would be the greatest achievement of modern times, and a far greater Jubilee commemoration than the "Imperial" or any other Institute that could be devised. That scheme has no connection with Freemasonry, except that our Most Worshipful Grand Master is at the head of it. If we wish as citizens to subscribe to a memorial to celebrate the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign, by all means let us do so, but we strongly object to mix up our Masonic Institutions with the outside public.

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Another writer takes a sensible and dispassionate view of the case when he advises the brethren not to deal too summarily with the circular, the purport of which they may not thoroughly comprehend. He points out that the circular consists of two parts, the first referring to a great meeting of the representatives of Lodges, for the purpose of presenting a congratulatory address to Her Majesty on the anniversary of her coronation, and for which a certain fee for admission is proposed, the proceeds to be devoted to the benefit of our Masonic Charities. That must commend itself, our brother opines, to every member of the Craft. The other part of the circular is quite a separate matter, and it should be left optional as to whether they should or not subscribe towards the funds for the Imperial Institute.

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From other opinions communicated to us it is evident that to make the circular "confidential" was a mistake, though it is not too late to remedy the error. The document sent in confidence to the Worshipful Masters first came under the notice of the brethren when read in open Lodge, and consequently they were in no position to grasp its scope or in any humour to discuss its provisions. The suggestion now is that the "confidential" restriction should be removed as soon as possible, and copies of the circular furnished to the Secretaries of Lodges for enclosure with the ordinary summonses, and this would enable every brother to make himself thoroughly acquainted with its contents, and go to his Lodge fully prepared to discuss the various matters contained in it.

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We shall be glad to receive further communications on this subject, and need hardly suggest to our correspondents that brevity and conciseness are recommendations to all contributions to journalistic columns.

CONSECRATION OF THE SAVAGE CLUB LODGE, No. 2190.

ON Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, was consecrated the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England. The warrant for the creation of the Lodge was recently granted by the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the petition of Brothers Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, the Earl of Dunraven, Henry Irving, Sir John Richard Somers Vine, Thomas Catling, W. E. Chapman, Thomas Burnside, John M'Lean, Raymond Tucker, and Archibald M'Neill, members of the Savage Club. About 100 brethren were present at the ceremony. The Consecrating Officer was the V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.D., Grand Secretary, who was assisted by R.W. Brother Sir John Monckton P.G.W. as S.W.; V.W. Brother Thomas Fenn, President of Board of General Purposes, as J.W.; V.W. Brother Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G. Chaplain as Chaplain; and W. Brother J. H. Matthews P.G.S.B. as Director of Ceremonies. After the consecration Brother Sir F. W. Truscott was duly installed as first W.M., and he in turn invested as his Officers Brother Sir J. R. Somers Vine S.W., Brother Thomas Catling J.W., Brother W. E. Chapman S.D., Brother T. Burnside J.D., and Brother A. M'Neill Secretary. Brother Henry Irving was elected Treasurer and was invested accordingly. In the course of the proceedings Colonel Shadwell Clerke, addressing the brethren, said they had met on an occasion both interesting and important to all Masons. They were there to add one more name to that illustrious roll of Lodges which already existed under the Grand Lodge of England. It was just a year ago that he had the honour of consecrating a Lodge in the City of London which was specially devoted to the interests of brethren of the literary, musical and dramatic professions. The Lodge they were now about to consecrate was, if he might be permitted to say so, to run on somewhat similar lines, and he could only say that if it was able to achieve the success of its brother Lodge it would be extremely fortunate. There were at the present time a very large number of Lodges within the metropolitan area, and it was therefore only right and proper that the Most Worshipful Grand Master should be loth to establish new Lodges unless good and sufficient reason could be given to him for such an increase. In the present instance the brethren, who were members of a well known society in London, the Savage Club, had thought it desirable that they should bind themselves in the Masonic bonds of friendship by having a Lodge associated with their club in which they might meet. These brethren, therefore, had petitioned the Grand Master to grant them a warrant, and His Royal Highness, after due consideration, had come to the conclusion that the reasons they had advanced were good and sufficient, and he had decided that they should be warranted as a Lodge. The brethren had been fortunate in securing as their first W.M. a Brother distinguished in every walk of life, Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, a Past Grand Warden, and under his kind and genial sway he doubted not that the Lodge would attain to a high position among kindred communities in London. The Prince of Wales and Sir Francis Knollys, K.C.M.G., C.B., were by acclamation elected honorary members. Thirty brethren were nominated as joining members of the Lodge, and five gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation. The Lodge having been closed in ancient form, the brethren partook of a banquet, at which were present, besides those whose names have been already given, Bros. Lord Londesborough, Lord John Taylour, A. F. Philbrick (Grand Registrar), A. Burdett-Coutts, Captain Philips, C. J. Parkinson, Augustus Harris, E. Swanborough, Bram Stoker, Edward Terry, J. H. Thomas, J. Willing, J. Willing jun., Byron Webber, C. Greenwood, C. W. Blake, C. Townley, W. Phillips, J. P. Fitzgerald, E. J. Odell, Franklin Clive, and many others. Letters of agreement, and apology for absence were read from Lord Randolph Churchill, the Duke of Abercorn, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Bective, and the Bishop of New Westminster. After dinner the usual toasts were honoured, and several brethren assisted in rendering a varied musical programme, under the direction of Bro Edwin Bending.

The installation meeting of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, will take place on Tuesday next, the 25th inst. The members meet at the Cannon Street Hotel at 4.30. Bro. Solomon Jacobs is the W.M. elect.

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LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174.

THE 119th anniversary and installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Frederick Joseph Dellow. There were present Bros. H. J. Cant S.W., C. Blain J.W., Charles Lacey P.M. Treasurer, C. H. Webb P.M. Secretary, Dr. W. Wiles S.D., Richardson J.D.. W. J. Higgs I.G., H. Magee D.C.; P.M.'s John Newton, G. Jones, J. S. Fraser, W. C. Barlow, John Bulmer, E. J. Moore, G. T. H. Seddon; J. Miller Steward; J. T. Barnes 226 (S.C.), A. Toulmin jun., I.G. 1503, Bentley Haynes P.M. 27, G. T. Dix P.M. 1421, H. Coningham 1625, J. Child P.M. 453 P.P.G.S.W. Essex, J. Terry P.M. 228 P.P.G.W. Norths and Hunts, G. Corble P.M. 453 P.P.G.J.W. Essex, H. James W.M., 749, R. Cushing P.M. 1679, C. Mullin 1672, C. A. White 1777, S. Mellish 188, J. E. Pont 1915, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, W. J. Nash 1716, J. D. Gray 55, G. W. Kidd 860, J. Tracy 1062, Henry Prenton 1319, A. J. Pritchard 9, &c. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the ballot was opened for Mr. Henry Edwin Sambrook, who had been proposed by Bro. T. Scott and seconded by the Secretary. This veteran candidate having been unanimously accepted, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M. whose working was admirable throughout. Bro. C. Blain was now duly presented as the W.M. elect, and, assenting to the responsibilites of office, was obligated by Bro. Dellow; after which Bro. Charles Lacey P.M. the esteemed Treasurer of the Lodge assumed the chair and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the S.W. was installed into the chair of K.S. with all solemnity. The proclamations in the East, West and South respectively were made by the Installing Master; Bro. John Newton P.M. (late Secretary), who occupied the Senior Warden's chair; and Bro. C. H. Webb P.M. Secretary in the Junior Warden's chair. The addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered in the same order by the above-named with admirable effect. At a late meeting Bro. John Bulmer, the senior Past Master of the Lodge, had consented to act as a Steward at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and it now transpired that it is just a quarter of a century since that worthy brother served in a similar capacity. In consideration of this being the Jubilee year of her Majesty's reign, and in order to commemorate that interesting event, the Lodge unanimously agreed to grant the munificent sum of 50 guineas to head Brother Bulmer's list. After the transaction of some minor matters of business, in the course of which the resignation of a member of the Lodge was announced, and the Pro Grand Master's circular on the Jubilee question deferred until the next meeting, a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Dellow on his retirement from the chair, as a mark of esteem and regard, and in recognition of faithful and zealous services rendered to the Lodge during his term of office. The newly-installed Master, in affixing the jewel to his breast, complimented Brother Dellow upon the punctuality he always observed, in spite of the heavy calls upon his time, both in his public and private capacities, and in connection with the Lodge, and remarked that he had never been absent from any of its meetings. The gift was suitably acknowledged by the Immediate Past Master, who thanked the brethren for their considerate kindness and appreciation of the humble services he had rendered to the Lodge, in which he had ever taken a deep interest. Brother John Newton P.M. then reminded the brethren that at this time last year when he requested to be relieved of the duties of the Secretaryship of the Lodge, he asked the brethren that he might be permitted to compile a history of Sincerity Lodge. This permission was accorded him, and he had found the labour a most interesting occupation, though it had taken him considerably longer than he had at first anticipated. However, the work was now complete, and he wished to place the MS. in the hands of the Worshipful Master, with the view of its acceptance by the Lodge, so that the members might deal with it in any way they should deem expedient. It was resolved that a committee, consisting of the W.M., the Treas. and Sec., Bros. Bulmer P.M. and Dellow I.P.M. be appointed to act in conjunction with Brother Newton, and to decide what steps should be taken to publish the "History," for the benefit of the members. Soon after this Lodge was closed with the usual interchange of amenities, and the brethren subsequently partook of a sumptuous banquet, where the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. J. Marchant superintended, and all the arrangments were of a satisfactory character. As a rule, the speeches were of commendable brevity, and thus time was gained for harmony, some excellent songs and music being rendered by Bros. H. Prenton, A. G. Pritchard, C. A. White, and other brethren. After the usual prefatory toasts, the Immediate Past Master proposed the health of the newly Installed Master, in doing which he said it had happened somewhat out of the ordinary course that Bro. Blain occupied the chair, but this arose in consequence of their excellent Senior Warden, Bro. Cant, finding that, owing to his time being so fully engaged, he deemed it advisable, for his convenience and for the comfort of his brethren, to defer his candidature for the chair until some future time. Bro. Blain's qualifications for the presidency of the Lodge were fully recognised, he having passed through all the offices in rotation; and the brethren all united in wishing him a happy and prosperous year. Bro. Blain acknowledged in appropriate manner the compliment paid him, and promised to do all he possibly could for the welfare of the Lodge. He then proposed the Visitors, of whom he was pleased to see so many present, especially Bros. Corble and Child, gentlemen with whom he had the honour of being associated in business. These brethren replied, expressing their gratification at seeing Bro. Blain occupying so exalted a position in the Sincerity Lodge. The W.M. in proposing the Charities alluded to the special circumstances under which Bro. Bulmer had taken up the Stewardship. That brother was assured from personal friends the sum of £90, and the Lodge had voted fifty guineas to his list. This had been supplemented by the brethren around the table by a sum which raised the total to £195 6s 6d—an announcement which was received with prolonged applause. Brother Jones P.M. thought it was a pity the amount should not go freely into the double figures, and expressed his readiness to give five guineas, which would raise the total to £200 11s 6d. Doubtless within the few weeks which elapse before the Festival, and after the pressing appeal by Brother Terry, this sum will be supplemented still further. In fact, we are sure this will be the case, inasmuch as we ourselves are enabled to announce that an esteemed member of the Lodge (Bro. H. R. Yates), with whom we were in conversation, suggested that the amount ought to be made guineas instead of pounds, and that if this could be effected it should be tried at once, and he would aid such an effort by giving five guineas. We commend this gratifying fact to Bros. Webb and Bulmer, who may possibly be able to find other brethren of the same way of thinking, and who will help further to increase the sum. Brother James Terry was most eloquent in his reply; he acknowledged the deep indebtedness of the Institution with which he was most directly associated to the brethren of Sincerity Lodge. Brother Terry's sentiments, as expressed on this occasion, will be found fully embodied in our leading article of this week, and we commend it to the consideration of our readers. Other toasts followed, and the evening was closed most enjoyably.

SALISBURY LODGE, No. 435.

THERE was a large attendance of members and Visitors at the installation meeting of this Lodge, held on Tuesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. E. J. Jeffs W.M. Amongst those present were Bros. A. Ross S.W., D. Belinfante J.W., W. T. Ball P.M. Secretary, S. Lehmeyer Organist, W. H. Kelly S.D., G. Witt J.D.; A. Allhausen P.M., R. T. Cook P.M., R. Seeker P.M., Wilhelm Ganz P.M. P.G. Organist, H. Eskell Paget, W. Michael, A. Schwerze, T. P. Fisher, R. J. Patten, W. Spilling, C. Sheather, G. Pratt, F. Atkins, and others. The Visitors included Bros. A. D. Cohen 1017, G. W. Reed P.M. 13, J. Tickle P.M. 1196, A. W. D. Passmore 843, J. H. Walker 1245, A. Staley P.M. 185, Maguire 2209, Meacock 742, J. Blundell 742, A. Timothy P.M. 87, R. Griggs P.M. 228, G. C. Rivers S.W. 459, G. W. Saul W.M. 1851, H. P. Isaac P.M. 1693, W. W. Lee 1897, J. Hill Secretary 1702, A. Burden P.M. 11, A. Rosenthal P.M. 1673, J. H. Atkins 1634, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, F. M. Wenborn 813, A. W. Fenner P.M. 1227 and 1693, E. W. Parkes P.M. Finsbury, &c. Lodge having been opened in form, the ballot was opened for Mr. Max John Berner, who had been nominated by the W.M. elect, and seconded by the Secretary. The nomination was unanimously accepted. On the motion of Bro. Hooper P.M. Treas., seconded by Bro. W. T. Ball P.M. Secretary, it was unanimously resolved "that a double subscription (£10 10s) be placed upon the Steward's list for the Girls' School this year, as the Lodge was not represented at the preceeding Festival." Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Captain T. P. Fisher was passed, the ceremony being well performed. Bro. Augustus Ross S.W. was then presented as the W.M. elect, and in due order the ceremony was carried out by the outgoing Master, Bro. Jeffs, who delivered the charges in a very impressive manner. The newly installed W.M. having been saluted with full Masonic honours, invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Edward J. Jeffs I.P.M., D. Belinfante S.W., W. H. Kelley J.W., W. T. Ball P.M. Sec., G. B. Witt S.D., S. H. Behrend J.D., W. Spilling I.G., C. J. C. Pridham D.C., S. Lehmeyer Org. Bro. W. H. Hooper P.M., who was re-elected Treasurer, being unavoidably absent, his investment was deferred. Some minor matters of business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in Messrs. Spiers and Pond's best style. The usual loyal toasts were given from the chair, the W.M. observing that the Jubilee Year of Her Majesty was one of joy and rejoicing, for such an event had only occurred thrice before in the history of our country. During Victoria's happy reign there had been greater progress in science and education than at any other period, and the interest she took in the welfare of her subjects aroused feelings of the utmost loyalty and affection. The toasts of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Officers followed, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz P.G.O. responding for the latter, and Bro. J. Tickle P.P.G.Reg. Middlesex for the Provincial Grand Lodges. He spoke in favour of a scheme for the division of London into Districts, with a view of enabling deserving brethren to obtain further honours. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, was sure the toast would be received with enthusiasm. For six years Bro. Ross had done his best to work his way through the various offices he had had to fill, and he had discharged the duties of each with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. Their Worshipful Master had had very little work that evening, but he had performed it in an excellent and elegant manner, that would leave nothing to be desired in future. He asked them to drink the health of their Worshipful Master, and join in wishing him a prosperous year of office, and that the Lodge would flourish under his guidance. The toast was heartily accepted, and the Worshipful Master, in responding sincerely thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which he had been received, and for the compliments which had been paid him. He assured them no effort should be wanting on his part to deserve the kind words which had been spoken of him by their Immediate Past Master, and to gain the respect and affection of all the members of the Lodge. He then gave the health of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Officer, in doing which he remarked on the excellent manner in which Brother Jeffs had acted, and how well he had acquitted himself in every office he had undertaken; this was known to the members and had given them the utmost satisfaction. He then pre-

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sented to Bro. Jeffs a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the very valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge. In doing so he expressed the hope that the jewel would be an ornament on his breast for many years, and that it would recall fond recollections of the love and affection of the brethren, and be a remembrance of his having gained the appreciation of them all. Bro. Jeffs I.P.M., after thanking the brethren for the kindly feelings they had evinced towards him since he first took office, said that six years ago he had done his best to work for the Lodge, and to put himself in such a position that when he arrived at the height of his ambition he should be able to perform the duties. If he was able to leave the chair, knowing that in the opinion of his superiors he had done well and earned their esteem, he was amply repaid. Having now left the chair he really considered his duties had commenced; he should continue to do what he could for the Lodge, and hoped for years to come to continue a Past Master. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Visitors, said he was glad to see so many present, and he hoped the working they had witnessed would be an inducement to them to come again. The toast was replied to by Bros. Staley P.M. 185, Passmore 843 (New South Wales), and others. The services rendered by the Past Masters, the Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers were recognised, and replies given respectively, and the list was closed in the usual way by the Tyler. During the evening a choice selection of music was rendered, under the direction of Bro. S. Lehmeyer Organist, amongst those who contributed to the harmony being Bros. J. H. Walker, T. Forman, W. T. Ball P.M., E. F. W. Berger P.M., Jeffs I.P.M., and others.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No 1791 — At the meeting held on Thursday, 13th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Bros. Craggs W.M., J. Davies S.W., Lindfield J.W., Austin Treasurer, Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Cross S.D., Altman J.D., Jennings I.G., P.M.'s Bros. J. Davies Preceptor, Spiegel, Child, Game, Cantell, Josey, Cavers, Rogers, Hardy, Cockrell, Breitbart, Colville, Head, Borham, Whittle, Gilbert, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Hardy offered himself as candidate for raising, and answered the usual questions. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony rehearsed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Rogers, W.M. of the Creaton Lodge, who desired to rehearse the ceremony of installation. Bro. Austin was presented as W.M. elect, and he afterwards invested the Officers. Bro. Craggs resumed the chair. Bro. Davies was elected W.M. for next meeting. Later on the Benevolent Society, established in this Lodge only five weeks, proceeded with its second ballot, which resulted in favour of Bro. Altman.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Haymarket.—"Hard Hit," the name chosen for Mr. Henry Arthur Jones's latest play, was produced on Monday evening, at this theatre, with every token of success. "Hard Hit" is a play that cannot claim to have any original ideas connected with it, but this is recompensed for by the skilful manner in which the play is constructed. The weakest scene is the first, and this is not much of a fault, for when an author can make his story more interesting as he goes along he may be said to have achieved a gratifying result. Undoubtedly Mr. Jones has handled familiar ideas with skill. His hero is a man of deceitful and selfish ways; in fact all his characters are commonplace people, doing what might be expected of them; but never coming forward with a surprise. The old story of an innocent wife being subjected to the gravest suspicion is the theme chosen, while the downfall of the husband is brought about by horse-racing. By this it will at once be acknowledged that "Hard Hit" is not original in its conception; it is simply a play well written and admirably acted. We give an outline of the piece: Bertha Saxon is secretly married to Geoffery Calvert. Tony Saxon, a broken down sporting gentleman, father to Bertha, is the only one who knows of this. The day the piece opens is that of the St. Leger, and Geoffery Calvert has put all he possibly can on a horse named Daredevil, which, however, does not win. Geoffery will now be posted as a defaulter at Tattersall's unless he can immediately procure £5,000. He has been cast off by his father, Sir Baldwyn Calvert, while his aunt has also left off paying his debts. Stephen Cudlip, a smooth spoken villain, accidently becomes aware that Bertha Saxon is entitled to £80,000, which sum is locked up in Chancery. This individual being unaware that she is already married, proposes to her, but, of course, is rejected. Mrs. Ashbee, a lady who refused Geoffery Calvert's offer of marriage three years since, is now desirous of winning him, but she, finding he is otherwise engaged, enters into a plot with Cudlip to ruin Bertha. For this purpose Mrs. Ashbee offers to advance Bertha the money for Geoffery, if she will take a letter to Cudlip—who is a promoter of bubble companies—authorising him to sell out certain shares in a company Cudlip is managing, and by that means he can raise the money. Meanwhile, however, Cudlip has done his share of the work; he has written to Geoffrey inviting him to dinner, and purposely enclosed a letter written to Bertha, while Geoffrey's letter he sends to Bertha. Cudlip, in order to give more publicity to his fiendish purpose, has a dinner party, among his guests being Sir Baldwyn Calvert. Bertha duly arrives at Cudlip's rooms, and when Sir Baldwyn is announced is placed in the card-room—for a few minutes only, as Bertha thinks, but really to be brought forward when all is ready. Cudlip tries to make it known there is some secret connected with the card-room, and necessarily arouses the suspicions of the company. However, Tony Saxon and Geoffrey come in search of Bertha, and when the unsuspecting woman emerges from her place of concealment the pretended excuses of Cudlip only make matters worse. This brings the third act to a close. The fourth is occupied by the explanations, which as a matter of course follows. A well written scene is introduced when the unfortunate wife, hoping to show her husband that she is true to him, induces him to hide behind a curtain, while Cudlip is introduced, but the heartless villian knowing Geoffery is within hearing, coolly continues to make love to her, and thus prevents Bertha proving her innocence. This result, however, is brought about by Bratby—the man who informed Cudlip of Bertha's fortune—turning traitor, and relating all he knows. Thus ends a story that is certainly interesting, well written, but never exciting. Several good parts are in the play, foremost of these being those allotted to Messrs. H. Beerbohm Tree, Arthur Dacre, E. S. Willard and Miss Marion Terry. Mr. Tree's rendering of the part of the villian Cudlip was excellent his every movement showed how thoroughly he understood the character. In short, this gentleman's style was admirable, and when the time came for him to take his departure, Mr. Tree certainly introduced an original mode of exit. Mr. Arthur Dacre made a good Geoffrey Calvert, his nervousness, cowardice, and deceit was admirably portrayed, and when required Mr. Dacre touched the true vain of emotion. Mr. E. S. Willard although having but a small part in Tony Saxon, managed to invest it with a finish that was both kind and affectionate. Miss Marion Terry gave a powerful rendering of the Bertha Saxon, and showed plenty of emotion in the scenes that required it. Miss Mary Rorke was unsuited in Mrs. Ashbee, but this lady's admirable acting made up in some degree for this. Mr. Frank Archer gave a polished representation of Sir Baldwyn Calvert, while the smaller parts were in good hands. Mr. C. Dodsworth (Bratby), Mr. H. Kemble (Major Fysh), Mr. Compton Coutts (Hon. Effingham Nangle), Mr. P. Ben Greet (Joe Jeffcoat), and Miss Lydia Cowell (Cherry Jeffcoat) made the most of what was allotted them, thus adding to the success achieved. At the conclusion the artistes and author received the usual call.

Globe.—After having introduced two pieces that have proved as successful as "The Private Secretary" and "The Pickpocket," it was but natural that the next production of the management of this house should be looked forward to with some amount of interest. This was fully realised on Tuesday last, the night chosen for the production of "The Lodgers," founded on a French Vaudeville, by Messrs. Brandon Thomas and Maurice de Verney. The piece is nothing else than a version of the same outline as "My Neice and My Bear" was founded on, and when we say that the plot of the piece is developed by three gentlemen proposing at the same time for the hand of a young lady, who elopes with one of her admirers, while a bear, containing the savings of a naturalist, is placed in a box and taken away in mistake for the lady, it will be easy to recognise "The Lodgers." The adapters have invested the piece with some amount of fun, but have missed many opportunies presented in the original. The first act is full of fun, but the second goes slowly, and not until the business verges on pantomime is there anything amusing to notice. The last act, however, runs better and we have a fairly strong termination. As "The Lodgers" was played on the first night it will not succeed, but with such actors as Messrs. W. S. Penley and W. J. Hill in the caste there is no knowing what they may be able to achieve. If there is humour in a piece, and there certainly is a good deal in "The Lodgers," these gentlemen will make the most of it, and being well backed up they may make "The Lodgers" as great a success as the pieces that have preceded it at this house. Certainly the best character is alloted to Mr. W. S. Penley, whose appearance, in a tight fitting jacket and a little Scotch cap, caused the greatest amusement. This gentleman acted well throughout as Benjamin Hundlebee, but was most successful in his scenes with Mr. Hill. The latter has a part, in Muggridge wherein he displayed to the fullest extent his stolid humour; this was thoroughly appreciated, while his oddities were as amusing as ever. Mr. Charles Glenny played the naturalist well, while Mr. C. H. Hawtrey gave a pleasant embodiment of the part of Reginald Sparker. Miss Fanny Brough was intensely humorous as Mrs. Muggridge, while Miss Blanche Horlock was winning as Kitty. Mr. M. de Verney and Miss Vane Featherstone were the other principal artists. "The Lodgers," as presented on Tuesday, needs considerable altertions, and when that is done success may attend it.

ENGRAVINGS.—GEO. REES, Cheapest House in London. A1 Briton Riviere Engravings and Etchings on view—Sympathy, Hi Only Friend, Night Watch, Poachers, Cave Canem, and many others.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

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)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2019—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

MONDAY, 24th JANUARY.

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
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.
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, 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, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn

1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1838—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, Cour House, Enfield
M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough

R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 25th JANUARY.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1949—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)
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.

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. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ledbroke 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
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
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
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. 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, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 26th JANUARY.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, 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)
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)
896—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.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street

1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., 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.

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 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)

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
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent

R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
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. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 27th 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)
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
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instuction)
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)
786—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 4.30 (Inst)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)

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. (In.)
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 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)
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.

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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
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, Islington Square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruct ion)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
2131—Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
R.A. 266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 293—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
R.A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
R.A. 1098—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
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, 28th JANUARY.

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.
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
765—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, at 8. (I)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1155—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)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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 C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
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, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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—Allingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039—Londonderry, Y.M,C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 343—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

SATURDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

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. (Inst)
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. (Improvement)
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

GLEANINGS.

Masons should be better than other men, for otherwise Masonry will have no vindication, no excuse for its existence. We should carry out from our Lodges into the world that sobriety, that reason and circumspection in our lives, that sense of the separation which exists between us and those who have not walked in our pathway and learned the significance of our tasks, which will mark us from the unitiated throng, and be evidence that we have a possession, a calling, and a consecration apart from other men.

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THE CHARTER OF OUR ORDER.—Apart from what science may teach, or the world may think, we assert that the Bible is the charter of our Order, in its highest and purest sense. All of its rules for the guidance of the Craft are based upon the teachings of the Holy Bible; and its interpretations are in accord with the wisest and best minds of the Fraternity of the past and present. It thus takes its position as secondary to the Church, and does not seek to do the work of religion; only seeking to do the work of morality and virtue. And this spirit, carried out into life, makes members the truest, the most loyal to the State; the citizens who illustrate by their walk and character the power of their Bible. This is the root from which the Order has grown. Masonry, through its teachings, inculcates a belief in God as its first requirement. This is its grand characteristic. The Mason is urged to make the Great Architect of the Universe the source and object of his faith, the great law of his conscience. And here it rests upon the Holy Teaching as the foundation of the Institution, the strong rock out of which the temple rises in all its rich proportions and stately architecture. And it is its glory that, in every Lodge and Chapter, and in every department of its work, an open Bible rests upon its altar. This is the silent authority, the supreme sanction, the command for every act. This is the spirit in which our Order, as Masons, believe and accept the Bible as the inspired voice and message from God. It is because of the divine power dwelling in the word that it becomes an authority and guide in our Institution. It is this that makes our Order more than a moral temple, that makes it also a spiritual temple, in which the faithful, believing members, as living stones, are built up and hallowed by a divine light.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

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Within the last few weeks a misfortune occurred in our midst which, thanks to the desire of the press to satisfy the public taste for sensational news, has been widely circulated throughout the country, and in not a few instances has called forth comments both unnecessary and disparaging to the Masonic Order. We refer to the sad case of death from exposure which recently took place on Plumstead Common, and to which "VIGIL" referred in the correspondence columns of our issue of the 8th inst. We sincerely regret the sad end which befel the unfortunate brother to whose death reference is made, but we fail to see why Freemasonry is, so to speak, to be called to account for the mishap, or its members in any way held responsible for the death of this one of their number. Yet the most unkind things have been said of Freemasonry in connection with this case, by some of the self-appointed critics who have given their attention to the subject, and in not a few instances most ludicrous mistakes have been made as to the scope and action of Masonic charity.

We do not wish to bring any special knowledge we may have of the facts to bear on our remarks, but simply desire to consider the case as it was made known to the world. An unfortunate member of society, who was a member of the Masonic Order, died from exposure and want, and among the articles found on his body was a Masonic certificate. Now some of those who have criticised this case at once assume that the unfortunate man had appealed in vain to his brother Masons, and argue that his death is convincing proof that the boasted charity of the Masonic Order is a myth, whereas there is nothing to show that he had not long since resigned his membership of the Order, and had perhaps never said a word to any of his fellow Masons as to his need for assistance. A writer who would refer to the subject at all may be assumed to know that Freemasons have the credit of being charitable, else he would have no reason for mentioning it. Now, it seems to us very strange that any one having such knowledge should not be aware that the Benevolence of the Order was a recognised fact rather than a matter open to doubt.

Looking at the subject calmly and without bias, we are inclined to think that too much is expected of Freemasonry, and we refer to the case mentioned above in proof of this theory. That Freemasonry should be called to account for the death of one who, in days gone by, was regularly received as a member is to us absurd, as also are the references which are occasionally made to the Masonic connection of criminals and others. It is impossible that Freemasonry should make all who enter its portals good men; all that we as Masons claim is, that it is likely to improve a man—not that it is certain to do so, and if others would regard the matter in the same light we think more rational ideas of what is due from Freemasonry would become general, and the few black sheep to be found among its membership would not be made so much of by those who seem to desire the downfall of Freemasonry. When so much is made of one slip does it not prove that the greater number of Freemasons are equal to, if not above, the general average?

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BRO. ROB MORRIS is an LL.D., a P.G.M. of Kentucky, a linguist, a scholar, an orator, an author, and a poet. I think that up to 1868 he claims to have either written, annotated, or published more than seventy Masonic books; and as to his Sunday School and Masonic orations, I think they could be counted by thousands. In theology, however, he is not quite "sound on the goose," for, in his "Freemasonry in the Holy Land," published in 1879, on page 223, he says:

"The Bible is to be judged by its general scope and intention—not by a few isolated passages, and these possibly misconceived in the *process of translation* from a language highly idiomatic and poetical to one extremely practical. *Many of its traditions and teachings were delivered orally, and awaited for years the pen of the historian*; how easy then to mistake their meaning."

Bro. Morris's admission above—which I italicise—strongly shows his disbelief that every word in our present bible was inspired. However, though a strict Calvinist would not call Bro. Morris a Christian saint, yet, if saintship consists in believing without reason and against reason, Bro. Morris will be placed in the first rank of Masonic saints; for, when writing about Masonic legends, there are no bounds to his faith. It matters not to Bro. Morris when Masonic traditions originated, nor in what language they first appeared, or how many years after they were promulgated they were first written down by a historian—if it is only a Masonic tradition, he is sure it is true. Bro. Morris's appetite was not satisfied with the traditions he got in all the Masonic degrees in creation, which he had taken, but he even made pilgrimages to the Holy Land and other countries, in order to pick up more traditions; and in the course of his travels in the Holy Land, or in Arabia, he was initiated into a Dervish Lodge, whose ceremonies he described in one of his lectures in Boston, as almost identical with our own Masonic ceremonies. Bro. Morris not only collected many Masonic traditions in the Orient, but while there he chiselled the square and compass on every rock, tomb, cave, and old ruin which he

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visited. He must have used up a great many chisels in the course of his work, and these, if he preserved and labelled each of them with a memorandum of the work it had performed, would, one day, be of great value to Masonic curiosity hunters.

Some of our distinguished English brethren have recently been excited over a discovery in the Bodleian Library, which proves that the Hiramic legend existed 500 years ago. Bah! That is a mere fleabite to what Bro. Morris can prove; for instance, on page 45 of his book I find as follows:—

"Sailing near Crotona, on the Eastern coast of Italy, I recalled the name and labours of Pythagoras, commemorated in the *Freemasons' Monitor*, in these words:—'Our ancient friend and brother, the great Pythagoras, who, in his travels through Asia, Africa, and Europe, was initiated into several orders of priesthood, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.'"

Thus, the *Masonic Monitor* furnishes evidence that the Masters' legend existed, not only 500 years ago, but about 2,400 years ago. Bro. Morris, of course, believes that the two Saints John were Masons; these he respectively styles as the "June St. John" and the "December St. John." The tomb of the former Bro. Morris could not find, but the burial place of the latter tradition assigned to Ephesus, and Bro. Morris says:—

"And there the people believe that our good December St. John lies buried behind the high altar, but his tomb, when opened, was found to have lost its body; the pure flesh of the apostle of peace had turned into manna, or the body itself had been translated to Heaven, leaving that Celestial bread of the Royal Arch in its place. This grave had been made under his own instructions, while alive, and on his deathday he walked there voluntarily, and laid himself down in it."

From the above one would infer that St. John was not only a Master Mason but a Royal Archer too. Bro. Morris, of course, visited Tyre, and as some writers claimed that King Hiram's tomb was located on a hill, so he took with him two guides or servants, and climbed up the hill, previous to which he saw two eagles flying above, when he immediately ordered the servants to fall behind, and took the eagles for his guides, and they, of course, brought him to the right place. He says:—

"Kabn Hairan (the grave of Hiram) bears about it unmistakable marks of extreme antiquity. So says Dr. Thomson and so say I. It is impossible to disprove the local tradition which assigns this tomb to the great Tyrian king. So says Professor H. B. Tristram and so say I. . . This is the monument of Hiram; yonder eagles know it and I know it."

As there was no Masonic emblem on the said monument Bro. Morris chiselled on it the square and compass. It seems that later on Bro. Sir C. Warren visited the said tomb, and he found that, in addition to Bro. Morris's square and compass, a cross was also engraved thereon. Hence a future Masonic high degree pilgrim will be ready to swear that King Hiram was not only a Master Mason but a Knight Templar too.

Bro. Morris climbed up to the top of the said monument, and on looking into it he found it empty. So our enthusiastic brother actually got into it, and enjoyed the delight of laying himself down in the old coffin, and gives the following reason, viz., "Here lies the Master of the Widow's son, whose tragic history seasons every instruction of the Freemasons' Lodge."

But that is not all. Bro. Morris is very sure that the structure of Hiram's tomb "was drawn by the pencil of Hiram the widow's son, and that the munificence of King Solomon bore the expense of its erection." "Thus," he continues, "our first three Grand Masters were united in this, as in other matters interesting to Masons."

And that is not all; for, in a note on page 113, Bro. Morris says:—

"According to Masonic tradition the funeral rites under which King Hiram was buried were composed by King Solomon, and they were substantially the same as those in use at the present day."

As to what became of Bro. Hiram's bones? Bro. Morris does not presume that they turned into manna, or that Hiram's body was taken up to Heaven, but he believes that King Hiram was really never put into the sarcophagus at all, but was buried many feet below the tomb, and he advises Sir Charles Warren to dig deep under the tomb, where the bones may be recovered.

But what will my learned English brethren say to the following ancient tradition, which our good Bro. Morris, I presume, picked up in the Holy Land? Bro. Morris, on page 199, says:

"It seems, from the traditions of the Craft, that various questions in regard to the construction of Freemasonry—'Speculative Masonry' as we call it—were made subject of discussion by the three Grand Masters, and settled, from time to time, at their conferences in Jerusalem. One of the most interesting of these was that of an appropriate colour. Upon this point the minds of the three philosophers were strangely diverse. King Solomon preferred red or scarlet, emblematic of fervency and zeal, so strikingly illustrated in his own character; King Hiram expressed his choice for the royal colour, purple, a hue associated with his own metropolis, Tyre, ever since the purple shell had been utilized as emblematic of the noblest precepts; Hiram Abif was partial to blue, as suggestive of that expansion and universality which they all hoped would become characteristic of the new society. Standing here, on this lofty point of rocks, and gazing over the vast sea before him—a sea famed in all ages for its depths of blue—the boundary of his vision only limited by a clearness of the blue, Hiram stored his mind with arguments in favour of the adoption of that colour, that, when the three Grand Masters held their next conference at Jerusalem, his (Bro. Hiram Abif's) logic proved irresistible, and so the 'cerulean hue' was adopted as the unchangable type of Masonry."

But. Bro. Morris brought further information from the Orient which is even better than the above, that is, if one of Bro. Morris's legends can be better than another. I must, however, premise that the title page of Bro. Morris's immortal book, viz. "Freemasonry in the Holy Land," is enclosed within a triangle, and near the top of which is engraved the picture of an oyster shell, and this shell is an emblem of great importance to Freemasonry. Briefly then, Bro. Morris recovered, when in the Holy Land, an ancient Masonic degree, lineally descended from the time of the building of Solomon's Temple. The said degree is called the "Palm and Shell." About the Palm I know nothing; but the information I received about the Shell is astonishing. Indeed, who could have supposed that if it had not been for an oyster shell speculative Masonry would have been minus of the third degree, and here is the tradition about the Shell, as given by Bro. Morris in his lectures when he was in Boston, viz.:—

When Grand Master Hiram Abif and the Tyrian workmen arrived in the Holy Land, for the purpose of building the Temple at Jerusalem, they landed in the port of Joppa. Of course, the coast of Joppa, like other coasts, was covered with various kinds of sea shells, and Grand Master Hiram Abif ordered each of his working men to pick up two of these shells, one of which was to be suspended from the neck of each man and rest on the breast, and the other was somehow placed on the forehead, and this, said Bro. Morris, was the first Masonic mark or sign whereby Masons recognised each other. Now, when the body of our lamented Grand Master was found, it was in such a state of decomposition and putrefaction that no one in the world could ever have identified it, if the ruffian when he gave the fatal blow had not driven the shell on Hiram's forehead into his fractured skull; and this shell of course furnished conclusive evidence as to the identity of Hiram's mortal remains.

Bro. Morris recovered at least one more ancient Masonic degree, which is called the "Iron Ring." I know not to what period the origin of that degree is assigned. It may refer to that iron ring which, according to one story, the Crusaders found attached to a trap door in the Holy Land; according to another story the iron ring and trap door was found in the time of Emperor Titus, and according to still another story, it was discovered in the time of Zerubbabel. But be that as it may so far, though Bro. Morris conferred the said degrees in various parts of the United States of America, I have not heard as yet of any organised bodies of those Orders. But who knows whether ere long our land, and England too, may not be covered with Lodges and Grand Lodges of Palm Shellers and Iron Ringers, which will be patronised by the highest Masonic luminaries and dignitaries in creation, under a firm conviction that they are bonâ fide ancient Masonic degrees of the Holy Land?

But, absurd as Bro. Morris's belief in legends may be, he is comparatively speaking a philosopher, when put

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side by side with the Hutchinsons, Olivers, Mackeys, Moores, with hosts of oratorical American Grand Masters and Masonic journalists of the present day. Bro. Morris indeed believes in what I may call the ritual history of Masonry, but he is not so absurd as to extend its history beyond the period the ritual assigned to its origin. For instance, he does not believe that Adam and the patriarchs were Masons, and taught in their Lodges the Christian doctrine of Redemption; he does not believe, with a writer in the *Voice of Masonry*, that Jesus Christ the Son of God constituted Freemasonry. He does not believe that our Masonry is an offshoot of the Pagan Mysteries, and I might enumerate scores of other absurdities which our most learned Masons believed to be as "true as Gospel" in which Bro. Morris seems to take no stock. But that is not all. The readers of long standing of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE may remember reading many papers of mine, in which I showed up the absurdity of our Bro. MacCalla's claim, that because Daniel Coxe received a Deputation from the G.L. of England in 1730, constituting him P.G.M. of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, and because, in 1731, a G.L. was formed in Philadelphia, therefore he claims that the said Philadelphia G.L. derived its authority from Daniel Coxe. When in 1874 Bro. MacCalla first advanced the claim that Philadelphia was the "mother city of American Masonry," I was curious to see how many of our luminaries at once believed it. But now, outside of Pennsylvania, I believe that there is but one brother who is still steeped in Bro. MacCalla's delusion, viz., my good friend Bro. Hughan, and even Bro. Hughan's opinion upon the question is now materially modified.

To show that Bro. Calla's notion is discredited here in America I will mention two facts. First. Within two or three years a Masonic Temple was dedicated at Washington, and the G.M. of Massachusetts was there. Previous to the ceremony the Washington Masonic authorities told Bro. Howland, the Massachusetts G.M., that they were quite satisfied that the first legally chartered Lodge in America was constituted in Boston, in 1733, and therefore they gave its representative precedence over those of Pennsylvania, both in the procession in the G.L. and at the festive board. This fact, which, as far as I know, was not noticed in any Masonic paper, was told to me by the Massachusetts G.M. himself. And second. Within four months the Supreme Council of the N.J. thirty-thirders met at Chicago, and there also the first American jurisdiction toasted at the table was that of Massachusetts. A Pennsylvanian 33rd who was there made a swaggering speech, I am informed, in behalf of the Pennsylvanian claim to priority, but he made no converts to his theory. Well, it seems that Bro. Rob. Morris also disbelieves in the "Philadelphia Mother of American Masonry" claim, for on page 37 he says,

"I view London, the centre of Ancient York Masonry. From hence, in 1733, was sent the holy spark to Western fields that has kindled into so goodly a blaze."

I merely add, that Bro. Morris is more correct in his disbeliefs than in his beliefs.

BOSTON U.S. 11th January 1887.

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 arise 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 closed 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.*

Gratified at the success that attended their efforts last year, the brethren of the five Leicester Lodges—St. John's, No. 279; John of Gaunt, No. 523; Commercial, No. 1391; Albert Edward, No. 1560; Golden Fleece, No. 2081—have decided to again hold a Masonic Ball in aid of the Masonic Charities, which will take place at the County Assembly Rooms, Leicester, by kind permission and under the patronage of Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart., P.D.P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, on Monday, 7th February 1887. The Committee have secured 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 Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England; the Right Honourable the Earl Ferrers Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Leicestershire and Rutland; his Grace the Duke of St. Albans Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Nottinghamshire; the Most Noble the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Derbyshire; William Kelly, Esq., F.S.A., F.R. His. Soc., Right Worshipful P.P.G. Master Leicestershire and Rutland; S. S. Partridge, Esq., Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master Leicestershire and Rutland; and his Worship the Mayor of Leicester, Israel Hart, Esq. Full Masonic clothing will be worn on the occasion, and Officers of the Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces are invited to appear in uniform. Tickets (to include Supper and Light Refreshments):—Gentlemen, 12s 6d each; Ladies, 10s 6d each; may (upon the introduction of a Mason) be obtained from any of the following brethren (members of the Ball Committee):—Lodge 279—C. F. Wike, 20 Newtown-street; Robert Rowley, Queen-street; F. Griffith, 57 Regent-street, Southfields; J. H. Marshall, Rutland-street. Lodge 523—H. P. Brown, 10 New-street; G. Newsome, Welford-place; J. G. Murdin, 57 Princess-street; T. G. Charlesworth, The Hollow. Lodge 1391—J. E. Beazeley, 8 Southgates; S. Knight, 10 Guthlaxton-street; R. B. Starkey, 23 London-road; G. Jessop, Granville House, London-road. Lodge 1560—T. Macaulay, Kibworth; W. J. Freer, New-street; J. D. Harris, Braunstone Gate; Dr. C. A. Moore, 12 King-street. Lodge 2081—E. P. Steede, 20 Friar-lane; W. H. Lead, 40 Silver-street; J. L. West, 3 Market-street; J. G. Parr, Humberstone Gate; or J. B. Waring, Hon. Sec., Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 179.

THE annual installation of this Lodge was celebrated on Thursday, the 20th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, when Bro. W. Dickeson was duly placed in the chair of the Lodge for the second time. Among those present at the meeting were Bros. J. Ellwood W.M., Westman S.W., A. E. Hughes J.W., W. Hopekirk P.M. Treas., J. Kew P.M. Sec., W. Dickeson (W.M. elect) P.M., L. Dettmer P.M., L. Benet P.M., C. Mulvey S.D., E. Gittins J.D., J. W. Cain Organist, a large number of other members of the Lodge, and the following visitors: J. Western P.M. 1607, T. C. Pratt 957, J. J. Marsh P.P.G. Std. B. Middx., J. Hattersley 1607, E. W. Scattergood W.M. 753, G. Howard P.M. 1708, F. Gordon P.M. 753, W. T. P. Montgomery W.M. 1475, A. Woolsey 228, W. T. Buck P.M. 1702, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Middx., C. Corbey W.M. 957, Martin Taylor Leigh, F. Marx P.M., E. Holland 151, J. Davies 1790, E. Cain 2184, T. H. Johnson W.M. elect 1608, J. Blundell W.M. elect 742, J. Bindon W.M. 704, R. Ross I.G. 174, C. H. Lash 1475, F. Smith S.W 1305, W. Brewer S.W. 1542, J. Arthur Allen P.M. 90, W. Brindley P.M. 1604, J. Wharton 65, N. Holah 179, W. W. Morgan jun., G. Mansfield 179, W. Powell 1531, Woodruff P.M. 957, Garrett P.M. 1366, Franklin Clive 1319. The business of the day comprised the initiation of Mr. F. Palmer, the installation of the Worshipful Master, and then the initiation of Mr. E. C. Williams. Following the installation of Bro. Dickeson came the usual appointment of Officers, the collars being distributed as follow: Hughes S.W., Malvey J.W., Hopekirk P.M. Treas, Kew P.M. Sec., Gittins S.D., J. H. Kew J.D., Cain I.G., W. G. Baker Assistant Secretary, J. E. D. Bromley D.C., J. P. Hughes A.D.C., R. Webb Org., Schew and Simkins Musical Directors, and W. F. Hughes P.M. Steward. Before closing the Lodge a handsome jewel was presented to Bro. Ellwood on his retirement from the chair, and the hearty way in which the brethren endorsed the remarks which fell from the Worshipful Master when making the presentation not only showed that the brethren appreciated the efforts which had been made by Bro. Ellwood, but must have been to him a particularly pleasing episode at the close of his year of office. The jewel bore the following inscription.

Presented to Bro. J. ELLWOOD, by the members of the MANCHESTER LODGE,
as a token of remembrance for his valuable services as
Worshipful Master during the year 1886-87.

The circular from the Pro Grand Master in reference to the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee was considered, and it was decided that the Lodge give its heartiest support to the proposals of the Earl of Carnarvon. Other business having been transacted Lodge was closed and the brethren repaired to banquet, which was presided over by Bro. Dickeson W.M. At the conclusion of the Installation Banquet the Worshipful Master proceeded with the customary toasts. In introducing the first he felt that but few words were needed from him. The virtues of her Majesty were so well known to her subjects throughout her vast Empire, and particularly so to those enrolled under the banner of Freemasonry, that it would be superfluous for him to detail them. She had proved herself a good Queen, a good mother, and a thoroughly good Englishwoman. The association of her name with the toast of the Craft proved how the members of the Masonic Order appreciated Her Majesty, while the personal interest she took in much that was done by Freemasons proved how she appreciated the Order. The W.M. was not without hope that Her Majesty might adopt some great and unusual means of celebrating the completion of her fifty years' reign, and if it did please her to go out of the usual course he felt her subjects would cordially endorse her actions. The next toast was that of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales. They must know perfectly well how much the Freemasons appreciated the fact of having the heir to the Throne at their head. As a body Freemasons were entitled to be considered a distinguished section of her Majesty's subjects, and being so they rejoiced in having the Prince of Wales as their Grand Master. Not only is his Royal Highness a Grand Master in name but he was also capable of performing any work which fell to his office. At one time he (the Worshipful Master) had wondered that the Grand Master should take the trouble to do the work of Freemasonry, but he had since learnt that it was as much a pleasure for the Prince to do the work as it was for the general body of Masons to see him perform the duties of his high office. The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and other Officers of Grand Lodge were next toasted. The Grand Master of England was worthily assisted in his work for the Craft by the brethren who acted as Officers of Grand Lodge. It had been said that Grand Lodge was nothing but a vast machine. Well, if that were so he could but feel the machine was wonderfully managed, for it must be remembered that it had the governance of some thousands of brethren, spread over every quarter of the globe; not only at home, but in nearly every part of the globe were Lodges to be found holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Ellwood now assumed the gavel, and submitted the toast of the W.M. Most of the members of the Manchester Lodge were aware of Bro. Dickeson's qualifications for the office he had assumed, for he had previously filled the honourable office of Master in their Lodge, and had then proved himself in every way capable of performing whatever duty was required of him. There was little fear that during his second term of office he would fall short of their expectations, or that he would not manage the affairs of the Lodge so as to add to its already wide-spread reputation. Bro. Dickeson tendered his thanks. He felt really honoured in again occupying the position of Worshipful Master in the dear old Manchester Lodge. He fully appreciated the compliment which had been conferred on him, and would use every effort in his power to do credit to himself during the coming year. The brethren may perhaps have been undecided as to whether he had proved himself efficient during his previous term of office, and so desired to give him a second trial. If such was the case, he hoped that twelve months hence they would be able to form a definite opinion, and that opinion he trusted would be to his credit. Three years since, when he first occupied the chair of the Lodge, he had said he felt proud of his position; if such was the case then, how much more so was it now, when he had for the second time been entrusted with the government of the Lodge. He would leave no stone unturned to further the interests of the Manchester Lodge, and would endeavour to push it still further to the front. It had been in existence for nearly one hundred and twenty years, and had long enjoyed the reputation of being efficiently managed and properly worked. He assured the brethren that at the end of the year they should have no cause to complain of its having suffered in either of these respects through any fault of his. He should work well, and felt sure the Officers he had selected to support him would do their share towards making his second Mastership a success. The next toast he had to propose was a very pleasing one to him—the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Ellwood. Few words were needed in proposing his health, as the brethren had had the past twelve months in which to form an opinion of the kind of man he was. They knew how he had tried, and how much he had done for the Manchester Lodge, the members of which must feel proud in having such a brother among them. Bro. Elwood replied, tendering his hearty thanks. He felt somewhat unable to express his feelings as the members had been so kind towards him. He thanked them most heartily for the way in which they had treated him. It pleased the brethren to express satisfaction with what he had done during his term of office, and for this he was particularly grateful. He had done what he could, and hoped his efforts had really advanced the welfare of the Lodge. When he first assumed charge of the gavel he promised to do his best to uphold the integrity of the Manchester Lodge, and from what they had been good enough to say of him that day he felt his efforts had been appreciated. As a Past Master of the Lodge he should always be ready to give his aid if called upon. He thought there was little fear of his advice being needed during the ensuing year, but in case it was he should be ready and willing to give it. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the initiates, of whom they had the pleasure of welcoming two that day. They were both good men and would, he was sure, become good Masons. They had just heard one of them, Bro. Williams, give a selection from a fine old author, and if the ability he had then shown was any criterion of what might be expected of him in the future the Manchester Lodge might pride itself on the latest addition to its members. Bro. Palmer tendered sincere thanks for the kind reception accorded him that night. Naturally when any one decided to join Freemasonry they felt there was something dreadful to go through. If he had not found it dreadful he had at least found it impressive and solemn. He really felt that what he had undertaken that night required his serious attention and such it would be his desire to give to the lessons of Freemasonry. Bro. Williams followed, expressing the great gratification he felt in being associated with the Craft and the Manchester Lodge. So far as lay in his power he should uphold the traditions of the noble Order, which should never suffer in his hands, if possible; and, he would be bold—the reputation of Freemasonry should be enhanced by his actions. The next toast was that of the Visitors, who were heartily welcomed by the Worshipful Master. He did not think any Visitor to the Lodge had ever left it with the feeling that he had not been hospitably entertained—this was perhaps nothing out of the way, for the same could be said of every Lodge in Freemasonry—but hospitality was made a special feature of in the Manchester Lodge. Bro. Scattergood was much gratified in attending, as he had that day witnessed—as he had often done before—the ceremonies of Freemasonry most efficiently rendered in the Lodge. Bro. Montgomery was also an old visitor, indeed he almost felt that he ran the risk of wearing out the cordial welcome always accorded him through the frequency of his visits. The installation had been performed in a most gratifying manner, as also had the other work which had been transacted. The work of the Deacons was particularly smart. Bro. Corly was gratified in being able to add his testimony as to the ability displayed by those at the head of the Lodge. Bros. Woodruff, Pratt, and Bendon also responded. The toast of the Past Masters was next proposed from the chair. The Worshipful Master felt the brethren knew how essential Past Masters were to the well governing and ruling of a Lodge; it would present a sorry picture without the aid of Past Masters. They are really and truly the pillars of the Lodge, and—like the Committee of a large company—really managed the Lodge by their wisdom and ability—not by the spirit of ruling, but by kindly advice given to the Worshipful Master for the time being. Bro. Dickeson felt that without the aid of his Immediate Past Master he should have made several mistakes, though he was himself a Past Master of the Lodge; and he looked with confidence to Bro. Ellwood and those who had preceded him in the chair for assistance during the year, should he require it. Bro. Kew replied. He thought it had been proverbial in the Manchester Lodge for its Past Masters to do the utmost in their power to assist in the working of the Lodge, and help the Worshipful Master for the time being. Bros. Benet, Hughes, and Ellwood also replied. The next toast, the Worshipful Master said, was another important one—perhaps the most important of all—for it was in connection with what the ritual taught brethren to regard as the summit of a Mason's ambition. He meant charity. It had been said that charity begins at home, and as Freemasonry and Freemasons were at home in all parts of the world, it followed that their charity knew no bounds. From the beginning to the end of their Masonic career their aim should be to promote Masonic charity among their fellows. He felt the Manchester Lodge recognised the work that had to be done, as every year it was in the habit of sending up a Steward to each of

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the three great Institutions connected with the Order. During the current year the Lodge would be represented by Bro. Mulvey, who would act as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, by Brother A. Hughes who would serve for the Girls, and by himself (the W.M.) who had undertaken a like office on behalf of the Boys' School. He and his family had been for very many years associated with the Lodge; himself for twelve or fourteen years, his father for twenty-seven or twenty-eight, one brother for twenty-four, and another for twenty-two, while at the present time there were four of his nephews among the members, and all of them thoroughly believed in the proper dispensation of charity—simply because they were Masons. No man should join Freemasonry to advance his own ends, but rather with the hope of being of some service to others. He hoped the brethren would support each of the Lodge's Stewards during the year, and by so doing they would benefit some who were unfortunately in need of help from their fellows. Brother Kew acknowledged the toast, adding some well chosen remarks to those of the W.M. in support of the Institutions. The Officers of the Lodge were now toasted, the Worshipful Master referring to the eulogistic remarks of the Visitors when speaking of the work performed during the day. He felt the brethren would give the Officers a hearty welcome, as it was clearly their duty to show appreciation of the efforts made by those who had to do the work. The two Wardens having replied, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the Tyler, who gave the usual toast.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 156.

MEMBERS of this, one of the senior Lodges of the Province of Devon, held a meeting of emergency on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Huyshe Temple, Plymouth. The Worshipful Master John Parkhouse presided. At the close of the business for which the meeting was called the brethren adjourned to Brother Routly's, Farley Hotel, where they were joined by a large number of other members and visiting brethren, to celebrate the annual Festival of the Lodge. Over fifty brethren partook of the banquet. Bro. Parkhouse was supported by Bros. W. Derry P.P.G.S.W., D. Box P.P.G.Reg., W. K. Mitchell P.P.G.A.D.C., Geo. Whittley P.P.G.O., T. A. Yeo, F. C. Knight, P. B. Clemens, F. Hall, J. Y. Avery P.G.Stwd., D. Banks P.M. of the Lodge, and the following Officers of the year:—Bros. E. Coppin I.P.M., Little S.W., Howard J.W., W. K. Mitchell Secretary, T. Parker S.D., J. Johns J.D., W. E. Chappell I.G., W. Thomas D.C., E. G. Hayward Asst.D.C., W. J. Newell O., S. Jenkins and A. B. Manley Stewards, W. H. Phillips Tyler. The banquet was followed by the customary toasts, and by vocal and instrumental music and recitations. In proposing the Right Worshipful Bro. Visct. Ebrington, M.P., the G.M. of Devon, and P.G.L. Officers, coupling with it the name of Bro. W. Derry P.P.G.W., the Worshipful Master said his Lordship, since his Masonic appointment, had very ably carried out his duties, and was entitled to their very best thanks. Bro. Derry, in reply, said he was sure it was the fervent desire of all that their Prov.G.M. should be spared for many years to carry out the duties of the office he now so ably filled. Bro. Lemon proposed the Sister Provinces. They were all aware of the merits of the ruler of the adjoining Province of Cornwall, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and had many opportunities of entering into fraternal relations with the brethren of Cornwall. They had their hearty sympathies and best wishes. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Captain Tracey, R.A., late P.G. Sec. of Jersey. Bro. Tracey thanked the brethren on behalf of the other Provinces, and assured them from his own personal recollections that if any visited the Province of Jersey they would meet a right hearty reception there. Bro. Derry gave the new Worshipful Master Bro. John Parkhouse, Master of Lodge Harmony, who, he said, was widely known and respected among the Masons of Plymouth. He (Bro. Derry) was in perfect accord with the proposition of the Prince of Wales in regard to the Queen's Jubilee, and did not object to that of the Earl of Carnarvon, but he had another to make. He thought the Masons of Plymouth ought to have a building entirely their own, in which all the Lodges could hold their meetings, and where also they could have a Masonic Club. If that were set afloat he felt sure it would be a success, and he recommended that at an early date each Lodge should choose delegates to attend a general meeting to consider the question. Bro. Parkhouse, in acknowledging the compliments paid him, said Bro. Derry's suggestion met with his fullest acquiescence. Other toasts followed, including that of the host and hostess, who were complimented upon their admirably-prepared and served repast. Between addresses Bros. J. Rendle, T. W. Lemen, J. Y. Avery, P. B. Clemens, Captain Tracey; Bros. Manley and Johns sang; Bro. J. Kinton Bond gave some recitations. Bro. J. Hele presided at the piano, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

HENGIST LODGE, No. 195.

ONE of the most successful gatherings in connection with this Lodge took place on Thursday night, the 20th instant, at the Royal Bath Hotel, Bournemouth, when upwards of fifty brethren assembled to do honour to the incoming Worshipful Master, Brother Shemmonds. The apartment in which the banquet took place was superbly adorned, and the repast, which was of a *récherché* character, was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Reingpach, the esteemed manager of the hotel. The Worshipful Master presided; the Vice-chairmen were the Senior and Junior Wardens. The company present included Bros. Goble P.M. P.G. Sec. Hants and Isle of Wight, J. Terry Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Norris P.M. P.G.S., H. J. Atkins P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Williams P.M. P.P.G.S.W., E. W. Rebbeck P.M. 195 P.P.G.S.W., J. B. Atkinson P.M. 195 P.P.J.D., D. Sydenham P.M. 195, W. Merson P.M. 195, E. Worth P.M. 195, C. T. Miles P.M. 195, J. Harvey P.M. 69; and the following Officers and members of the Lodge:—Bros. C. W. Wyatt S.W., W. Woodhouse J.W., W. Scott Evans Treasurer, J. Stonham Secretary, R. Hodges S.D., C. W. Keep J.D., W. Townsend Organist, E. W. Cross I.G., J. Neathercoate Steward, H. Newlyn, J. Davison, J. Kilner, W. H. Miles, Burden, Vye, Mapp, Davis, J. B. Walden, C. Waters, Dacre, H. N. Jenkins, Redfearn, Painter, Reingpach, Thompson, Slaymaker, H. Walden, and others. In the course of the speeches hopes for the continued prosperity of this ancient Lodge were expressed, and a most pleasant evening was passed. The arrangements throughout were exceedingly successful.

EUPHRATES LODGE, No. 212.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Bro. W. J. Cooper, who was supported by Bros. Bassett S.W., Boyden J.W.; P.M.'s Glass Secretary, Stean, Cutler, Halsey, Wood, Drosoher, Tuchmann, Carter, Rocknell, Rushton; Burstow S.D., West J.D., Wagstaff I.G., Dr. Haskins Organist, &c. The business of the day comprised the working of the three degrees; Bro. Hannaford was raised, Bro. Cook was passed, and Mr. John McKinnon was initiated. Bro. Bassett was installed as Worshipful Master, and appointed the following as the Officers of the Lodge for the year:—Bros. Boyden S.W., Burstow J.W., H. May P.M. Treasurer, Glass P.M. Secretary, West S.D., Wagstaff J.D., R. Woods I.G. and J. J. Marsh P.M. Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Cooper on his retirement from the chair, and then Lodge was closed. The brethren subsequently dined together under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, who in due course proposed the loyal toasts. These were followed by that of the Installing Master Bro. Stean, whom the Worshipful Master referred to as the Father of the Lodge, a brother who had been associated with it for about forty-five years. He had seen the many ups and downs of the Lodge, and could no doubt tell many a story of what had taken place among its members in the past. Bro. Stean in reply felt highly flattered at the way in which the toast of his health had been honoured. It was in 1830 that he was initiated into Freemasonry, in the Lodge of Peace and Harmony. Some time later—now upward of 40 years back—he had joined the Euphrates Lodge, after which he had taken a great interest in the Order. At the present time he was Father of three Lodges, and appreciated the work of Freemasonry whenever he witnessed it. He had never forgotten the impression made upon him at his initiation, and felt that his after career and his present position were in a great measure due to the admirable lessons of Freemasonry. He had always had one object in view, to benefit the Craft whenever and wherever he found it possible so to do. For this reason he had for several years acted as Preceptor of one or two Lodges of Instruction. What he had done there had at all times been a labour of love, and when he had seen his pupils passing through the chairs of their respective Lodges he had taken additional pride in his work. He hoped the youngest member of the Lodge might live to as good an age as he was then, and that he might become the Father of as worthy Lodges as that of which he was at present the oldest member. Bro. Cooper proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Brother Bassett had been a member of the Lodge for many years past, and had worked hard for the position he had at last secured. He must be proud of that position, and sensible of the honour the members had done him in placing him in the chair. The Worshipful Master tendered his thanks. It had long been his ambition to become the W.M. of the Lodge, and now that he had achieved his desire he heartily thanked the members for the honour. He should endeavour to fulfil the duties attached to the chair in such a way as to maintain the reputation of the Euphrates Lodge, and add to that of himself. He next proposed the health of the initiate, whom he had known for several years past. He had had great pleasure in receiving him into the Lodge. Bro. McKinnon tendered his thanks, and then the W.M. gave the toast of the Past Masters. Bro. Cutler replied, in a humorous speech, showing how the circle of one's life might be completed, even in a Lodge of the size of the Euphrates, and illustrating the universality of Freemasonry, which brought men of all classes together and bound them in the ties of friendship. He was pleased to see they again had an initiate; not that such an event was uncommon in the Lodge, but it proved that Freemasonry was being extended through the efforts of the members. The toast of the Visitors was next on the list, and to this Bro. Salmon, of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, responded. He considered it a great honour to be associated with the toast, more especially as their Installing Master, Brother Stean, occupied the same position in the Lodge of which he (Bro. Salmon) was at present the Master as he didin the Euphrates,—he was the Father. He was indeed an honour to any Lodge, and throughout his Masonic career had been ready to lend his aid whenever it was wanted. The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted, and then followed the Charities, and the Masonic Press, to each of which replies were given. Among the visitors were Bros. A. T. Ives P.M. 1472, H. Chown 1349, A. R. Trew S.W. 959, R. W. Galer W.M. 1366, C. D. Clark 228, J. House 1206, C. R. Williams W.M. 72, C. Elbright W.M. 1460, J. F. Haskins Organist 1364, G. H. Stephens P.M. 1628, C. Sheppard P.M. 1366, J. T. Salmon W.M. 917.

NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

A VERY agreeable meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, 20th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, under the presidency of the popular Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles Weeden. He was supported by Bros. A. Perl S.W., F. Perl J.W., Rev. C. Stevens Chaplain, John Stillwell P.M. Treasurer, R. R. Harper P.M Secretary, J. E. Chubb S.D., C. H. Ockelford I.G., J. Boulton W.S., J. R. Cordell Steward, and A. K. Turbefield

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Tyler. There were also present Bros. A. J. Potter I.P.M., H. J. Gabb P.M., L. C. Haslip P.M., J. B. Smith, T. B. Richards, G. J. Westfield, H. L. Allardyce, J. Bond, E. Lovesque, J. Loresque, L. Wild, E. Brüstlin, and J. Arnold. Visitors: Bros. Walter Thomason 202, E. L. Conrad, J. H. Sansom 1364, A. J. Dixie 453, J. Draper 1712, J. H. Amphlett 1511, &c. Lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Although there was no actual work on the agenda, some time was occupied in considering certain alterations in the bye-laws and other business. It was announced that the Worshipful Master had consented to act as Steward for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Brother T. J. Cusworth P.M. for the Girls, and Brother C. H. Ockelford for the Benevolent Institution. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the list for the Girls' School, to which Brother Potter I.P.M. added five guineas, and later in the evening a draw took place in connection with the New Concord Lodge of Instruction Benevolent Association, the life governorship falling to Brother J. R. Cordell. At the close of business the brethren and visitors partook of a sumptuous banquet, which was admirably served under the personal superintendence of Brother J. Marchant, and the whole of the arrangements were satisfactory. The usual prefatory toasts having been disposed of, Brother Harper announced that ten and a-half guineas had been balloted for and won by Brother Cordell, who briefly expressed his satisfaction at the result of the draw. Brother Potter I.P.M. then said it afforded him a great deal of pleasure again to ask the brethren to join him in drinking to the health of the W.M. He was sure that everybody who had come in contact with Brother Weeden knew him as a good man and Mason. He had been intimately acquainted with him for some years, and knew that when anyone met Brother Weeden as a friend he was a friend indeed. He took this opportunity (as the last he should have in his capacity of I.P.M.) of sounding his praises, and he did so with all sincerity. He concluded by wishing health and long life to their excellent W.M. Brother Weeden, in responding, accepted as sincere the eulogy which the I.P.M. had bestowed upon him, though his remarks were certainly very flattering. He trusted he had discharged his duties thus far to the satisfaction of the brethren, that he should long continue to merit their affection and esteem, and that he might continue amongst them for many years to reciprocate their kindly feelings towards him. He then cordially welcomed the Visitors, all of whom briefly acknowledged the hospitality which had been extended to them. The health of the Past Masters was then given, the Worshipful Master returning his warmest thanks for the valuable assistance he had always received from them in the discharge of his important duties. Regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Brother T. J. Cusworth P.M., through indisposition. The Past Masters severally responded, all expressing their unabated interest in the Lodge, and their desire to do anything in their power to promote its welfare. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was the next toast, proposed from the chair, and in responding Brother Stilwell P.M. said he was very proud of his position as Treasurer of the New Concord Lodge. He had filled that office for many years, and while they had such a Secretary as Brother Harper there need be no fear of anything going wrong with the Lodge. He thanked the brethren for the kindly way in which the toast invariably had been received by them. Bro. R. R. Harper thanked them for the cordial way in which the names of the the Treasurer and Secretary had been welcomed. It afforded him much pleasure to think that the humble services he gave to the Lodge were appreciated by the members, and he was very proud to hear the brethren speak of him as they did. He should endeavour to do in the future as he had done in the past, his very best for the interest of the Lodge, and working harmoniously with the Treasurer see that the Lodge kept out of debt, and sustained its safe and solid position. In proposing the Masonic Charities the W.M. alluded to the Benevolent Association connected with the New Concord Lodge of Instruction; this had been the means of sending up between £3,000 and £4,000 to the different Institutions. That Association afforded brethren the easy means of becoming life governors. He was pleased to find Bro. Cusworth was going up as a Steward for the Girls' Festival, and that the Lodge had voted ten guineas to his list. They had an Association in connection with their Lodge of Instruction of which Bro. Cusworth, their worthy Preceptor, was the president, Bro. Gabb the Treasurer, and Bro. Harper Secretary, and he asked all the brethren to avail themselves of the privilege of belonging to that Association. This was the second Benevolent Association started in the City of London, and during the last four years it had sent up no less a sum than 4,080 guineas. Bro. Harper thought it might be interesting to some of those who did not belong to the Association to mention that through the efforts of that little body, begun in March last, they would be able, even if no more members joined it, to send up 230 guineas to the Charities. All this was done by simply subscribing one shilling each member per week; he thought comment was unnecessary. The W.M. said it was not every brother who was in a position to put down ten guineas, but it was in the power of most to give one shilling a week, in order to obtain a life governorship. It was an easy way of securing that honour, and every brother of the Lodge ought to belong to the Association. Bro. L. C. Haslip P.M. responded for the Charities; the Institutions began originally in a very small way, but they had gradually increased in the power of doing good, and in the amount of subscriptions obtained, until last year no less a sum than £43,000 was subscribed. He hoped they would never want more, but he felt perfectly certain that if double the amount were required the Masons of the United Kingdom, under the Grand Lodge of England, would be ready to produce the money. Notwithstanding, this had been a year of very great depression, and most Institutions of the kind had suffered thereby. However, he was happy to say sufficient money had been found to maintain the Masonic Charities in a high state of efficiency. He then spoke in terms of approval of the Benevolent Associations attached to Lodges of Instruction, and said he belonged to the Third City of London, through which they hoped to send up 1,000 guineas this year to the Institutions. The Second City of London Association had taken up 900 guineas, and there were other Associations doing proportionately good work. These funds were got up by small subscriptions, which no man felt, so that while it did the brethren no harm, it did the Charities a substantial amount of good. In fact, although in their earlier days these Associations were somewhat snubbed, it had been found of late that they had become the backbone of our Masonic Charities. Referring to the Board of Benevolence, he observed that during the last five years demands had been made upon that fund at the rate of between £10,000 and £11,000 a year, and as the income of the Board was only about £8000 per annum, it had recently to sell out £3000 worth of stock. At the December meeting there were no less than 57 cases before them, and at the last meeting 19 cases. This showed the amount of distress that existed just now amongst Masons; all these cases were attended to, and only three were sent empty away. He concluded by strongly advising the brethren to join the Association that did so much good service in the cause of Charity, The W.M. then proposed the Officers of the Lodge, the toast being suitably acknowledged by Bro. A. Perl S.W. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening some excellent songs were rendered. The gathering throughout was of the most enjoyable description.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., when the following Officers were present:—James C. Smith W.M., John W. Smith I.P.M., H. Dickey S.W., W. Jaques J.W., James Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, W. A. Scurrah P.M. Secretary, W. M. Stiles P.M., W. H. Barling S.D., Charles H. Holland J.D., E. Perry D.C., R. Ross I.G., H. E. Price Organist, G. Mordey and Augustus Holt Stewards. Lodge having been opened with the customary formalities, the business of the day was proceeded with. This comprised the reception of the report of the Audit Committee, and the working of the first and second degrees, in addition to the installation. Bros. R. T. West, J. Southen, and G. Comley were passed, and the following gentlemen were initiated:—Messrs. E. A. H. Ainsworth, S. Wickens, C. W. Horwood, and E. M. Weston. Bro. W. Baker, of the Trinity Lodge, No. 1734, was admitted as a joining member. Bro. Henry Dickey was installed as Worshipful Master, and he appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Jaques S.W., Barling J.W., Willing P.M. Treasurer, Scurrah P.M. Secretary, Holland S.D., Ross J.D., Perry I.G., W. M. Stiles P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Mordey and Holt Assistant Directors of Ceremonies, O. Ruzicka and J. Powdrell Stewards, Lt. Col. F. W. Haddan Org., C. J. Knightley Assistant Secretary. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. C. Smith on the conclusion of his year of office. The jewel, which was of the usual Royal Savoy pattern, bore on the front the title of the Lodge and the word Octavus, and on the back the following inscription:—

Presented to Bro. J. C. Smith P.M.
By the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744,
as a mark of esteem and in recognition of his valuable services as
Worshipful Master 1886-87.

The sum of twenty-five guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M., who will act as Steward at the next anniversary Festival of that Institution. A committee was appointed to decide what should be done by the Lodge to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. After the transaction of some formal business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was presided over by the newly installed Worshipful Master. At its conclusion the customary loyal toasts were honoured. Bro. J. C. Smith I.P.M. gave that of the Worshipful Master. No brother of the Royal Savoy Lodge had more endeared himself to its members than Bro. Dickey. Those who, like himself, had known Bro. Dickey since his admission to the Lodge could bear testimony to the ability he had displayed as a member of it. It might truly be said that he had not only made up his mind to be a good Mason, but had also proved an active one. The Worshipful Master had shown himself not only an excellent worker but a thoroughly good Mason, and the members must all be pleased to see him in his present position. Bro. Smith felt that Bro. Dickey would prove himself a really good Mason, and as he had the interests of the Lodge at heart, he felt assured he would, in the position in which he had been placed that night, do all that lay in his power to advance the welfare of the Royal Savoy Lodge. The Worshipful Master having tendered his thanks, trusted he might prove himself to be, as the Immediate Past Master had said, the right man in the right place. He should endeavour to do his best for the Lodge, in which he had early formed the intention of working himself to the front. Bro. W. M. Stiles proposed the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. J. C. Smith. He was the first brother who had the privilege of being initiated in the Lodge and had worked through the various offices, performing his work in each in a most able way. He had installed his successor in a manner which reflected great credit on himself, and in doing so had not omitted to complete his work at the close of his year of office, as his predecessors had done. Bro. Stiles felt that no thanks were due to the Master who installed his successor—it was his duty, but Bro. Smith had done all that had been required of him during the past year in such a manner as to call forth the heartiest expressions of approval now that he had passed to the rank of Immediate Past Master. Bro. Smith tendered his sincere thanks for the cordial reception accorded to him as the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge. He felt very proud of becoming a Past Master, he being the first initiate of the Lodge. He had worked during his association with it with the greatest zeal, and he hoped and believed that what he had done had met with some amount of approval. He heartily

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thanked the brethren for the toast. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Past Masters. The oldest present—Bro. Wm. Stiles—was really the life of the Lodge, and he hardly knew how the Lodge would go on without him. Bro. J. W. Smith had also done his work well—as well as could be desired; while each of the Past Masters of the Lodge were at all times ready to do anything to add to the comfort of the brethren and the happiness of the members. With the toast he had the pleasure of coupling that of the Masonic Charities. On behalf of one—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—their Past Master Bro. Stiles suitably replied, sketching his career in the Lodge, where from the office of Secretary he had risen to that of Worshipful Master. He considered it a proud moment when he was placed in the chair of the Royal Savoy Lodge, and was proud of his association with it. He felt he should have the support of the members of the Lodge so far as his Stewardship of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was concerned, and knew he had their best wishes for a handsome total. The members of the Royal Savoy Lodge would not care to be behind other Lodges in their support of the Charities, and would do as much as they could for the Steward who would represent them. He considered a brother who secured a three figure list did very well, and as his list already showed a total of £101 10s 6d he felt he should not be so very far behind, especially as he had a month in which to work. He hoped that several of his friends, now they knew he was going up, would send him a donation, in order to swell his list. He should certainly not cease his efforts for some time to come, and backed up as he was by the handsome Lodge grant of twenty-five guineas, he hoped to secure, as his friend the Worshipful Master had recently said, a total of two hundred guineas. Bro. J. W. Smith followed. As a Past Master it had been a great pleasure to him being associated with the Lodge, on behalf of which he should at all times be pleased to do anything which lay in his power. He had the pleasure of proposing the present Master of the Lodge as a candidate for Freemasonry, and considered that Bro. Dickey had fully maintained the good opinion formed of him at the time of his initiation. The Initiates were next toasted, the Worshipful Master making a kindly reference to each of the four newly admitted brethren, and giving them a hearty welcome. The initiates having responded, the toast of the Visitors was proposed, and several of them having responded, the Treasurer and Secretary were honoured, as also were the Officers of the Lodge. The meeting was then brought to a conclusion in due form. Among the Visitors were Bros Ross 482, Storr P.M. 167, Pain P.M. 1834, Simner W.M. 177, Meacock 742, Cain I.G. 179, Lash 1745, Dickeson W.M. 179, Cohen J.D. 1658, Jackson 1278, Edmonds S.W. 1507, Wadham 1642, Rowley 1507, Colley 1987, Faulkner 249, Booth J.W. 81, Woodliffe 87, Perry 861, Baker and Christian I.P.M. 860, Hooker and Brittain 1681, Massey P.M. 1297, Axford W.M. 2048, Lovett I.G. 3, Scurrah A.D.C. 2048, Cox 186, Markland P.M. 144, Wells Stew. 1326, Stiles P.M. 1732, Scales P.M. 1507, Fountain 879, Cloake 55, Saunders Assistant Sec. 1507, Buxton 1987, Cudmore 1158, Thorn 957, Collins 860, Tucker 2190 P.M. 1899, Binnie P.M. 1237, Day Organist 1641, Irvine J.W. 862, Main 179, Ellwood I.P.M. 179, Driscoll P.M. 30, Gregory P.M. 1538, Tournay 1541, Pilditch P.M. 1257, Lorne, Paul S.D. 1257, Smith 177, Price 1816, Hurdell P.M. 1348, Surridge J.W. 2048, Kempster P.M. 1420, Fann 538, Burgess P.M. 1472, Burleton P.M. 860, Beale 201, Grover 1381, Hemming J.W. 1287, Barnett jun. 177, Cleghorn P.M. 1287, Silvester W.M. 193, Gardner I.P.M. 2013, Moore P.M. 167, Schwerzl 345, Watson 1901, Evans, Williams 1658, Covey 1681, Dearing S.D. 1602. Some excellent songs and recitations were given during the evening, among the most enjoyable being some given by Mrs. Dickey, the wife of the Worshipful Master, who was most enthusiastically received, an encore being loudly called for and gracefully accorded.

MONTEFIORE LODGE, No 1017.

THE installation meeting was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Wednesday. Bro. D. M. Davis W.M. presided, and initiated Mr. J. N. Joseph, and installed as Master for the year Bro. John Manger. The brethren appointed and invested as Officers were Myers S.W., Honey J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, Matthias Levy Sec., Vandyk S.D., I. Grunebaum J.D., A. D. Cohen Inner Guard, Past Master Solomons D. of Cers., Marians Wine Steward, Chesham, Tarbet, and Rossdale Stewards, and Lindsay Sloper Org. Bro. N. P. Valentine presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Davis in recognition of his services. The Lodge unanimously adopted the Earl of Carnarvon's Circular on the subject of the Queen's Jubilee. Banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. Silver. Bro. D. P. Cama Grand Treasurer and Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain were present among the company.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, BOLTON.

THE regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 26th instant, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at six o'clock in the evening. Bros. A. Cosgrove W.M., John Barrett I.P.M., J. B. Tong S.W., W. E. Bardsley J.W., N. Nicholson Secretary, B. Derham J.D., Thos. Morris I.G., J. Miles Organist, Thos. Higson Tyler, P.M.'s Brockbank, Harwood, and Latham; also Bros. Whewell, Goulborn, Smith, Staveley, Miles, Little, Ashton. Visitors—Bros. Howarth 221, McAdam 381. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. William Altham, who was proposed as a candidate at the last regular meeting, was balloted for, and having been approved, he signed the requisite declaration, and was initiated by the W.M. in a careful and impressive manner; the working tools were explained by Bro. E. G. Harwood P.P.G. Standard Bearer, and the charge delivered by Bro. G. P. Brockbank P.G. Standard Bearer England. It was announced that 5 brethren of the Lodge would serve as Stewards at the Royal Benevolent Institution—Bro. T. B. Tong S.W. Miles Settle, M. Fielding, H. W. Staveley, N. Nicholson P.M. and Secretary. Two candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The sum of one guinea was voted to the brethren of St. David's Lodge, to assist them in their difficulties in respect of their Masonic Hall. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the Visiting Brethren. Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8 p.m.

ELMS LODGE, No. 2212.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual meeting on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at the Huyshe Masonic Rooms, Home Park, Stoke. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. J. Watts, was installed. Bro. J. J. C. Elliott, the retiring W.M., was the Installing Officer. The following brethren were invested as Officers:—Bros. J. J. C. Ellis I.P.M., E. T. Cox S.W., W. W. Wiggin J.W., A. H. Whidden Treasurer, T. G. Bickle Secretary, R. Bassett S.D., A. Spear J.D., J. D. Young D.C., T. D. Gay Organist, J. Berry and W. Ferguson Stewards, J. Rashbrook Tyler. Bro. F. Hooper was chosen the Charity Steward. There was no representative appointed at the Committee of Petitions.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—On Monday, 17th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Putney. Present—Bros. Martin W.M., Sapsworth S.W., Langley J.W., Grundy Secretary, Gomperts S.D., Custance J.D., P.M. Tayler D.C., Harlin I.G. Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second and third, and resumed to the first degree, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Grundy candidate. After some discussion on the subject of the anniversary, the brethren resolved themselves into a Committee, and Bro. Grundy was directed to communicate with the host, Bro. Webb, on the subject. Each brother present promised to ventilate the subject as much as possible, so as to convene a larger meeting next Monday. After hearty good wishes Lodge was closed in due form. Bro. Sapsworth will be W.M. at next meeting.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday, 17th inst. Bros. Snook W.M., Collingridge S.W., Keogh J.W., Turner S.D., Ball I.G., Weeden Preceptor. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Turner candidate. Bro. Snook vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Forge, who opened in the second degree and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Snook candidate.

On Monday, 24th inst. Bro. Forge W.M., Flack S.W., Clark J.W., Hutchinson S.D., Collingridge (Secretary) J.D., Ball I.G., Cosworth Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge candidate. Bro. Forge vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Galer, and acted as a candidate for passing. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Collingridge was elected Worshipful Master for Monday next.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—On Thursday, 20th instant, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W., Bro. Davies W.M., Lindfield S.W., Cross J.W., Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Altman S.D., Bonham J.D., Davies Preceptor; P.M.'s Williams, Cubitt, Child, Spiegel; Bros. Cockerill, Stroud, Stonnill, Cragge; W.M.'s Wood, Breitbart, Cochrane, Benton, &c. Lodge was opened in the usual form and minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second and third, and closed to the first degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cubitt candidate. The second section was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Benton, of the mother Lodge, was elected a member, Bro. Lindfield was appointed W.M. for next meeting. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried to the W.M. for his able working of the ceremony, for the first time.

On Thursday, 27th instant, Altman W.M., Cross S.W., Davies J.W., Austin Treasurer, Chalfont Secretary, Cavers S.D., Ball J.D., Stonnill I.G., with several others. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Brother Benton candidate; then the ceremony of raising with Bro. Austin for candidate. Bro. Cross was elected Worshipful Master for next meeting. Brother Stroud proposed that the Lodge of Instruction subscribe toward the Imperial Institute, to celebrate the Jubilee, but he did not succeed in finding any one to second the proposition.

Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge, No. 261, celebrated, at Taunton, on Wednesday, the 19th instant, the Festival of St. John, Bro. A. Stevens S.D., was installed into the chair of K.S. by the I P.M. Bro. T. G. Williams. There was a large gathering of brethren from all parts of the province.

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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, and supply them with all necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large numbe of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time.

JAMES TERRY, P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Secretary.

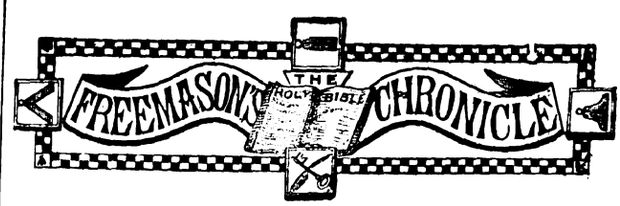
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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 2nd 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 20th October 1886 to the 18th January 1887, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter - -	138	10	3	Disbursements during the quarter -	232	10	8
„ Unappropriated Account -	194	8	4	Balance - -	320	9	0
Subsequent Receipts -	425	1	2	„ Unappropriated Account -	205	0	1
	£757	19	9		£757	19	9

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 Edward MacFarlane as Z., Frederick William Mackay as H., William Helton Daniell as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Central Australia Lodge,

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No. 1898, Bourke, New South Wales, to be called "The Chapter of Central Australia," and to meet at Bourke, in the District of New South Wales.

2nd. From Companions John Edward Atkinson as Z., William Thomas Newitt as H., Hector Marshall Upshon as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Pitt Macdonald Lodge, No. 1198, Madras, to be called "The Pitt Macdonald Chapter," and to meet at Madras, in the East Indies.

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 St. George's Chapter, No. 140, Greenwich, 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.

The Committee have also received the following petitions praying for charters of confirmation, the originals being lost.

From the Principals and Members of the Beadon Chapter, No. 619, London.

From the Principals and Members of the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, London.

The Committee recommend that charters of confirmation for the above named Chapters be granted.

The Committee have further received memorials, with extracts of minutes, on the removal of the undermentioned Chapters.

From the John Hervey Chapter, No. 1260, London, for permission to remove from Freemasons' Hall, to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn.

From the Constitutional Chapter, No. 294, Beverley, for permission to remove from the Assembly Rooms, to the New Masonic Hall, Register Square, Beverley.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

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

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
19th January 1887.

The North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, will in future meet at Bro. De Sallas, Northampton House, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Preceptor T. C. Edmonds will occupy the First Principal's chair on Thursday next, when the ceremony of exaltation will be rehearsed.

Members of the Brunswick Mark Lodge, No. 48, held a meeting on Wednesday the 19th instant, at the Ebrington Hall, Stonehouse. Bros. Charles Marshall was chosen the W.M. elect, F. Price Treasurer, and J. Bartlett was re-elected Tyler.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT BRIXHAM.

ON Thursday afternoon, the 20th instant, was conducted the ceremony of dedicating the new Masonic Hall which has recently been erected at Brixham. The building occupies a site near All Saints' Church, and the foundation-stone was laid on the 25th of February last year. The architect is Bro. G. S. Bridgman, of Paignton and Torquay. Freemasonry has long existed in Brixham—the Lodge True Love and Unity, No. 248, having been founded on the 20th of January 1782. The new hall is a handsome building, and much more commodious and suitable for its purpose than the room in which the meetings of the Lodge were formerly held. Fine weather favoured the proceedings, which were attended by a number of brethren from the surrounding towns. The day's engagements commenced at half-past one, when the Lodge was opened, and Bro. the Rev. R. B. F. Elrington P.P.G.C. (Vicar of Lower Brixham) was re-elected Master. The Worshipful Master installed the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Dr. George C. Searle I.P.M., A. Kendrick S.W., James Spark J.W., S. Woolley P.M. Treasurer, Charles Atkins P.M. Secretary, Henry May S.D., T. S. Brown J.D., H. Bradden I.G., G. T. Barry Director of Ceremonies, R. Day Org., Hayman and Mardon Stewards, John G. Scevill Tyler. Amongst those present were Bros. W. G. Rogers 112 Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devon, W. James Hughan P.M. 131 P.G.D. Eng., P.G.D. Egypt; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 322 P.M. and Chaplain 189 P.P.G. Chaplain, John Oliver P.M. 1138 P.P.G.S.B., William Wakeham P.M. 328, John H. Harrell P.M. 197, John Lane P.M. 1402, William H. Goodridge P.M. 797 P.P.G.J.D., F. Falk P.M. 1358 P.P.G. Treasurer, Steward P.M. 710, Husband P.M. 797, Chapple P.M. 797, Whittle I.P.M. 797, Taylor P.M. 328, Stevens P.M. 1138, Pepperell P.M. 1402, Elrington W.M. 248 P.P.G Chap., Searle I.P.M. 248, Johnson P.M. 248, Barry P.M. P.P.G. Purs. 248, James P.M. 248, Brown P.M. 248, McLean P.M. 248, Gregory P.M. 248, Woolley P.M. and Treas. 258, Atkins P.M. Sec. 248, Sutherland P.M. and Sec. 710, Wheaton S.W., Scevill J.W., Smith S.D., Spark J.D., May I.G. all of 248, Tolman S.W. 797, Bridgeman S.W. 1358, Endacott Sec. 1138, Wills Sec. 1402, Thomas S.D. 189. Houghton Landmark Lodge, 5, U.S.A., Willard 328, Light S.D. 1358, Wayeott 1358, Tozer 1358, Reid, St. John's (Kilwinning), Winser 797, Crossman I.G. 1482, Grove, Memery, Bradden, Gibbs, Marden, Lovell, Hosford, Brown, James, Day, and Cranford all of 248. At three o'clock the brethren marched in procession from the Lodge to All Saints Church, where an hour's service was held. The prayers were intoned and the lesson read by the curate, Rev. Isaac Bonsell. The hymns sung were "Brightly gleams our Banner," and "Lord, how pleasant 'tis to see." The sermon—an appropriate discourse—was preached by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chaplain, who took for his text the 8th chapter of 1st book of Kings, part of the 20th verse.

"The Lord hath performed His word that He spake, and hath built an house for the name of the Lord God of Israel."

These, remarked the preacher, were the words of their Grand Master King Solomon, on the completion of that magnificent structure the Temple of Jerusalem, in the building of which it was estimated 113,600 Freemasons were engaged. Those employed in the supervision of this great work must have been brethren of liberal minds, of great skill and science, and of persevering spirit. The brethren of to-day should learn a lesson from them, and endeavour to make daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. They should also cultivate the most extensive liberality of mind and sentiment, and be steady, strenuous and persevering in the exercise of their authority. Amongst the operatives engaged in the construction of the Temple there was no doubt a strong emulation to surpass each other in skill, order, and regularity, and in all probability the time devoted to purposes of relaxation and refreshment was never abused or misspent. The Freemasons of that day must also have been wise, active and diligent. Although Solomon's splendid Temple had long disappeared before the ravages of war, Freemasonry had survived, and the excellent tenets of the Institution had been preserved. The Brixham Lodge was founded on that very day of the month one hundred and five years ago, and the new building would ensure the better carrying out of their ancient and solemn rites and ceremonies, whilst, from their having purchased the freehold of the site, the brethren were now provided with a permanent home for their Lodge, which was to be dedicated to their use that day for ever. Christian Masons were engaged in the construction of a grander temple than that of Jerusalem, and under a greater Master than Solomon—that spiritual temple of piety and that sacred Lodge of brotherhood and universal charity of which Jesus Christ was the foundation and the chief corner stone.

The concluding hymn was "O praise our God to-day," during which a collection was taken on behalf of the hospitals at Torquay and Exeter. Upon the termination of the service the brethren re-formed in procession, and returned to the new hall, where the dedication ceremony was impressively performed, according to the prescribed ritual, by Bro. W. G. Rogers Deputy Prov. G.M., who was assisted by Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon P.P.G.C., and Bro. W. J. Hughan Past Grand Deacon of England, assisted by Bros. Brown and W. C. Gregory, two of the senior Past Masters of the Lodge. The Deputy P.G.M. scattered the corn, and Bros. Brown and Gregory poured the wine and oil respectively. Bro. Hughan subsequently delivered a very able and much appreciated address on the History of Freemasonry. The hymns were heartily sung, Bro. R. Day presiding at the harmonium. Thanks were passed to the Deputy G.P.M. and Bro. Hughan, and congratulations were received from various Lodges in Ireland and America, together with the heartiest good wishes for the future prosperity of this old-established Lodge, which was then closed in due form.

A banquet was held in Bro. T. S. Brown's Assembly Rooms in the evening.

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THE COLLAR QUESTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In glancing over your very excellent leading article on this subject in your issue of 11th December, I omitted to notice a very important mistake in your quotation of Bro. Canon Portal's motion which he made, and which I formally accepted. You insert the word "Officers" instead of the word "Wardens." The formula that Bro. Canon Portal submitted to me read as follows, and was so read by him when he proposed it, with my prior assent:—That the Master, the Past Masters and Wardens of a private Lodge shall be at liberty to wear their collars, &c. upon all Masonic occasions, or some such wording; but I am certain the word "Wardens" was there instead of "Officers," and I may add that this amendment was drafted on the dais in order to meet Bro. Philbrick's objection to the wording of my motion, which he said did not even convey definitely my intention, and when Bro. Portal came to me and suggested this alteration, I most certainly gathered the idea that it was submitted to me as one that would be accepted by the Board of General Purposes as a compromise, else I would not have varied my motion one iota. I am fully aware that several brethren voted against Bro. Portal's motion, under the impression the word "Officer" was used, and several brethren assured me that when the M.W. the Pro G.M. put the motion, he used the word

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"Officers," but from the position I was in I could not hear distinctly what he said, else I would have protested openly and at once.

On referring to the *Freemason*, I regret to find they have the same wording, viz., "Officers" instead of "Wardens." If the brethren understood it so it is not so much wonder so many voted against it, as while I am certain very few would desire to see regularly accredited members of Grand Lodge stripped of their badge of rank while visiting at any other than their own Lodge, still fewer would like to disgrace a Past Master; but as to Officers who rank below Wardens, very few would care to have them scampering round Lodges with collars and jewels of—say Deacons, Inner Guards, or Stewards. It was not my intention that it should be so, and if this word got inserted on the dais intentionally, it must have been done with the view of upsetting me; but if it has been done inadvertently, we may have an opportunity of putting matters right on the confirmation of the minutes at next Grand Lodge; and with this objectin view I will feel obliged to Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of Lodges who take an interest in this question if they will do their utmost to make it convenient to be present at next Grand Lodge, and should any feel disposed to communicate with me previously, with a view to concerted action, I shall be very pleased to give prompt attention to such communications.

Hoping you will kindly find space for this letter in your valuable ournal.

I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. NICHOLL P.M. 317.

Freemasons' Club, Cooper-street, Manchester.
24th January 1887.

THE JUBILEE COMMEMORATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fully agree with much that has been stated in your paper in reference to the Jubilee Commemoration. The meeting in the Albert Hall or Olympia would in itself be worthy of the Craft, and result in a grand addition to the funds of the Charities, but inasmuch as country Masons would be at considerable expense for travelling and other costs, I think an admission fee of one guinea would be sufficient. I do not agree with the condemnation of the Jubilee jewel on the ground that there are already too many jewels. If brethren would discontinue infringing the Book of Constitutions, and confine themselves strictly to the proper jewels appropriate to the only degrees recognised by Grand Lodge, much of the objection would vanish. It should also be borne in mind that the Jubilee jewel would die with the wearer, and would in a short time become quite rare.

I think the Imperial Institute is outside Masonry, and inasmuch as we shall be called upon to do our duty as citizens as well as Masons, care should be exercised that we be not required to stultify ourselves by giving of our limited means to the same object in two ways.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

HENRY ROBERTS,
W.M. 1621.

Castle Lodge, Bridgnorth, 25th January 1887.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since reading the capital suggestion contained in the leading columns of your paper last week, to raise a special fund during Jubilee year in aid of the poor old widows, I have attended one or two Lodge meetings at which the subject has formed a matter of conversation. Your paper evidently gets about, as it deserves to do, for amongst the company one evening was a brother from Devonshire and another from Newcastle, both of whom had read the article and spoke of the suggestion as a grand and appropriate one. Now, as a rule, Masons are somewhat sensitive as to suggestions; are not they? I think ridiculously so, sometimes. They do not like to coincide with even the shadow of what might be construed into dictation. I rather fancy that if our Pro Grand Master's circular had been less suggestive, and less confidential, it would have met a more cordial reception; but your hint, coming as it does at an opportune moment, and going straight to the point of Charity, is most acceptable. I sincerely hope the brethren will, to a man, rally round the standard you have so opportunely set up, and that if there are any guineas to spare they will be showered into the coffers of this exceptionally deserving fund, for the benefit of the Old People who are still outside our gates, but who are anxiously seeking a participation in the bounty of the Craft. I have no hesitation whatever in saying the suggestion is one which would receive the sanction of the gracious lady whose Jubilee chorus will be chanted in every corner of her dominions on this auspicious celebration of her coronation, and also of our Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales. Of course the matter, as you have so well put it, is now before a very large section of the Craft, and I do hope that between now and the day of the Benevolent Festival it will be recognised by Grand Lodge, and that every individual Mason in the Kingdom will be invited to subscribe his mite towards so admirable an object. I shall do my best to promulgate the suggestion, and trust it may be universally taken up by all sections of the Craft.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

H. G. P.

Belvedere, Kent.

THE "OLD PEOPLE'S HOME."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with interest, not unmingled with regret, the statements recently made in the columns of your own and other journals respecting the number of applicants on the lists for the benefits of our Benevolent Institution, and the inability of the executive to meet the pressing demands upon them. It is exceedingly sad to know that there are as many as 130 old people looking askance at the hand of Charity to a participation in which they are fairly entitled, but whose doors are barred by an inadequacy of funds. Any movement which can tend to act as a golden key, or to more widely open the portals of the Old Folks' Home at Croydon should command the instant attention and hearty co-operation of every Mason under the banner of the Order; and I thank you, on my own part, for the very excellent and practical suggestion contained in your article of last week. There is something eminently appropriate in choosing the Jubilee year of the reign of "our Widowed Queen" for raising a special and permanent fund on behalf of the "other widows" who are knocking at the gates of our Institution, and I sincerely trust the matter will be taken up in earnest by every Lodge on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. I do not think it will be wise to limit the subscription to five shillings. Leave it optional to give a sum of "not less than five shillings," and then you will see raised not only the much-needed £15,000 but double, or, we might hope, treble that amount. Trusting your suggestion may assume a practical shape before the date of the coming Festival,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

CONSTANT READER

THE FREDERICK BINCKES PRESENTATION FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—From representations which have reached the Committee of this Fund there is reason to fear that a misapprehension exists with regard to the limitation in the amount of individual subscriptions to one guinea. This was in no way intended to imply a restriction to that sum, but that they should not exceed it. The object of the Committee and their desire is that the Fund now being raised should be an evidence of appreciation of the labours of Bro. Binckes for a period of over twenty-five years, and this purpose will be better served by the small contributions of the many, rather than the large donations of the few.

I remain, yours fraternally,

CHARLES FREDERICK HOGARD,
Hon. Secretary

25th January 1887.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Olympic.—Miss Grace Hawthorne gave another matinée of "Heartsease" last Wednesday, when a good audience assembled. The drama is an adaptation from Alex. Dumas' "La Dame aux Camelias," and is a piece that requires considerable emotional power to make it effective. The character of Marguerite Gautier is a trying one, but with Miss Hawthorne for its interpreter all the points were admirably brought out. In the first act this talented lady was gay and amusing, and as the piece progressed the failure of Marguerite's physical power was developed to the fullest extent. The death scene was admirably conceived, and Miss Hawthorne made a deep impression on her audience. Briefly, Marguerite Gautier is the best character we have yet seen Miss Hawthorne undertake; and it suits her in every detail. Mr. Laurence Cautley (Armand Duval) and Mr. Leonard Outram (Count de Vasville) gave a good account of themselves. Mr. Bassett Roe's was a natural and finished portrayal of the peculiarities of M. Duval, while Mr. Arthur Wellesley (Gaston) and Mr. Rothbury Evans (Gustave) were well fitted to their parts. Mrs. Julia Brutone was passable as Madame Prudence; Miss Alice Chandos made a good Nanine; while Miss Lizzie Fletcher (Mdlle. Olympe) and Miss Emelie Calhaem (Nichette) rendered capital service. Miss Hawthorne will repeat "Heartsease" next Wednesday afternoon, when we advise our readers to attend.

"A PINT POT NEATLY GRAVEN."—One of the Old Cock Tavern tankards, with this line from his well-known poem upon it, has been presented by Messrs. Spiers and Pond to Lord Tennyson. His lordship, in acknowledging its receipt, thanks the firm, and says, "I shall keep it as an heirloom in my family, as a memorial not only of the old vanished tavern, but also of their kindness."

Miss Grace Hawthorne has secured from Mrs. Gooch a lease of the Princess's Theatre, on the same terms and conditions as granted to Mr. Wilson Barrett, whose lease of this theatre expires on 17th May next. Miss Hawthorne's first production at the Princess's will be Sardou's "Theodora."

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MASONS SHOULD BE HONEST.

AT the last annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Washington, Grand Master Ziegler, in his address, presented a case in which a brother charged with wronging a brother Mason was acquitted by his Lodge because there was no proof that the complainant, who lived in another State, was a Mason. Had this fact been shown there was indisputable evidence of un-Masonic conduct as charged, and subsequently a certificate of membership was received from the complainant. The Grand Lodge remanded the case for a new trial. But what we desire especially to present and approve in connection with this case is the following sentiments expressed by the Grand Master, which have the true Masonic ring in them:

In my judgment, the time has come for this Grand Lodge to declare, in unmistakable terms, how far a Mason may act in confidence with a brother Mason and still be within the bounds of propriety; how far he may betray the confidence of a brother and still be considered honest and doing right under the section of law referred to, and how near he may hew to the line of dishonesty, without snapping the cords of honour and duty to a brother. We have too much of this kind of sharp practice: a wilful disregard of our commercial obligations which some are pleased to term sharp business practice. I tell you, my brethren, there is no business in this way of doing. True business is and must be conducted by the strictest rules of integrity, and without a strict observance of these rules business is a failure. I tell you we have too much of this, and Masonry must protect itself, and it must say to its votaries: "You must lead an honest and upright life, deal honourably with *all* men, and not permit them to go about to ensnare the unwary, betray their confidence and defraud them of their lawful due."

We cannot afford to let the world point the finger of scorn at our members, and say "that fellow is a Mason, he has defrauded and cheated me, and the law of his Institution upholds him in it."—*Masonic Advocate.*

FREEMASONRY.

[The following beautiful effusion is from the pen of Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, an earnest Mason, and the classical author of "Pompeii" and "Zanoni."]

The world may rail at Masonry,
And scoff the square and line;
We'll follow with complacency
The Master's great design.
And though our sisters frown, and though
We're by our mothers chided,
Could they our works and heart but know
We would not be derided!

And though the kings of earth unite
Our temple to assail,
While armed with truth, and love, and light,
O'er them we shall prevail.
A cloud may veil the face of day,
But nature smiles at one
That should adventure, bold essay!
To quench the glorious sun!

A king can make a gartered knight,
And breathe away another;
But he, with all his skill and might,
Can never make a brother.
This power alone, thou Mystic Art,
Freemasonry, is thine!
The power to tame the savage heart
With brotherly love divine.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, by the W.M. of the parent Lodge and his Officers, on Wednesday, 2nd February, at 8 p.m., after which the annual election of Officers will take place.

The installation meeting of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, was held on Tuesday. The worthy Treasurer, Bro. T. Bull, installed the Master, Bro. W. F. Masters, P.M. 1339. Report next week.

DEATH.

TERRY.—On the 4th inst., at 26 Union Square, Islington, in her 83rd year, SARAH, Widow of the late JAMES TERRY, and Mother of Bro. JAMES TERRY, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

NEW MUSIC.

"One face was missing." Song by G. Hunt Jackson; music by B. A. Reeve. London: Metzler and Co., 42 Great Marlborough-stree, W.

This song, written by G. Hunt Jackson, the author of "Wedded," is a worthy tribute to this well-known writer's ability. Moreover, the music supplied by Mr. B. A. Reeve is pretty and tuneful, while it has the additional advantage of being easy to sing. The work is worth the vocalist's notice, and should be heard frequently at public concerts as well as in the drawing room.

"What's a little maid to do?" Words by F. E. Weatherby, music by A. H. Behrend.

"Friends." Words by F. E. Weatherby, music by Frederic N. Löhr. London: W. Morley and Co., 127 Regent Street, W.

THE first of these ditties is of a very amusing type; it gives advice to maidens how and when to choose a lover. It has been admirably conceived, and is in the well-known style of F. E. Weatherby. That popular composer A. H. Behrend is answerable for the music; it is catchy in style, and will certainly add to his reputation. The same composer is answerable for the words of "Friends," and here again he has done well; while Mr. Frederic N. Löhr has provided music of a cheerful nature.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 29th JANUARY.

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. (Inst)
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. (Improvement)
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 31st JANUARY.

23—Loughborough, Ganden 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)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1435—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—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.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
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)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
1382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 810—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1299—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1321—Emulematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1360—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (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. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Mooregate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, 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
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
246—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
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, Newcastle
702—Shirlocene, 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 Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322—Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 2nd 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, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
238—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's 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)
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)
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
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
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. 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. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
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
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1200—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marborough, 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. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 3rd 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)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (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)
852—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warwick 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
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)

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1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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. (In.)
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)
1734—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
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Ins

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
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
206—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
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—Tability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
435—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
530—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
536—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
537—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
569—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
793—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1283—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
2060—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. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 667—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1236—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.3
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. (Inst.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
765—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, James-street, Buckingham Gate, at 8. (I)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
854—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1275—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
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street, Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
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. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (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
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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
998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
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—Gostorth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gostorth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Stree
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)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
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.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
305—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

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THE APPROACHING ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

IF Freemasons remain in ignorance of the laws which govern the Order it cannot be for want of frequent admonition to make themselves conversant with the rules framed for the management of the Craft tendered by their instructors,—the officials of Freemasonry. Throughout the ritual there are frequent references to the need for strict obedience to recognised authority, while one of the first duties enjoined on an initiate is the study of the laws of Freemasonry, both those which teach the duties due to the Craft in general and those which refer to his individual Lodge. Notwithstanding all this it frequently happens that the laws of the Craft, as laid down in the Book of Constitutions, are virtually unknown to members of the Order, and it sometimes occurs that those who should be expected to know the most prove to possess the least knowledge on what we may term popular Masonic questions. By popular we mean such subjects as the annual election of a brother to fill the office of Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England, concerning the duties and acquirement of which it is strange to find that many brethren possess either imperfect or incorrect knowledge. The same might also be said in regard to the Treasurership of Private Lodges, but for the present we shall confine our observations to the office of Grand Treasurer.

Up till within the last few years the Grand Treasurer of England, though annually appointed, was really a permanent Officer of Grand Lodge, as it was the custom to re-elect the same brother year after year, unless death, resignation, or some other exceptional occurrence necessitated a change. Now it is a recognised rule in the Craft that the Grand Treasurer shall hold office for one year only, and that this, the sole Grand Office which is filled by the popular vote, should be given, year after year, to a different brother, recognised by his fellow Masons as worthy of special distinction at their hands. The change in the system was the result of strenuous exertions on the part of a number of brethren who felt the alteration was necessary, and has undoubtedly proved beneficial to the Craft, as well as a source of gratification to those who have received such honours as attach to the appointment; and we trust the system now in vogue may be the one always adopted in the future, rather than there should be a return to the old principle of virtual election for life; further, that those who, in years to come, receive the coveted purple of Grand Office as a consequence of the change may prove themselves as worthy of the confidence reposed in them as those who have already filled it.

Much of what we have said above may appear superfluous to some of our readers, who may regard the annual change of Grand Treasurer as a recognised principle, but we are convinced there are many who do not so regard it. As we have reason to know, there are some who, from the fact of their having a vote, must be advanced in the Craft, who do not know how or when the appointment is made, or by whom the Grand Treasurer is elected. For the information of those who do not know, and for the guidance of those who do, we may state that the next election of a Grand Treasurer will take place at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge to be held on the 2nd March, and that every member of Grand Lodge then present will be called upon to vote for one or other of the two candidates who were nominated for the appointment in December last, in accordance with the rule of the Craft governing the election. It therefore follows that every Master, Past Master, and Warden subscribing to a Lodge on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England has a voice in this important appointment, important because it is the only one—other than that of the Grand Mastership itself—which is filled by the vote of the Craft, and it is to be hoped that as many as can attend will be present at the meeting and record their vote on behalf of the candidate of their choice.

So long as the office of Grand Treasurer has been looked upon as one to be changed annually, it has been the hope of a section of the Craft that an actual contest for the office might be avoided, and that in lieu thereof it should become the custom to nominate but one brother each year for the appointment—always bearing in mind that such nominee shall not already have filled the office. There are many reasons which might be urged in opposition to this course, as also many which might be brought forward in favour of its adoption, but one thing is certain—this year, as has been the case during the last few years, there will be a contest for the appointment. The principal objection to the proposed system of limiting the nomination to but one brother appears to be that the appointment would not then be an elective one of the whole Craft; it would resolve itself into an office in the gift of a select circle, as some one, or some body of brethren, would have to decide on the brother to be nominated, and the "open" character of the appointment would at once disappear, while in its place we should have one of the worst forms of selection. At the present time any Mason may nominate any other, and it entirely depends on the candidate and his friends to decide what shall be done when once the nomination is effected.

There are now, as we have said above, two eligible candidates before the Craft for the next election; this will take place on the 2nd March; one of them—Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, &c.—has publicly expressed himself as being averse to any canvass of the Craft, either by the candidates themselves or by their friends. He preferred to leave the Masonic claims of such as might be nominated to speak for themselves, without any private or other influence being exerted in favour of the respective aspirants; but as his fellow candidate for the office on this occasion has commenced, and is carrying on an active canvass—both personally and by a Committee—Bro. Godson's friends feel themselves impelled to move on his behalf, and we are thus in a position to make known to our readers points in connection with Bro. Godson's candidature which we have long desired to publish, but in deference to his expressed view of the case, we have hitherto refrained from doing.

The honour of holding the post of Grand Treasurer of England is one of which any Mason might be proud, and although the office has been shorn of much of the responsibility which formerly attached to it, it is still one which requires its holder shall be a Mason of distinction, and at the same time a Brother who has done something to merit especial reward at the hands of his fellows. Such qualifications are conspicuous in Bro. Godson, who has risen to high position in the Craft solely on account of merit displayed therein, and holds appointments outside

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Freemasonry which entitle him to the respect and esteem of his fellow countrymen.

Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., M.A., J.P., was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in the year 1865, in the Royal Edward Lodge, No. 892, Leominster; was one of the founders and third Worshipful Master of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1097, Tenbury, and after serving as Provincial Grand Registrar and Provincial Grand Senior Warden, became Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, an office he now holds. He was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in St. Wulstan's Chapter, No. 280, Worcester, in 1867, and after filling the three chairs therein was, in 1884, appointed to the office of Provincial Grand H. Honourable as are these Craft distinctions it is to another branch or section of Freemasonry we have to look for Bro. Godson's principal achievements, those which should win for him the regard of brethren unacquainted with the Province of Worcestershire—with which he is more intimately connected, and wherein he is justly honoured. We allude to the subject of Charity, in the dispensation of which Bro. Godson shows an especial interest, as is evidenced by the pains he takes to make his position as a member of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys of advantage to that Institution and its supporters. That he practises what he preaches in this respect may be gathered from the fact that he is a Patron of the Boys' School, and has served five Stewardships on its behalf; a Vice President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for which he has acted as Steward on four occasions; and a Vice President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for which Charity he has likewise served four Stewardships; moreover, he has endowed several of the offices he has filled in the Craft as Subscribers or Life Governors to one or other of the Institutions. He acted as chairman on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new buildings of the Boys' Institution, by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts in 1885, and last year undertook a similar office on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, in connection with its Annual Festival.

Beyond the strict limits of Craft Masonry Bro. Godson has also achieved honours. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in 1867, and soon became Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 40. He filled the office of Registrar of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire and Staffordshire; was first Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire (in 1883); and became the first Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Degree in the county of Worcestershire the following year. In the A. and A. Rite we find him a member of the St. Wulstan's Chapter of Rose Croix, Worcester, which he joined in 1866. He has risen to the dignity of M.W.S. in the Shakespeare Chapter, Warwick; and the Oxford and Cambridge University Chapter, London; and has been admitted a member of the 18th, 30th, 31st and 32nd degrees. He was installed K.T. in 1870, E. P. Holyrood Preceptory, Warwick, in 1884; Sub Prior of Worcestershire in 1884, and Provincial Prior of the same county in 1886. He is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Knights of Malta, Ark Mariners, &c., and is D.G.M. of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Outside Freemasonry Brother Godson has eminently distinguished himself, and has done sufficient to entitle him to the highest regard. He is Member for Kidderminster in the present Parliament, and his actions as representative of that town, in time of great distress, have proved him worthy of the confidence reposed in him by its inhabitants. He is a Barrister of the Inner Temple; a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Loriners, as also of the Worshipful Company of Patten Makers.

We think we have now said enough to convince our readers that Bro. Godson is in every way fitted for the Masonic honour to which he aspires, and we can but express the hope that he may receive such support from the members of Grand Lodge as will secure him the position. When we find such men as he come forward as candidates for the post, we almost regret that another brother should be nominated to oppose him; it seems cruel to offer even the semblance of a slight to actions so worthy of recognition as those which have been performed during the Masonic career of Bro. Godson; but, as we have admitted the necessity for a plurality of candidates, and as on this occasion two have been nominated for the one appointment, there is no option but to proceed to an election, and for that election every Master, Past Master, and Warden has a vote, which vote we trust he will poll as he thinks best at the next Communication of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, the 2nd March. Whatever honour has been done to the office of Grand Treasurer in the past will we are sure be maintained, even if not enhanced, by the election of Bro. Godson to the post, should it prove the pleasure of the Craft to give him a majority of their votes.

WANTED, FIFTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS.

FOLLOWING up the remarks which we ventured to utter a fortnight since, on the subject of the Royal Jubilee, and the opportunity afforded of commemorating the auspicious event by some special and substantial aid to our Masonic Charities, we are encouraged in the belief that the suggestion has met with considerable and unanimous approval in many parts of the country in which the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE circulates. We said at the outset we had no desire to intrude in any way whatever upon the proposals that have been made in reference to the cultivation by English Freemasons of the eventful period which will engross public attention everywhere during the next five months. It was but meet and right that a "feeler" should have been sent out from headquarters in order to ascertain the views of the brethren as to the most befitting manner in which the Jubilee should be commemorated; and, although there is reason to fear that the circular issued by our Pro Grand Master has scarcely met with so cordial or unanimous a reception as could have been hoped for, nevertheless it is quite evident that Masons generally are in favour of some special demonstration of their loyalty to the august Lady whose name is so intimately associated with the Craft, and of affection for the illustrious Prince who rules so ably over the affairs of Grand Lodge of which he is the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Odes will be written and pœans sung by every loyal pen and lip, from the Laureate downwards, wherever the English tongue is spoken, and upon no heart-string will the chord of loyal acclaim vibrate more forcibly than on those of the true and faithful body of Masons who are proud to be associated with the Ancient and Honourable Institution.

It is, however, an object of our especial solicitude just now to see developed some kind of scheme such as we ventured to suggest a fortnight since in these columns; and, judging from the correspondence that has reached us from many quarters, the proposal is regarded as not only practicable, but exceedingly easy of achievement. The bare facts relating to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution are now before the brethren, and it is almost superfluous to remind them that at the coming Festival—only three weeks from this date—the Committee of Management will be confronted by one hundred and thirty deserving applicants for participation in the benefits of the "Old People's" Institution. To meet these there are only at present two vacancies on the side of the widows, so that the crucial question comes,—How can this great gulf be bridged over? It is impossible, with the existing agencies at work, that more can be done for the Institution which—together with our Boys' and Girls' Schools—is the admiration of the world, both in and outside the pale of our Order. It is therefore palpable that some extraneous and special effort must be made if we would strengthen the hands of the executive so as to enable them to carry out their hearts' desire, and to receive the whole body of deserving poor people whose urgent cases are before them. As we have said, the Anniversary Festival takes place on the 22nd of this month, and in the meantime, if anything is to be done, the watch-word must be, "Short, sharp, and decisive." It is an accepted maxim that if anything is to be done well it should be done quickly; and to "strike the iron while it is hot" is invariably the best way of accomplishing any desirable object. The object immediately under consideration, then, is the raising of £15,000—rather a formidable sum in the aggregate, but when spread over the entire ranks of the Craft, as we have already pointed out, the obstacles in the way are reduced to insignificance. There are over two thousand Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, and it is a very modest computation indeed to say that each Lodge has an average of forty

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members, making a grand total of eighty thousand brethren. Of course, this is very far below the mark, but we take the figures in order to simplify the calculation, and to leave a fair margin on the right side. In addition to the regular Lodges, there are Lodges of Instruction, to many of which we are gratified to know are attached Benevolent Associations doing substantial suit and service to the cause of charity; whilst in connection with the Royal Arch, the Mark, and many other sections of the Craft which may be classified under the heading of "the side degrees," there are agencies at work all tending in the same direction, in the cause of humanity and benevolence. But taking the very lowest estimate of eighty thousand, and we find at once that the trifling sum of five shillings each will more than suffice to produce the amount needed to clear the list of the widows, at any rate, who are appealing to us for sympathy and succour; and we repeat that the fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty's "happy and glorious" reign is a particularly opportune time for raising such a memento of our loyalty to the Throne, and so splendid a means of conferring a boon and a blessing to the old poor at our gates.

It is by no means imperative, nor is it desirable, as some of our correspondents point out, that a hard and fast line should be drawn to limit the subscriptions to so low a figure as five shillings per member. That sum was suggested as being as near the average as possible to make up the needed fifteen thousand pounds; taking into account that such a trifling call upon the pockets of the brethren for so special an object would not interfere one whit with their personal comfort. We should rejoice, and the great body of the Fraternity would be made glad, were the result of an appeal to bring in such a flood of wealth as would enable the managers of all our three Institutions to rid themselves of all their temporary embarrassments, to relieve all who deserve their help, and to start afresh some new scheme of beneficence and philanthropy. Such a hope, however, is outside and beyond the question now under consideration; and, on the principle of doing one thing at a time, we leave this matter of the Old People's Special Fund in the hands of our readers, as one great and significant means of celebrating the Royal Jubilee year. We are content to run the risk of being considered over-sanguine when we predict that our brethren will be disposed to go very far with us in the direction indicated; and, though the time is now very short, there is ample opportunity for every brother to make up his mind and to decide whether his minimum subscription of five shillings would not be faithfully applied in connection with this scheme. Such a contribution would necessitate no abridgement of personal enjoyment, no curtailment of those amenities which are amongst the distinguishing characteristics of our fraternal gatherings; whereas on the other hand the collective result of such an effort would raise a standing memorial of Masonic love for our Sovereign and of our attachment to the principles of the Craft as has never before been realised. Seldom has the old Scotch proverb "Many a mickle mak' a muckle" been more apposite than on the present occasion. It is a moment which should be seized to show to the world a repeated proof that when the cry of distress is raised, there is no more eager ear to recognise or hand to relieve, the suppliant appeal—no heart more swift to ameliorate the sum of human need, and to send a ray of new life and hope into the breasts of the afflicted ones who, having at one time seen "better days," find it doubly hard to be, in their declining years, compelled to throw themselves upon the bounty of the Craft. We have every confidence that the suggestion to raise this special Jubilee Fund will meet with a ready and general response at the hands of the brethren everywhere under the benign influence of the banner of English Freemasonry, and trust that at the nearly approaching Festival, if Bro. Terry is not able to proclaim the complete realisation of our desire, he will at all events be in a position to state that very decided progress has been made in that direction, and that before the Jubilee day arrives such a result will have been achieved as will redound to the credit of the Craft, and reflect a grand tribute of Masonic loyalty upon the celebration which is to be made in honour of our Queen.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Comp. R. Gray M.E.Z., who was supported by Comps. T. Fenn as H., J. Glashier as J., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., Earl of Limerick S.N., Rev. M. Heath P.S., Major J. S. Peirce 1st A.S., Baron de Ferrieres 2nd A.S., J. E. Le Feuvre Sword Bearer, D. P. Cama G. Treasurer, and many others. The Earl of Limerick, who was appointed Grand Scribe N. last May, but was then unable to be present, was now invested in that office and took his seat. The report of the Committee of General Purposes, as set forth in our columns last week, was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The petitions from Central Australia and Madras were granted, as also was the memorial from the St. George's Chapter, Greenwich, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel. Several other matters of minor importance were transacted, and Grand Chapter was closed in the customary manner.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

A convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, 31st ult., at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, when there were present Comps. Lewis Larazus M.E.Z., Dewsnap H., Myers J., Emanuel S.E., Jacobs S.N., Liebmann P.S., Van Staven 1st A.S., Davis 2nd A.S., Lazarus Treasurer; P.Z.'s Isaac, Littaur, Lazarus, &c. The visitors included Comps. J. E. Sheffield and W. W. Morgan. The minutes of last regular convocation having been read, were confirmed; as also was the revision of the bye-laws previous to their being submitted to the Grand Secretary for approval. The following candidates were then ballotted for, accepted, and subsequently exalted, viz.—Bros. Isaac Botibol, Alexander Jonas, Lewis Isaacs, Woolf S. Lyon, Barnet Weigel, Maurice Hyman, J. B. Blaiberg, Lewis Davis, and Edwin E. Elverston. The ceremonies were performed in perfect manner, reflecting the highest credit upon Comp. Lazarus (who now occupies the office of M.E.Z. for the third time), and his brother Principals. Comp. Liebmann, as P.S., did his work excellently well, and it was gratifying to all assembled to observe that, notwithstanding the unusual number of candidates, he was fully equal to the occasion. The addresses and working generally were all admirably done. As a rule, our Jewish brethren are hearty in whatever they undertake, and in the Joppa Chapter are some of the best workers to be found amongst Royal Arch Masons. The Chapter is sincerely to be congratulated upon its sound and prosperous position, and the fact of the almost unprecedented number of ten candidates presenting themselves for exaltation, with several others coming up at the next Convocation, speaks volumes for the healthy condition of the Joppa Chapter. A copy of the Constitutions of Grand Chapter was presented by Comp. Lazarus, the "father" of the Chapter, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was accorded, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The privilege of honorary membership had already been conferred upon Comp. W. Littaur P.Z., and he was now made a full privileged member, in consideration of the eminent services he had rendered to the Chapter. Further, reference was made to the loss which the brethren had sustained through the death of Comp. M. Silver, and it was resolved to forward a letter of condolence to his widow, conveying to her the appreciation in which their late brother was held by the members generally, and their sincere regret at his removal from amongst them. Bro. M. Silver was always a prominent figure at the banquets of the Jewish Lodges, where his geniality and uniform urbanity gained for him the affection and regard of all who knew him. At the close of the Chapter the Companions adjourned to banquet, when the customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured. In the course of the evening Companion Weigel, responding as an Exaltee, made some interesting allusions to the differences which exist in the working of the ritual in America and France; and a hope was expressed that he would put the results of his observations into some practical form, and deliver a lecture on the subject at no distant date. A very pleasant evening was diversified by some songs.

The weekly convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the new quarters, Brother De Sells's, Northampton House, St. Pauls Road, Canonbury, on Thursday. Comps. Edmonds M.E.Z., Dean H., Carter J., Le Grand S.N., Radcliffe P.S., Sheffield S.E. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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PRUDENT BRETHREN LODGE, No. 145.

THIS popular Lodge celebrated its Annual Festival on Tuesday, the 25th January, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. The brethren assembled at five o'clock; they wore the customary insignia of mourning, donned on this occasion through the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of Bro. Geo. States P.M., a Past Grand Steward, and a brother who for many years held the position of Secretary in the Prudent Brethren Lodge. Bro. George C. Banks, the W.M., opened the Lodge, when he was supported by the following Past Masters:—Bros. T. Bull (Treasurer), D. Haslett (Secretary), C. Woods, H. Brock, John Reid; the several minor Officers were well represented, and amongst the Visitors were Bros. R. Eve P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, J. Salmon P.M. 2007 Prov. Grand Registrar Essex, A. Lane P.M. 1638 P.G.S.B. Surrey, A. Dansell P.M. 1107, R. E. Goffin P.M. 1572, W. Snodin P.M. 157, E. White P.M. 177, J. Green P.M. 27, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, A. H. Larcome P.M. 3, W. H. Baker W.M. 1446, T. Woodrow W.M. 2077, A. Escott P.M. 1593, W. J. Collens P.M. 766, C. Parsons S.W. 1637, A. J. Martin P.M. 188, R. H. Wimpey J.D. 2012, J. W. Bannell 1637, J. Freeman 2063, E. F. Kempson 1385, W. Robinson 55, J. Montagne J.D. 1638, G. B. Wood 1339, J. R. Duff 1339, R. Howland 1366, C. Piper 2030, W. J. Higgins 1563, C. H. Taylor 2000, Theodore Distin 173, J. M. Klenck P.M. 1339, D. Hall 1637, A. J. Dottridge P.M. 176, &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the auditors, which was of a satisfactory character, was presented and adopted. A request had been preferred to the Worshipful Master for two brethren of the Unity Lodge, No. 1637, to be allowed to receive their second degree, and in conformity with this request Bros. John Bannell and Douglas Hall now presented themselves. They passed a satisfactory examination, and were entrusted. When the Lodge had been opened in the second degree the candidates were re-admitted, and regularly passed. Bro. Thos. Ball now took the chair, and the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. W. F. Masters, the Senior Warden of the past year, but a brother who has already filled the chair, in the Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339, was presented to receive the benefits of installation. The usual obligation was taken, and in due course the Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Masters was placed in the chair as Master of the Prudent Brethren Lodge. On the re-admission of those brethren who are not yet privileged to wear the levels, Bro. Masters was saluted and proclaimed in the three degrees. The appointment and investment of Officers then took place, as follows:—Bros. Henry Cox S.W., John Hampton J.W., T. Ball P.M. Treasurer, D. Haslett P.M. Secretary, W. Lloyd S.D., Whiteley J.D., E. Coleman I.G., C. Woods P.M. D. of C., Thos. Cooke Assistant Dir. of Cers., Brown Steward, L. J. Reinhardt Tyler. Bro. P.M. Ball delivered the addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren in that perfect manner which characterises the work he undertakes, and resumed his seat amidst the congratulations of all assembled. A Past Master's jewel of an eminently neat and elegant description was presented to Bro. Banks, displaying a monogram with his initials, and bearing the following inscription:—

Presented by the Brethren of the
Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145,
To Bro. George C. Banks P.M.,
In token of fraternal regard and appreciation of his valuable services as Worshipful Master in 1886-7.

The consideration of the Earl of Carnarvon's Circular occupied a considerable amount of time, but it was eventually left over for the next meeting, when the members will be in a position to say to what extent it shall be supported. A general wish, however, seemed to prevail that the brethren should be supplied with copies of the Circular, so that they might be better prepared to deal with its details. Amongst other features for notice was the passing of a vote of condolence to the surviving relatives of Bro. States, and the announcement of the resignation of two members. Lodge closed with the customary formalities. The banquet was served in the Glee Room of the Freemasons' Tavern, and a capital repast, served under the superintendence of Bro. Madell, was done ample justice to. On removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the loyal toasts, with brief but pertinent remarks, and full honour was done them. In speaking to the toast of the Grand Officers, Bro. Masters expressed regret that they had no representative present; they had however three brethren who held positions as Provincial Officers, and consequently he would associate their name with the toast. One of them—Bro. Eve—was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, Bro. Eve was distinguished in the Province which he represented—Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—and possesses qualifications that recommend him as a worthy aspirant for the dignified position he desires to secure. The other two Provincial Officers to whom he referred—Bros. Salmon and Lane—were also held in high esteem in the respective circles in which they moved. These brethren severally acknowledged the compliment, and then the Immediate Past Master took the gavel in hand; the brethren he felt assured would readily respond to the toast he had to present to their notice. Bro. Masters had filled the several offices in the Lodge with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the members. Theirs was a Centenary Lodge; it had always held a position in the Craft, and naturally its well wishers desired it should maintain its prestige. In exercising their right to elect Bro. Masters as their ruler for the ensuing year, the members had shown a wise discretion; he had zealously exerted himself in the past, and all looked forward to his further distinguishing himself during the time he ruled the destinies of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledgment, felt grateful for the cordial reception he had met with; he had been a member of the Lodge for many years, but hitherto had not been able to devote so much time as was necessary to enable him to take a prominent part in the conduct of the Lodge. He was now, however, in office; he appreciated the honour, and should strive so to acquit himself that when his year expired he might carry with him the best wishes of all with whom he had been associated. In course of replying to the toast given in his honour, Bro. Banks announced he had undertaken a Stewardship on behalf of the Old People, and trusted he might receive help on their behalf from every member of his Lodge. Several of the Visitors present acknowledged the toast given in their honour. Then the Worshipful Master complimented the Treasurer and Secretary, specially referring to the ready way in which Bro. Bull placed his services at the disposal of the Lodge, and making graceful allusion to the manner in which the worthy Treasurer had rendered the installation ceremony. Brother Bull, in the course of his reply, remarked that he looked upon the meetings of the Prudent Brethren Lodge as some of the pleasantest associations of his life. He had been much gratified in having the honour to instal Bro. Masters, who inherently possessed the integrity of the British merchant with the true principles of an honest man and friend. He trusted every happiness would attend his efforts in the chair. Bro. Haslett (Secretary) also acknowledged the compliment. His official work was essentially a labour of love, and he was intensely gratified at seeing his efforts were appreciated. After a toast had been given in honour of the Officers, the Tyler was summoned, and he closed the proceedings. During the evening a selection of vocal music was given under the direction of Bro. Theodore Distin; who was assisted by Miss L. Distin, Miss Bertha Ball, and Bro. Henry Taylor. The following is the programme, and it was carried out in a most satisfactory manner:—Grace, "For these and all Thy Mercies," A.D. 1545; National Anthem, Dr. John Bull, Solo by Miss Distin; Song, "Serenade," Ellis Ingleby, Miss Bertha Ball; Song, "The Maiden and the Weathercock," Austin, Miss L. Distin; Song, "My Queen," Blumenthal, Bro. Henry Taylor; Song, "The Middy," Leigh, Bro. Theodore Distin; Solo Cornet, Donizetti, Master Harold Distin; Duet, "Echoes," F. L. Noir, Misses L. Distin and B. Ball; Ballad, "Mary of Argyle," Nelson, Bro. H. Taylor; Humorous Song, "The World and his Wife," Roeckel, Miss Ball; Song, "Meet Me by Moonlight," Wade, Miss Distin; Glee, "O Hush Thee, My Babie," Sir A. Sullivan.

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 304.

THE installation of this, one of the oldest and most flourishing Lodges in the Province of West Yorkshire, was held on the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds. Additional interest was attached to the gathering because the Provincial Grand Master had signified his intention of being present, and it was expected that as he had just returned from London, he would be able to make some authoritative statement in reference to the proposed Masonic Jubilee celebration. The W.M., Bro. Myers, assumed the gavel for the last time, when he was supported by an exceedingly large number of brethren. The Lodge having been opened in the third degree, the arrival of the Provincial Grand Lodge was announced. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Carleton Grange, P.G.D. of England, was accompanied by Bros. H. Smith D.P.G.M., W. B. Alderson P.P.G.D. and Assistant P.G. Secretary. The other members of Provincial Grand Lodge present were Bros. Woodhouse, J.P., P.M. Prov. G.J.W., Dr. Smyth, M.A., D.D.G.M. Eastern Archipelago P.G.C., Townsend P.G. Organist, Oates P.G.D.A. Dir. of Cers., Newsand P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works, Richardson P.P.G. Purs., Mason P.P.G. Treas., R. Craig P.P.G.D. The W.M.'s of each of the Leeds Lodges were present, namely Bros. Scarth 280, Councillor Binns 306, Flockton 1042, Youings 1211, Harris 1221, Hollis 1311, and Mason 2069. Amongst the many Visitors were the following brethren from the neighbouring province of North and East Yorkshire:—Bros. Brown W.M. 1611, Blenkin P.M. 1611. In the body of the Lodge were P.M.'s Bros. Hill, Tomlinson, Yates, Scriven, Trevor, Watson, Bailey, McGill, Scarth, Smith, Gaines, Bingham S.W. 1042, Cheesman S.W. 566, Barlow J.W. 566, Hudson Treas. 566, and many others. The P.G. Master and the members of Provincial Grand Lodge having been saluted, the ceremony of installation was most beautifully and effectively worked by that veteran in the Craft W. Bro. Robert Craig P.M. 304 P.P.G.D. There is no brother in the Province more highly or deservedly respected than Bro. Craig, and on this occasion he surpassed himself in the manner he conducted this beautiful ceremony. He received efficient aid from W. Bro. Geo. Hill P.M., who acted as Dir. of Cers. The newly installed Master having taken his seat in the chair of King Solomon, awarded the collars as follows:—Myers I.P.M., Rickards S.W., Hewson J.W., Rev. Grenburg Chaplain, Mason P.P.G. Tr. Treas. Cockerline Sec., Lawson S.W., Grimshaw J.D., Townsend P.G.O. Org. Hill P.M. Dir. of Cers., Booth I.G., Beaumont and Croysdale Stewards, Barrand Tyler. Bro. Mason was unanimously selected as the Lodge representative on the Provincial Charity Committee, and Bros. Craig and Rickards as the Charity Stewards for the Lodge. The Secretary then read the communication from the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, in reference to the part to be taken by the Freemasons of England in the forthcoming Jubilee of Her Majesty. The W.M. then invited Bro. Tew to address the Lodge on this subject. Bro. Tew P.G.D. of England and P.G.M. West Yorks then rose, for the purpose of addressing the brethren and received a very cordial reception. He said: Allow me in the first instance to thank your newly installed Master for the very kind letter of invitation which he wrote me on the 3rd of January to be present at your influential meeting this evening. I must say of this letter that it is written in just that charming spirit which only could come from the bottom of the heart of a true-hearted West Yorkshireman, and I mean to place this letter within my archives as the most pleasing souvenir of this class of communica-

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tion it has been my pleasure to receive. Let me also say how glad I am to see our dear Bro. Craig here. Let me offer my warmest wishes of a happy new year to him. We are all delighted to see that the years set so lightly upon him, and that he still retains his memory and the facile diction which has enabled him to go through the ceremony so admirably. I only hope that when I arrive at his years I shall be able to do as well in this capacity as he now is. I thank Bro. Woodhouse P.G.J.W. and the present members of the Provincial Grand Lodge for so kindly receiving me, and you, brethren for your kind salutation given to the office which I have the honour to occupy this evening. Although I have very often been in this beautiful room, and had the honour of visiting this Lodge, yet may I hope that it is not an impossible wish that the G.A.O.T.U. may permit us to see the jubilee of No. 304, which will take place in nine years. I was glad to see on the Charity lists the names of Bros. Bedford P.P.G.D., and Bro. Craig P.P.G.D., and in addition Bros. Bedford and Oates P.G.A. Dir. of Cers., contributors to the Boys' School. In the list of the current year I see that Bros. Craig and Bedford have placed their names on the list of the Benevolent, and will act as Stewards at the Festival on the 22nd of February. I doubt not that in due course the Lodge will take into consideration the scheme initiated at the Charity meeting at Dewsbury, on the 15th instant. It was hoped at the meeting that we should be enabled to support the Widows' Fund in a jubilee manner worthy both of the Institution and of the Province of West Yorks. The Queen is a widow, and I think nothing could have been more proper than the proposal of the Chairman of the Charity Committee of this Province (Bro. Smithson P.P.G.D.) that we should support the Widows' Fund. At the same time you have heard the letter from Lord Carnarvon read. Having just returned from London, where I had several communications with the Grand Officers of England, I am able to tell you what their mind is on the subject. I think this is a very convenient time for me to say what I have to say on this subject, as I see the W.M.'s of all the Leeds Lodges and several brethren from the adjoining province of North and East Yorkshire. The Grand Lodge is putting great pressure upon Prov. G.M.'s, and I in turn must also press upon the W.M.'s of Leeds and of the Province to take up that letter and deal with it in a worthy and patriotic manner, and shew there will be no difficulty in sending up to Grand Lodge in a short time a satisfactory answer on this important subject. It was the desire of the M.W.G.M. that the question should be taken up so as to demonstrate our attachment to himself and our beloved Queen. The idea rather favoured by Grand Lodge is this: I am informed that there are something like 70,000 subscribing members on the roll of Grand Lodge in England, and throughout the various Provinces into which this country is for the purposes of Masonry divided. Besides that, there are about 100,000 Masons unattached to any Lodge, and who are therefore not subscribing members to the Grand Lodge. To them as well as to ourselves the privilege is offered of some loyal demonstration to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. It must also be distinctly understood that whatever demonstration does take place, whether at the Albert Hall or Olympia, that it cannot be in one sense a Grand Lodge opening, such as you see at the quarterly meetings of that body, because by their constitution Grand Lodge cannot make a charge for admission of any brother. The demonstration will be simply one of loyalty to the Prince of Wales and devotion to the Queen. An address will be presented to H.R.H., which will be given to the Queen, expressive of our sentiments of loyalty and devotion to our Grand Master and to our Queen. This will somewhat clear the ground, and enable us to come to a decision on Lord Carnarvon's letter. I have visited, in company with Colonel Shadwell Clerke, the Palace of Olympia, which we calculate will accommodate 9000 Masons, and if such a number signified there intention of being present the admission fee would be reduced to one guinea. The Grand Lodge too is at the present moment making arrangements with all the railways in this country to take Freemasons to London and back at one fare, no matter what class they choose to travel by. This being the case, with the admission at one guinea instead of two guineas, will reduce the cost of taking part in such a demonstration to a minimum. Then again I think H.R.H. has fixed the maximum subscription for the National Institute at one guinea, but neither does H.R.H. nor the Grand Lodge expect every brother on the roll to give that amount; as low as 2s 6d would be gladly accepted, or even 1s from those who cannot afford more. I do hope that this information, given in the presence of so many brethren of my Province, will go through the length and breadth of the West Riding, and I hope all will take into consideration what I have said. I hope that I and the past and present members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will have the honour of sending to London the names of a very large number of subscribers to this idea of the Royal Grand Master. His Highness hopes that every subscribing brother will give something, and that each subscribing brother's name may appear in a book which the M.W.G.M. intends to have bound and presented to her Majesty, as a palpable testimony of our affection for our Royal G.M., and loyalty to her person. I appeal to you to allow me to put pressure upon you to act promptly in this matter. When I put down my guinea do not let me go with a beggarly following at my back. It would be painful to me if this thing were taken up in small numbers, because so long as I hold my position amongst you from the Prince of Wales, it would be a painful reflection if I did not carry up to London the majority of the names of the 3,300 subscribing Masons of this Province. This matter is to be taken up as a test of affection and loyalty, and I think it will be a grand thing if we in this Province of West Yorkshire show in unmistakable terms our loyalty to the Prince of Wales and our undying affection to our most gracious Queen. Under these circumstances you will not ask me to go to Grand Lodge as a feeble representative of the patriotism of West Yorkshire. A Committee was formed to take the circular of Grand Lodge into consideration, and present a report to the next meeting of the Lodge. Bro. Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer was unanimously re-elected to represent the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and Bros. Craig and Richardson on the Local Relief Committee. Hearty good wishes having been given, Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given. The toast of the Worshipful Master was proposed by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master Bro. Tew. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, greatly enhanced by the songs and recitations given by several of the brethren and visitors.

WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 633.

ON Friday, the 21st ult., the annual meeting of the above Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Devizes. After the preliminary proceedings, and when he had opened the Lodge in the third degree, the outgoing Worshipful Master, Bro. F. S. Hancock P.G.S.D. Wilts vacated the chair, which at his request was taken by Bro. William Nott P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Wilts, who duly installed, according to ancient custom, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Thomas Carnal Hopkins S.W. for the past year. The newly-installed Master in investing the various Officers for the ensuing year, addressed them as to their several duties, and the usual addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered by the Installing Master. The following were the Officers invested:—Tucker S.W., Johnson J.W., Rev. W. Humphrys P.G. Ch. Salop Chaplain, Nott P.M. Treas., Ward P.M. Secretary, Sloper S.D., Baldwin J.D., Bert P.M. Dir. of Cers., Bush P.M. Organist, Cooper I.G., House P.M., Crees and Ingpen Stewards, Barnes Tyler. There was a good attendance of members and Visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. Futcher P.M. 586 P.P.G.S.D. Wilts, Chandler P.M. 355 P.P.G.S.W. and P.D.C. Wilts, Bambridge I.P.M. 1533 P.P.G.O. Wilts, Hill P.M. 632, P.P.G.S.B. Wilts, Foley I.P.M. 632, Farrington P.M. 1271, &c. After Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the customary banquet at the Crown Hotel, towards which Brother Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, contributed, as usual, a supply of venison and game.

GREY FRIARS' LODGE, No. 1101.

THE regular meeting was held on the 12th January, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, when there were present Bros. W. Ravenscroft W.M., R. Dowsett P.M. acting as I.P.M., E. Margrett P.M. as S.W., W. Hickie J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, J. Greenaway Secretary, C. Slaughter S.D., B. W. Bennett as J.D., T. J. Pulley P.M. D.C., T. P. Stewart as I.G., H. G. Sherwin Organist, E. W. Ridley Stewd., W. Ferguson P.M., W. W. Ridley P.M., R. E. Hodder, and E. P. Silver. Visitors:—Bros. Martin J.W., Parry Secretary, Tirbutt P.G. Organist, Livings, Ruddock 414; Tubbs J.W. 2043, and Hayward Organist 414, who on this occasion kindly undertook the musical arrangements. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hodder was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Messrs. W. C. Long and W. M. Colebrook were duly admitted and initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed by the Wor. Master, assisted by Bro. R. Dowsett P.M. A candidate having been proposed for initiation, and other business transacted, the labours of the evening ended, and Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1542.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 27th ultimo, when a large number of brethren assembled to witness the installation of Bro. Rudolf Polak as Worshipful Master, he having been unanimously elected to that important office at the preceding meeting. The brethren present included Arthur Ferrar W.M., R. Polak S.W. W.M. elect, G. Ferrar J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treas., W. H. Lee P.M. Prov. Assist. G. Sec. Middx. Secretary, A. R. Olley S.D., W. Beasley J.D., J. H. Rich I.G., W. Wright Dir. of Cers., E. Frisby Organist, W. Simpson and John Robinson Stewards; P.M.'s Brasted, C. Lorkin, J. L. Payne, E. Digham; also Bros. A. Brown, J. Rhodes, A. Langman, J. C. Davies, H. J. Allardyce, A. Leoffeler, R. Dallas, E. J. Turnbull, E. Warden, P. W. Rogers, J. Varney, J. Bannister, J. A. Caperoe, S. A. East, H. J. Brookes, J. Goddard, J. Duncan, W. T. Oakley, E. Winch, W. Parsons, A. M. Archer, A. H. Smith, A. Pottier, E. A. Harding, H. Pearse, W. Tomson, J. H. Ellis, J. T. Larter, S. Stokes. Visitors—Bros. J. Archer 1685, C. J. Grove J.W. 742, S. Stadd P.M. 1375, J. McLaren 1805, W. W. Lee 1897, G. Baugh 548, F. Wooton 1986, J. R. Morford 569, W. Darnell P.M. 1679, C. Levett 1507, H. Neville 1320, J. Ardenne 1184, R. Pasco 27, D. Moss P.M. 1275, J. Doyle 1926. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was then dealt with; it showed the funds of the Lodge to be in a healthy condition. The Benevolent Fund also proved prosperous, for notwithstanding a heavy demand had recently been made upon it, a substantial balance remained at the bankers. Brother Ellis was then passed to the second degree. Before the installation ceremony was commenced Brother W. H. Lee P.M. Sec. drew the attention of the brethren to the serious loss the Lodge had sustained since its last meeting by the death of their much lamented Bro. Past Master Charles W. Smyth. His sudden death was sincerely regretted by every member of the Lodge, for Bro. Smyth was highly respected and esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Kind and genial in his nature, he was happy in the possession of those good qualities which make alike the good man and the good Mason, his social good qualities causing him to be beloved by a large circle of friends. But while expressing the regret of the Lodge at his decease the thoughts of the brethren must naturally revert to those he had

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left behind. Many present had known Bro. Smyth in his happy home, as a kind husband and a fond and loving parent, and the greatest sympathy must be felt for his widow and family in their sad affliction. He therefore moved a resolution expressive of the regret of the Lodge at the decease of their esteemed Brother and of sympathy and condolence with his widow and family in the irreparable loss they had sustained. Bro. Lorkin, in seconding the resolution, said he had known Bro. Smyth for many years as a friend and neighbour, and as one ever ready to exert his influence in the cause of Charity. Bro. Polak was then duly installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. Ferrar, the outgoing Worshipful Master, the ceremony being ably rendered. Bro. Polak appointed and invested the following Officers :—Bros. Ferrar S.W., Olley J.W., Brand P.M. Treasurer, Lee P.M. Secretary, Beasley S.D., Rich J.D., Wright I.G., Simpson Organist, Robinson and Winch Stewards, J. J. Marsh P.M. Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered in a very eloquent and impressive manner by the Installing Master. Bro. Polak W.M then said he had a pleasing duty to perform in presenting to Bro. Ferrar, the I.P.M., the Past Master's jewel voted to him at the last meeting; he hoped that he might be with them as a Past Master for many years. Bro. Ferrar briefly acknowledged the gift. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet, well served under the personal superintendence of Bro. A. Clemow. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. A. Ferrar I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and said that he was sure this toast would be cordially received by the brethren. Bro. Polak was well acquainted with the Masonic ritual, and was only anxious for an opportunity to prove his efficiency. The Worshipful Master had performed the duties of the various offices he had held from time to time in a most satisfactory manner, and was well qualified for the chair. Bro. Polak W.M. thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast. He would do his best faithfully to discharge the duties of his office, relying for support from the Officers and members of the Lodge. In proposing the Visitors, the Worshipful Master remarked that this toast was always received with great cordiality, and that it was by the visits of brethren to various Lodges that feelings of brotherly love and good fellowship were promoted. He gave the visitors a cordial welcome. Bro. S. Studd P.M. 1375 responded, and said it was gratifying to every visitor present to find the Lodge in such a prosperous condition, and with so much cordiality and good feeling existing among the members. He wished to add a word of praise in reference to the installation ceremony, which he had never seen better performed. Bro. J. Doyle 1926 also responded. Bro. A. Ferrar I.P.M. replied for the Past Masters, and thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. He was only a very young Past Master, but would do his best to maintain the position of the Lodge. Bro. Polak W.M. proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, and said they were the most important Officers of the Lodge. They were fortunate in possessing two such brethren as Bros. Brand and Lee to fill these positions, for all present were aware how ably they carried out their important duties. Bros. Brand and Lee responded, after which the Officers were proposed, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. Bro. Frisby, the Organist of the Lodge, rendered valuable assistance at the pianoforte, being ably assisted by the vocal abilities of Bros. Turnbull Pasco, Rich, Dignam, and others.

NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

THE installation meeting of this old and prosperous Lodge was held on the evening of Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a goodly attendance of members and visitors. Lodge was opened by Bro. Joseph Corbett W.M. in accordance with ancient form, and the usual routine business having been disposed of, the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a sound financial condition, was submitted and approved. The statement of accounts displayed a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer, whilst that of the Neptune Lodge Benevolent Fund was even still more satisfactory. Bro. L. V. Walker J.W. was then presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and having assented to the responsibilities of office, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the ceremony was performed in impressive manner by the outgoing Worshipful Master. The newly-installed Master having been proclaimed and saluted with full Masonic honours, invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. J. Corbett I.P.M., E. Y. Jolliffe S.W., W. R. Brooks J.W., H. Povey P.M. Treasurer, T. P. Collings P.M. Secretary, H. Savidge S.D., W. J. Charles J.D., Harrington Baily I.G., W. Cook P.M. D.C., H. H. Knill Organist, R. W. Colcher P.M. Steward, J. W. Standerwick Assistant Steward, and J. Parkinson Tyler. The address to the Master was delivered in eloquent manner by Bro. H. Povey P.M., as an intimate friend of Bro. Walker, whom he (Bro. Povey) had introduced into the Neptune Lodge. The addresses to the Wardens and Brethren were given by the Installing Master, with the utmost precision and effect. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Corbett I.P.M., as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office; the gift was suitably acknowledged. The circular from the Pro Grand Master in reference to the proposed celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee was deferred for consideration to the next meeting, and after the transaction of some other business Lodge was closed amidst the heartiest good wishes, and the brethren adjourned to the Throne room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided, in Bros. Ritter and Clifford's well-known excellent style. The arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren were, as usual, under the personal superintendence of Bro. J. Merchant, and gave every satisfaction. The loyal toasts were duly honoured, the Worshipful Master alluding to the admirable manner in which our Most Worshipful Grand Master acquitted himself in all the duties he had been called upon to discharge, and expressing the opinion that when the time should arrive for him to occupy a still higher sphere he would display the same qualities that had won for him the loyal admiration and affection of his fellow countrymen. Bro. H. Povey then proposed the toast of the Grand Officers, in doing which he said it had been his privilege to attend the meetings of Grand Lodge, and he could not but admire the way in which the business was carried on by the rulers of the Craft. They were a hard working, consistent body of men, and he felt sure their well-directed efforts were duly appreciated by the members of this Lodge. The Immediate Past Master assumed the gavel, and proposed in felicitous terms the health of their newly-installed Worshipful Master. He approached that task with a certain amount of diffidence, feeling somewhat in the position of a general about to enter on the field of battle, and fearing as to whether he should acquit himself successfully in submitting so important a toast. However, he could conscientiously say of Bro. Walker that he had endeavoured to distinguish himself, and had displayed a laudable spirit of emulation in all the offices he had filled in the Lodge. He was well versed in the Constitutions, and posted in Masonic makers generally; without referring further to his past achievements he felt sure the brethren all wished for him a happy and prosperous year of office. The toast was enthusiastically received, and Bro. Walker, in the course of his response, observed that there was no great achievements to which he could look back to which such flattering allusion had been made by their I.P.M., but he had before him the admirable example that had been set him by his predecessors, which he should strive to emulate, and if possible to excel. The Neptune Lodge was established in the year 1752, and had ever since well sustained its reputation. If he were able to hand over the warrant untarnished to his successor, as he had received it, he should be intensely gratified. He then extended a very cordial welcome to the Visitors, twenty-six in number, expressing the pleasure of seeing those who had been amongst them on previous occasions, and the hope that those who were now present for the first time would go away with favourable impressions of the manner in which the proceedings of the old Neptune Lodge were conducted. Bro. Fitzgerald, in acknowledging the toast, congratulated the W.M. upon the harmonious feeling which pervaded the Lodge, and the ability displayed by the Past Masters, either of whom was fully competent to discharge the duties he might be called upon to undertake. Bro. the Rev. E. C. Britton also replied, and in doing so drew a favourable comparison between the working of this and some other Lodges he had visited. Masonic organisation did not represent cliques or coteries, but a great body of men banded together for the prosecution of such objects as could not fail to conduce to the happiness and welfare of mankind. Bro. Gibb, in his response, said it was gratifying to see father and son occupying the relative positions they did on the present occasion—the son as W.M. of this good old Lodge, and the father a visitor to witness his installation. He was also pleased to note that Miss Lavinia Walker was assisting in the enjoyment of the gathering by her vocal talent. Brother Walker sen., in responding, expressed the gratification it afforded him to note the esteem in which his son was held by the brethren of this important Lodge, into the chair of which he had been that day installed. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Installing Masters, Bros. Corbett and Povey, and the former, in responding, remarked that they all missed that evening the once familiar form and voice of a Past Master who had ever studied the welfare of the Lodge, and the interests of the brethren. He referred, of course, to their lamented friend Bro. E. F. Storr. He always looked upon that brother with grateful appreciation as an adviser and guide, as one who strove to keep the brethren in the correct path. His absence was the only shadow that had clouded his (the speaker's) year of office, upon which, with this exception, he looked back with intense gratification. He had initiated four candidates, and the kind co-operation he had received from the Past Masters had rendered his task an exceedingly happy and comfortable one. If he had given satisfaction by the way in which he had performed his portion of the installation ceremony, he was abundantly content. He advocated thoroughness and heartiness in all the work which the brethren undertook, and exhorted them when they put their hands to the plough never to look back. Following the excellent example set him by his predecessors in office, he had essayed to perform the installation ceremony, the ritual of which was full of kindly sentiments, and should never be slurred over or delivered loosely. All the brethren should strive to carry out the ritual to the best of their ability. He tendered his thanks to Bro. Povey for the assistance he rendered in Lodge, and to the brethren generally for the attention they had paid to the ceremony of the day. Bro. H. Povey modestly disclaimed any merit or desire to be associated with the toast as one of the Installing Masters. He had merely delivered the address to the W.M.; this had afforded him intense gratification, inasmuch as Bro. Walker was introduced by him into the Lodge and held a place in his esteem ever since. He concluded by again returning sincere thanks for the kindness and courtesy he invariably received at the hands of the brethren of the Neptune Lodge. The next toast from the chair was that of the Past Masters, the Worshipful Master paying each and all a deserved compliment for the manner in which they strove to advance the best interests of the Lodge. Bro. Waterall said it was always gratifying to see a full attendance of Past Masters, and he regretted there were not more of them on this occasion. As the senior Past Master present it afforded him great pleasure to witness the continued progress the Lodge was making; he thought it was sure to do so whilst presided over by such skilful workers as were now in the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, speaking of the Masonic Charities, referred again to the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of Past Master Bro. E. F. Storr, who, by his zeal in behalf of the Institutions of the Craft, had deservedly won for himself the appellation of "Charity Storr." By his removal each of the Institutions would miss a zealous and hardworking advocate and

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supporter. He (the speaker) was going up as a Steward for the approaching Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and he trusted he should be privileged to take up a substantial list. The Lodge had generously voted him ten guineas towards it, and he hoped this might be supplemented liberally before the day of the Festival. There were not quite forty members in the Lodge, but at the same time they all did what they could for the cause of Charity. He had already received several promises of assistance, and urged those who had not yet given him their names to do so without delay. Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, responded in his usually eloquent vein. He also eulogised the services rendered by "Charity Storr" to the various Institutions, and regretted they could not have his appeal to-night. This was to be an eventful year, and doubtless, if the matter were absolutely brought under the notice of Her Majesty, as Patroness of the Craft, she would render some assistance in the special effort which was about to be made during the Jubilee year in aid of the Charities. There were about 2200 Lodges on the roll, and out of them about 800 each year subscribed to the Institutions. If the 1400 non-subscribing Lodges would make an effort, there would be no difficulty in raising the amount now required by the Charities, and thus enable them to take in all the applicants for relief. The Worshipful Master then gave the Treasurer and Secretary, alluding to the ill-health of Bro. Collings, which precluded him from devoting so much time as he could desire to the duties of his office. This had almost constrained him to tender his resignation, but he had been induced to accept office once more, and they all trusted that Bro. Collings' health might be restored sufficiently to enable him to continue in the position which he had so well filled in the past. Bro. Povey responded as Treasurer, and read the following entry which he had copied from the Lodge minutes a century ago :—

At a Lodge held 15th January 1787;

Opened the Lodge at 7 o'clock, the Proper Officers attending. Proceeded to Business as Entered Apprentices. Closed the Lodge at 10 o'clock, in good harmony.

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He drew a comparison between that time and the present, and asked what the brethren of a hundred years ago would think of the banquet which they had enjoyed that night, as compared with their own modest repast, costing 4s 5½d. The Officers suitably acknowledged the compliment severally paid to them, and the list was closed by the Tyler in the usual way. The toasts were interspersed by a selection of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. H. H. Knill Organist of the Lodge, assisted by Miss Lavinia Walker (sister of the W.M.), Madame Florence Winn, and Bros. Lacy and Fryer, of St. Pauls Cathedral. The Visitors present included Bros. Prenton 2099, Fitzgerald P.M. 1364, Green W.M. 715, Gray J.W. 1314, Hamilton 1708, T. Eccleston Gibb 32, Rev. Britton P.M. 797, Cumings Sec. 2168, Terry P.M. 228, Vine 173, Cousens P.M. 227, Skinner 188, Knill 414, Edwards 1964, Cook 1580 P.P.G.D.C. Herts, King late 22, Doyle 1962, Cox 1803, Hislop S.W. 1708, Hieatt 1563, Consens 4, Sargent 1765, De Lacy 1706, Fryer 1624, Langford 1708, Walker P.M. 1766.

ECONOMY LODGE, No. 76.

THE installation of the W.M. elect of this Lodge (Bro. T. Stopher P.P.G.S. of Works) took place on 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, in the presence of a full Lodge and a Board of twenty-four Installed Masters. The ancient ceremony was excellently rendered by Bro. W. Stopher, the outgoing Master. The Board of Installed Masters included the following :—LeFeuvre D.P.G.M., Goble P.G. Sec., Lashmore 394 P.G.D.C., Pigeon 1869 P.G. Org., Brickwood 1834 P.G.D., Burchett 1883 P.G.A.P., Payne 130 P.P.G.R., Gibson 694 P.G.S. Bearer, Dew 694 P.G.R., Harris 76 P.P.G.S.W., Gamon 76 P.P.J.G.W., Jacob 76 P.P.G. Steward, Marks 76 P.M., Lees 130 W.M., Powell 2153 P.M., Foster 1776 P.M., Loader 487 P.M., Burbage 319 W.M., Stopher 76 P.M., King 1883 W.M., Ward 1883 W.M., Timbrell 2016 W.M., Bell 1461 W.M. Having been duly inducted into the chair the W.M. invested his Officers as under: Stopher I.P.M., Gover S.W., Carter J.W., Jacob P.M. Treas., Gamon P.M. Sec., Harris P.M. and Marks P.M. Dir. of Cers., Sharland S.D., Brockley J.D., Searle Org., Pickstock I.G., Colson, and Matthews Stewards, Sims Tyler. Thanks were voted to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Officers for attending, which Bro. LeFeuvre acknowledged. A sum of ten guineas was voted to the list of Bro. Jacob, Steward for the Aged and Decayed Masons. The usual banquet followed, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Bro. Beach, M.P., arriving in time.

GLADSMUIR LODGE, No. 1385.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, when the following Officers were present :—W. K. Hopkin W.M., D. Schmidt S.W., W. Lewis J.W., Hayward Edwards P.M. Treasurer, R. Fisher Young P.M. Secretary, Past Masters C. W. Allen, J. Brittain, F. Venables, C. Gray, J. Enerby, J. E. Cussans; T. S. Carter Hon. P.M., T. H. Martin J.D., J. H. Baxter Steward, G. F. Kempson Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies, B. Gotto I.G., &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Gray P.M. proposed that a sum of money be voted from the funds of the Lodge for a Treasurer's jewel, to be presented to Bro. P.M. Edwards on his retirement from the office of Treasurer, as a token of the great esteem and regard in which he is held by the members of the Lodge. This vote was seconded and agreed to, the brethren expressing in a hearty manner their appreciation of Bro. Edwards's services. Bro. Cussans proposed that the sum of five guineas be voted from the Lodge funds for the Herts Convalescent Home, and that the same be sent in the name of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Young Secretary proposed that the sum of five guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Brother Schmidt S.W. and W.M. elect. Both of which propositions were agreed to by the members. Bro. Schmidt was then installed as Worshipful Master, and he appointed the following as the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year :—Lewis S.W., Martin J.W., Hopkin P.M. Treasurer, Young P.M. Secretary, Durham S.D., Gotto J.D., Kempson I.G., Gray P.M. D.C., Baxter A.D.C., and Cussans Steward. A representative having been appointed to serve on the Provincial Audit Committee, Trustees and Officers were elected for the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund. A brother was appointed to represent the Lodge on the Hertfordshire Masonic Charity Association, and after some other matters of business had been transacted, including the presentation of a jewel to the retiring Worshipful Master, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet. Among the Visitors were Bros. Martin W.M. 404, Rumble 733, Tryon 1950, Owers S.D. 1708, Hunt and Wetton P.M.'s 194; Danville S.W., Myers J.W., Parrott P.M. 1479; Haskins Organist 1364, Christmas W.M. 194, J. Mason P.M. 309 P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex, G. Mickley P.M. 449 P.P.S.G.W., D. Watson P.P.G.D. Devon, &c. In due course the customary toasts were honoured. The first on the list being those of the Queen and the Craft, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and other Grand Officers. In proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Halsey, the Worshipful Master, said he had frequently witnessed the working of Bro. Halsey in Masonry, and had been astonished that so busy a man as Bro. Halsey could find time to perfect himself in the work as he had done. His ability to perform the ceremonies required of him proved he had the interests of Freemasonry at heart. The health of the Deputy Master, and the other Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge was next honoured, and was acknowledged by Bros. Mickley and Brittain. Bro. Mickley said the Provincial Officers were pleased to do anything they could for the Province. They were proud of the Mason at their head, and would do all that lay in their power to support him. Bro. Hopkin I.P.M. proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master. He was perfectly sure that no Mason was likely to try more to do his duty than Bro. Schmidt would during his year of office. He had done the best he could for the offices through which he had already passed in the Lodge, and the members had learnt to respect him for the ability he had therein displayed. Bro. Schmidt acknowledged the toast. He felt very much the kind way in which he had been spoken of, and received by the members and Visitors. He should strive to do his best, and felt the Lodge would not be the worse for his association with it. The next toast was that of the Installing Master, Bro. Brittain, whom the W.M. described as a thorough Mason, always anxious to promote the good of the Order. Bro. Brittain felt deeply indebted for the toast. His desire was to promote the welfare of the Gladsmuir Lodge as far as lay in his power. The toast of the Visitors followed, the Worshipful Master according them a hearty welcome. Bros. Martin, Hunt, Christmas and Watson having replied, the Worshipful Master gave the toast of the Immediate Past Master. The members of the Lodge had spent a very happy year under the rule of Bro. Hopkin, who had concluded his term of office by making a very handsome present to the Lodge. Bro. Hopkin replied. It had been his endeavour to make his term of office a happy and enjoyable one for them all, and he hoped he had been successful. The bowl which the brethren had been pleased to accept was, he was assured, a relic which any Lodge might prize. It had been for upwards of seventy years in one family, and was adorned with many curious Masonic marks. The toast of the Charities followed, to which Bro. Mason, Collector for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, replied, after which a compliment was paid to the Past Masters of the Lodge, Bro. Venables replying on their behalf. The two Wardens acknowledged the toast of the Officers, after which came that by the Tyler, which concluded the proceedings. The bowl to which Bro. Hopkin alluded is a very handsomely engraved glass one, and was presented by him to the Lodge on the close of his Mastership. On the stand provided for it is a brass plate bearing the following inscription :—

Presented to
THE GLADSMUIR LODGE OF FREEMASONS, No. 1385,
by W. Bro. W. K. HOPKIN W.M., P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer Herts,
as a mark of his affection for his Mother Lodge, and appreciation of
many acts of kindness displayed towards him by the Brethren.
28th January 1887.

The Immediate Past Master of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, which meets at the Masonic Hall, Hull, gave notice on Wednesday of his intention to move a resolution as to the desirability of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, and that a Committee, consisting of the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Past Masters, be appointed to consider the same.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As spring advances a most favourable opportunity offers for rectifying irregularities, removing impurities, and erasing blemishes which have arisen from the presence of matters ejected 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 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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ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER,

2ND MARCH 1887.

Bro. A. F. GODSON'S Committee sits daily at No. 2 Pump Court, Temple, E.C., from 2 to 4, to which place all communications should in future be addressed.

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CROYDON.

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Grand Patron and President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

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THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

OF THIS INSTITUTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT
FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON
ON
TUESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY 1887,
In lieu of Wednesday, the 23rd, as previously announced,
UPON WHICH OCCASION
W. WITHER B. BEACH, Esq., M.P.
R.W. PROV. G.M. HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT,
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, and supply them with all necessary circulars, &c.

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"OH! that mine enemy would write a book" is a wish ascribed to some vengeful individual anxious of letting off some of his superfluous spleen; but there will be no such utterance in respect of the elaborate and useful volume which Bro. Lane has presented to the Masonic world. In every way it is one of the most compendious and complete "records" ever yet published, and places on our bookshelves a highly valuable addition to the literature of the Craft. We have often heard the opinion expressed that in taking up the collation of Masonic research the compiler enters upon a thankless task, for it is undoubtedly too true that Masons, as a body, do not read, and it is only the intelligent minority who make a study of the Art a very considerable portion of their every-day life and enjoyment. Thus, what is caviare to the many is of almost inestimable value to the few who, assisted by references placed at their disposal by "the leading lights" of Masonic literature, are enabled to drink deeper draughts at the "Pierean stream," and to leave those who are content with "a little knowledge" far in the rear. To essay a task like that just completed by Bro. Lane is a feat in literature that has called forth the highest and most deserved eulogies from Masonic critics everywhere; and, in adding our tribute of admiration to the many others that have been expressed on all sides, we do so with the most profound appreciation of the enormous amount of patience, research, and discrimination which must have been required at the hands of the compiler. It is perhaps fortunate for Bro. Lane that so gifted and distinguished a Masonic authority as Bro. W. J. Hughan found it advisable to resort to the salubrious climate of the charming watering place of which the author of these "Masonic Records" is a native. From an acquaintenceship with Bro. Lane, extending over many years, we have reason to know the deep and unwearying interest he has ever evinced in the inner life of Freemasonry. Not content with throwing his energies heart and soul into the work of his own particular Province, and stimulating all around him into something more than ordinary zeal and assiduity in all that practically concerns the Craft, he has gone far into the "hidden recesses of nature and science," and unearthed for the benefit of the Fraternity a vast amount of information, for which every true Mason will ever be indebted. In the bulky and elegant volume before us we have facts and figures of incomparable value to every student of Freemasonry, nor is there any of the Dryasdust element in the composition of the work, such as we have met in some previous efforts of a kindred character. Of course, the very nature of the work necessarily involves an enormous amount of actuarial labour, in the comparison of dates and places, and the formulation of a mass of figures in consecutive order so as to render them easy for reference. But all this has been done with such rare skill and tact that men of even ordinary insight into the history and progress of the Craft will find a profitable interest in the perusal of its pages.

The "Records," which are dedicated by permission to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, comprise a list of all the Lodges at home and 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 tabular form, to allow at one view all the numbers taken by each Lodge during the successive alterations to the present date. In addition, particulars are given of all Lodges having special privileges, centenary jewel warrants, &c. It will be seen, therefore, that the work has an absolutely comprehensive scope, and the manner in which the various subjects have been treated by Brother Lane must commend the entire work to the approval of all into whose hands it may pass. In this preliminary notice of a volume which necessarily involves long and earnest perusal before any definite estimate can be found of its intrinsic value it is not our intention to enlarge upon it critically, even if there is room for criticism of any kind, except from a favourable point of view. We hope to return to the subject in future articles, when we may have had sufficient time to go more thoroughly into the solid mass of matter with which Bro. Lane has favoured us.

In his friendly introduction to the volume, Bro. Hughan rightly describes it as a work of "magnitude and importance," and in order to explain the circumstances which led to the formation of the Premier Grand Lodge, he gives us the chief materials accessible for examination which contain reliable particulars as to Lodge nomenclature, numeration, and location. He reverts to the fact that there were at least four, but probably five or six, Lodges that took part in the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of England in 1716-17. In spite of what has been advanced by contemporary writers, he contends, after a careful scrutiny of the earliest Engraved List, issued in 1723, that there were five "Time Immemorial Lodges" then on the roll. When and by whom these and other old Lodges were constituted cannot now be decided, "but that they, or similar combinations of Freemasons existed centuries before the Grand Lodge era, cannot be doubted." The term "Lodge" is met with so early as the fourteenth century, and actual records of Lodge assemblies in Great Britain are still preserved, dating from the year 1599, the succeeding century being especially rich in minutes descriptive of the initiation of "Geomatic," or non-operative members, many of whom were prominent and distinguished personages of that period. Bro. Hughan points out that "the Grand Lodge, therefore, did not introduce speculative Freemasonry, but simply gave it such an impetus that it rapidly attained the ascendancy which has since been maintained and intensified as the years have rolled on; the operative *régime* being gradually ignored, and ultimately discarded." Information is scanty on the point as to how many independent Lodges were working in England immediately preceding and succeeding the establishment of the Grand Lodge, but it is known that there were several which so existed, the rolls and other MSS. of their transactions being preserved in many instances, notably those of the old Lodge at York from 1712 (earlier documents being entered in the inventory of 1799, but are now lost), of Alnwick from 1701, of Gateshead from 1725, and others, some of which never fraternised with the new Grand Lodge, whilst several eventually petitioned for and obtained warrants. The first "Book of Constitutions," based in part on the "Old Charges," was published in 1723, but contains no list of Lodges of any value; the second edition of 1738, however, has particulars of a number down to the year of issue, chartered for England and abroad; so also the third edition of 1756, but not those of later years.

It would be interesting here to enquire the causes which led to the erasure of the old "Cheshire Cheese" Lodge, which is described in the list of Lodges in 1723, copied from the engraved list in the library of Grand Lodge, London, as meeting on the first Thursday in every month, at a house in Arundel-street, Strand. In Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," we observe the "Cheshire Cheese" Lodge stands fourth on the list of 1723, though numbered 5; but Bro. Lane, giving the old Lodges the same order of precedence, attaches no number whatever to the "Cheshire Cheese" in his 1723 list, whilst the Lodge disappears altogether from the list of 1725, only two years later its place being left "blank." We imagine some information might be supplied as to the vanishing of such a Lodge as the "Cheshire Cheese" is supposed to have been, and how in the earlier list so reputed a Lodge as "The Horn," No. 3, meeting at Westminster, should have allowed the "Cheshire Cheese" to take precedence of it on the list, though numbered 5. In the "Four Old Lodges" we see this Lodge, "The Horn," numbered 4, whilst Brother Lane describes it as No. 3; but that does not alter the case or assign any reason why the Cheshire Cheese, No. 5, should have taken priority of No. 3. The Cheshire Cheese Lodge was undoubtedly in existence when the Four

* "Masonic Records. 1717-1886." By JOHN LANE, F.C.A., P.M. 1402, Torquay. London: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen-street, W.C.

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Old Lodges were constituted, about the time of the Foundation. There can be no question as to that, and the only feeling of disappointment we have yet encountered in Bro. Lane's "Records" arises from the fact that he gives no information whatever of this old Lodge, meeting in Arundel Street, which some Masonic writers ignore altogether. There is every reason to believe that the members of the Horn Lodge were men of prominent position at that time, and would not allow a Lodge such as the Cheshire Cheese to take precedence of them unless under some very exceptional circumstances. In all probability there was some friction which led to the extinction of the former, which Bro. Lane sets down as "blank," and Bro. Gould as "out," in their respective lists for 1723. Anyhow, we have no details respecting that incident; and it is probably not asking too much of the author of the volume now under consideration to supply us with a suggestion as to why, in his opinion, the old Cheshire Cheese Lodge so suddenly dropped out of the Masonic firmament. Reasons are given in the pages of the "Records" for the discontinuance of other Lodges; and why not for this? It is merely a query we put in the most fraternal spirit of inquiry, and no doubt Bro. Lane will be able to afford the brethren some information which will supply a "missing link" in the otherwise complete category.

Space at our command precludes us from entering further into even a brief outline of a work which has so many features to commend it to the perusal of our readers; but, as we have already indicated, it is our intention to return to the subject at no very distant date. Meanwhile, we congratulate Bro. Lane upon the completion of his ponderous task, which is compiled with every evidence of patient skill and intelligent sequence; and the volume, which is printed in the very best style of the typographic art, and embellished with a handsome cover, is an ornament to any Masonic library shelf or drawing-room table.

MASONIC PRESENTATION IN LEEDS.

A PRESENTATION took place on Monday night, the 31st ult., in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, of a purse and address to Bro. Charles Lowry P.M., the respected Honorary Secretary of the Leeds Educational and Benevolent Association. The President of the Institution Bro. Major Moore P.M. occupied the chair, and there was a large gathering of Leeds Masons. Bro. W. Warren, 1211, read the address, which was beautifully illuminated, to the following effect:—

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This address and purse of gold were presented to Bro. Lowry, on the 31st January 1887, as an acknowledgment of, but not an adequate return for, services rendered by him as Secretary to the Institution from its commencement in the year 1876 to the present time.

Then followed the names of the President, Vice President, Trustees, Permanent and Elective Committees, Treasurer, and Auditors who had contributed towards the presentation.

Bro. Major Moore, in making the presentation of this address and a purse amounting to £56, referred to the nature of the Institution, and the work it had done since its inauguration in 1876. It was now in a most prosperous condition, this in no small measure due to the assiduous attention paid by Bro. Lowry to its interests. He trusted that the recipient's life might long be spared to assist in the active work on behalf of the best interests of Freemasonry in Leeds, and of the Institution in particular. Other brethren having eulogised the part played by Bro. Lowry in the history of the Institution, and his uniform courtesy and assiduity, the recipient suitably and feelingly acknowledged this spontaneous tribute, which he felt himself unable to respond to in adequate terms. A most enjoyable evening was afterwards spent by all who had the good fortune to be present.

Bro. Jacob Norton sends us the following cutting:—

A Rev. Mr. Stoddard is exhibiting around Niagara the stone which the Masons tied to Morgan to make his drowning a sure job. The evidence that the stone was used is a trifle weak, but it is at least possible that some Mason wanted to use it that way, and it is a substantial thing, and would have done the business if it had been used.

Bro. Alfred Greenham P.M., who was installed on the 27th ult., in the Chine Lodge, No. 1884, at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, as W.M. for a second year, has arranged with Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. for the delivery of his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry, 1813-1886," in that Lodge, on Thursday, the 24th inst., when a large gathering of brethren of the Province of Hants is anticipated.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Court.—The third successive piece written by Mr. A. W. Pinero for the Court company is as promising as the two preceding ones. "Dandy Dick" is a three act farcical comedy, written in Mr. Pinero's well known humorous vein. Throughout it is full of wit, humour, and pleasant satire; in short, it keeps the audience in the brightest spirits from beginning to end. Mr. Pinero undoubtedly has an advantage in knowing for whom he is writing, and this he has not failed to take advantage of; the characters, with one or two exceptions, are so well fitted that nothing further could be desired. The author's leading idea is a good one, while any improbabilities arising out of the extremely funny action will be readily overlooked. The piece opens at St. Marvell's Deanery, where the Very Rev. Augustus Jedd, D.D., and his two daughters are residing. The Dean is a man of the strictest propriety, but his daughters are somewhat volatile; they long for gaiety. To this end they agree to go to a fancy dress ball, to be held in the neighbourhood; unknown to their father, they order two fancy dresses from London, for which they have not money to pay. Now, when they ask their father for an advance he refuses, he having promised to subscribe £1000 to the restoration of a church spire. However, the Dean's widowed sister, Georgiana Tidman, pays the Dean a visit. This lady, the widow of a horse trainer, is accustomed to attend race meetings under the cognomen of "George Tid." The horsy slang of this lady thoroughly upsets the Dean, especially so when she is discovered to be part owner of a race-horse named "Dandy Dick," which horse is entered for a race about to take place in the village where the Dean resides. When Georgiana Tidman hears of the girls want of money, she strongly urges them to "put" every thing they possess on "Dandy Dick." It so happens that Sir Tristram Mardon, the joint owner, has put up at a neighbouring inn, with the horse. A fire breaks out at the inn, but the horse is got away without sustaining injury; two pails of water, however, have been thrown over him. Mrs. Tidman insists on the horse being taken to the Dean's stable. The Dean meanwhile is persuaded to put on £50, and after all the others have retired to rest, he mixes a bolus for the horse, but his butler manages to put some stryobnine in unobserved. In attempting to administer the bolus, the Dean is discovered by the groom, who, suspecting foul play, is watching the stables. The unfortunate Dean is taken to the lock-up. Here he is recognised by his old cook, who has married the village constable; she gives him a luncheon, intended for her husband. In the end, however, the Dean is rescued by some welshers, incited to the act by "George Tid," on the plea that he has been arrested for performing the three card trick. The butler now confesses, and all is brought to a satisfactory conclusion, Dandy Dick winning his race in a canter. Mr. Pinero's skill has enabled him to write a whimsical piece, every situation being most amusing. Mr. John Clayton, as the Dean, had a part which he knows well how to deal with, and when he gets along a little faster will work it into a success. Mrs. John Wood has quite a new character in Georgiana Tidman, but her well-known humour suits the part. Mr. Arthur Cecil has been cast for a minor character, the Dean's butler, but is most effective. Other small parts fall to the lot of well-known artistes, foremost of whom is Miss Norreys, as the Dean's daughter Sheba. Some of the best lines fall to this young lady, who makes the most of them; her earnestness being of the proper kind. Mr. F. Kerr and Mr. H. Eversfield overdid the two military officers, but Miss Laura Linden and Mr. W. H. Denny were comical in the prison scene. Miss Linden's facial expression and Mr. Denny's quiet humour were decidely good. Mr. Edmund Maurice gave the necessary colour to the character of Sir Tristram Mardon, and Miss Marie Lewes was pleasing as Salome, the Dean's elder daughter. Altogether "Dandy Dick" is briskly written, capitally acted, and well staged. We therefore predict for it as long a run as either "The Magistrate" or "The Schoolmistress."

Opera Comique.—At a matinée given here on Tuesday, Miss Carrie Hope for the first time produced in London a new comedy drama by the late Mr. Conway Edwardes, entitled "Long Odds." This is of slight construction, but containing some well-written lines, while at times it is thoroughly interesting. But on Tuesday a great tendency to drag was prevalent. Still the representation served its purpose, it brought out the abilities of Miss Hope to the fullest extent. The play is based on somewhat familiar lines, and the following is an outline of the plot. Florence Brabazon is engaged to a poor cousin, Captain Eric Forester; the match, however, is not favoured by her mother, Lady Brabazon, and she contrives, with the help of Mr. Ferrars, formerly travelling tutor to the Earl of Clayshire, to break off the engagement. This is brought about with the assistance of an old acquaintance of Forester's—Mrs. Gordon Perceval. Forester goes on a cruise, and Florence is persuaded by her mother to wed the Earl of Clayshire. After two years of unhappy married life we find the principals at Palazzo, where Florence is shamefully ill-treated by the Earl, who is afterwards shot by the husband of a woman he was making love to, Forester returning to see the end of this quarrel; he has been promoted during his cruise, consequently we are left to hope he at last secures Florence. This play, which is in three acts, exhibits nothing out of the common until the quarrel between husband and wife; but this scene was admirably played by Miss Hope and Mr. Bassett Roe. Miss Hope exhibits some good qualities, and when she has had a little more experience will be very effective. She knows how to portray emotion, while her lighter scenes are well conceived. Mr. Bassett Roe, as the Earl of Clayshire, had little to do until the last act, but here he came out well. Taking a thorough grasp of the situation this gentleman sets about his task spiritedly; he never overdoes it, but keeps well within bounds. His was certainly a good portrayal of selfishness, deceit, and, when opposed, hate. Mr. A. M. Denison

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gave a good rendering of a county M.P. Mr. Caffery would have been better if he had spoken more distinctly. Miss Helen Mathews was a little too self conscious as Mrs. Gordon Perceval. Mr. Laurence Cautley was good as Captain Forester, while Mr. W. J. Erskine and Miss Ella Yorke had fairly good parts, but did not make much of them. Miss Pattie Bell as Lady Georgina Brabazon and Mr. John Phipps as Ballard were the other representatives of the caste.

Olympic. — We have much pleasure in announcing that Mr. Edward Terry's engagement in "The Churchwarden" has been so successful that his stay at this theatre has been extended another eight weeks, or until Easter Monday, when Mr. Henry Herman and the Rev. Freeman Wills' new drama, "The Golden Band," will be produced. We may also mention that Miss Grace Hawthorne's matinées of "Heartsease" will be continued every Wednesday morning until further notice, they having proved remarkably successful in every respect.

HORSE SHOW AT OLYMPIA, KENSINGTON.—We are informed that the Earl of Lathom and the Directors of the National Agricultural Hall, Kensington, have determined to organise a grand horse show in May next, upon such a scale as to make it worthy of commemoration as one of the national events of the Jubilee year. A large number of letters have been received by the management from leading horse owners and breeders throughout the country, suggesting such a jubilee show. Several reforms will be introduced in the conditions, and such special facilities will be offered to exhibitors as they will at once appreciate, not the least of which is the size and healthiness of the new hall and the magnificent and permanent stabling outside the building. Horses may be sent from any town in the kingdom direct to the doors of the hall. A very influential committee is in process of formation, and included in the programme will be some novel features hitherto unknown at horse shows.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. will deliver his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry, 1813-1886" in The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, on Thursday, the 17th instant, at 6.30 p.m. This Lodge of Instruction, of which Brother Stevens is the Preceptor, meets weekly, on Thursdays, at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall Street, E.C. The Fifteen Sections are to be worked on the 24th instant, and the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on the 3rd proximo.

GLEANINGS.

A WOMAN'S FAITH IN MASONRY.—The following incident, illustrating a woman's faith in Masonry, was told us by J. D. U——— of Harrodsburg, Indiana. We will give it as near as possible in our brother's own words: "In the year 1861 my mother came from Terre Haute to Greencastle Junction, on the Vandalia Line. In paying her fare the conductor gave her in change a two dollar bill, which the proprietor of the Junction Hotel refused to take, saying it was below par. Mother asked him if he was a Mason. He said he was. She asked him if the conductor was a Mason, and he said he was. She then asked him if he was acquainted with me, and he replied that he was. Mother then told him to take the bill, and get a good one in place of it, and send it to me. When mother arrived home she told me what she had done. I laughed, and told her that was the last of her two dollar bill. 'Oh no!' says she, 'that man was a Mason, and it will be all right; and so it proved to be. A good bill came in place of it in a few days. The true Mason is always an honest man.—*Masonic Advocate.*

THE THREE VERSES.—The *Hebrew Leader* publishes the following three verses from Isaac Leeser's translation of the Bible:—

1. And he set up the pillars for the porch of the Temple, and he set up the right pillar, and he called its name Yachins; and he set up the left pillar and called its name Boaz.—1 Kings vii. 12.

2. Then they said unto him, Do say Shibboleth; but when he said Sibboleth, and was not able to pronounce it correctly, they laid hold of him and slew him on the passages of the Jordan, and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.—Judges xii. 6.

3. And Zillah, she also bore Tubal Cain, an artificer in every article of copper and iron; and the sister of Tubal Cain was Naamah.—Gen. iv. 22.

THE WAYS OF MASONRY.—Masonry depends not on excitement or agitation. It has ways peculiar to itself. It never has or will change its landmarks, amid turmoil and change it abides ever the same. It has a history fragrant with deeds of love. It has performed its work amid the storm and calm of the various epochs through which it has passed. All that is required is a rigid adherence to the teachings of its ritual. There is no glamour about Craft Masonry. Simplicity is its corner stone. There is no society so free from fustian as Blue Lodge Masonry. There is a quiet dignity to be found there that has no rival.—*Masonic Journal.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Stree
1179—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)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1673—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1823—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1834—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1940—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2013—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.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 139 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Ganden 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.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden 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
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1883—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1996—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
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Boys' Union, Crown and Anchor, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
406—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
623—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—Grosvenor, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1106—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds
1238—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
1469—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Alderagate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
196—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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.
1231—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—Chancer, 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
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1668—Samsor, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1696—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)
2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
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.)

23—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
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
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
102.—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1260—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beach Street, Herne Bay, Kent
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 5—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-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)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
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.
1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood

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1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1606—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., 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
1900—Montagne Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 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. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
M.M.—Adelaide, 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
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
161—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
397—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
463—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
696—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
756—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
853—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1051—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Mason's 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
1348—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1354—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1362—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1396—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1408—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk

1434—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1454—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1530—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1646—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1662—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
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. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 402—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop'sStortford
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 10th 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.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruruction)
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.
1156—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1316—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1378—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1206—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1330—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1436—The Great City, Masons'Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1596—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1669—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1693—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)
1635—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldwych Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1781—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1967—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly

R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 743—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)
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K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

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97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
113—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall Surrey Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
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
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
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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.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, at 8. (I)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)

1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1305—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2000—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
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M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, 33 Golden Square, W.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
653—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth

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
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1131—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1389—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8

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R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

109—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
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1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
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A REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING.

THE Masonic event of the week has undoubtedly been the installation meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, which took place on Tuesday, at Drury Lane Theatre, under the presidency of Lord Londesborough, the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

It has been our pleasure in the past to refer from time to time to the establishment and progress of Lodges restricted to certain classes of the community; restricted, that is to say, in so far as actual membership is concerned, and in many instances the success which has attended these class Lodges has been of such a character as to induce the query whether a general adoption of the system would not prove more beneficial to the Order than a continuance of the old fashioned open and general character of Freemasonry. Undoubtedly in certain cases too much of a mixture is likely to take away some of the charm which should surround our meetings, but we dread to think what would be the result of adopting a hard and fast limit in every case. We were present at a meeting a few weeks back where one of the Past Masters of the Lodge enlarged, in humorous strain, on the Universality of Freemasonry, and although his remarks were addressed particularly to the initiates of the evening, they were listened to with interest by all present, and were pronounced by some of the older members as the plainest and simplest explanation of a difficult subject they had ever listened to. They had in their Lodge, said the Past Master referred to, brethren of various ages, ranks, and professions, so much so that a member need not go beyond that Lodge for almost everything that could be needed during his stay on earth. He had on his right a brother who was eminently qualified to assist at a birth, as he had at that of many of the rising generation of the day, whilst around him he saw others who could provide for any want from the moment they left the hand of the doctor. We will not enlarge on our brother's remarks throughout; suffice it to say that he found a member of the Lodge for almost every business, and wound up by pointing to another Officer on whom, he said, they might rely for a certificate of death when, unfortunately, that took place. This particular Lodge was an example of good feeling, so that we need go no further for a specimen of a happily mixed Lodge. Neither need we search far for a happy class one; as we have surmised above, the good fellowship prevailing in those restricted to certain classes is proverbial, while in many instances their success has been of such a character as to awaken the envy of many longer established but less progressive in their development.

The Drury Lane Lodge may be described as a strange mixture of class and open Lodge; it is in a measure restrictive in regard to its membership, at the same time it may be described as one of the most representative Lodges in the Kingdom; in its midst are to be found the heads of most of the prominent professions, as well as some who shine as leaders in the ranks of commerce. There must always be a surrounding of grandeur attaching to a Lodge meeting in such a building as Drury Lane Theatre, the very atmosphere of which is sufficient to arouse in many of us feelings of veneration and respect. Veneration for the many men who have been associated within its walls in years gone by, and respect for those who at the present day are striving to maintain that dignity the stage has won both here and elsewhere. When in addition to this we have almost as grand a Masonic gathering as is possible, it is not surprising such a meeting should receive special notice and attention.

Bro. Augustus Harris, the present Worshipful Master of the Lodge, certainly deserves congratulation on the success which has attended the commencement of his term of office; and he is undoubtedly deserving of thanks for the way in which he has striven to ensure the happy termination of the year of his predecessor, although we may be wrong in singling out any brother for special praise in connection with the past career of this Lodge, all having done well. Indeed, the Lodge may be said to stand foremost at the present day among our pattern Lodges, as worthy of imitation on all hands and on all sides, while the celebration we fully chronicle elsewhere in connection with its first anniversary may justly be described as a representative gathering.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

THE contest for the post of Grand Treasurer of England this time promises to be more severe than on any occasion since the office came to be recognised as one to be held only for a single year. Indeed, if there is not an exceptionally large attendance of brethren on the occasion of the election—which will form part of the business to be transacted at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, the 2nd March—it will not be for want of frequent urging on the part of those who are taking an interest in the return of one or other of the two candidates. We certainly must compliment both the candidates and the committees working for them on the way in which they are striving to make the election as much a representative one as possible, and to this end they are desirous to ensure a large attendance of brethren on the day when the question has to be decided.

In our last issue we devoted some portion of our space to a recital of Bro. Godson's qualifications for the honour he seeks, and since that recital appeared we have been asked by some of the supporters of Bro. Eve—the other candidate for the appointment—if we would give similar publicity to the details of his Masonic career. We feel we should not be fulfilling our mission if we closed our pages to any section of the Craft, or disregarded the views of even one of its members, and therefore we take this, the earliest opportunity, of acceding to the request. In doing so we feel convinced we shall be acting in accordance with the wishes of Bro. Eve's fellow candidate, whose first desire, as we said last week, was that the election should take place without any previous canvass—a wish, strange to say, also repeated in the address of the Secretary of Bro. Eve's Committee. We will not attempt to decide who commenced the canvass, now that each of the committees attach blame to the opposite side, but we can bear testimony to the activity which is being displayed by both parties in the contest.

It is now several months since the announcement was made public by us that Bro. Godson would be nominated for the appointment, and as some time previous to that we had pledged ourselves to assist him, we are sure Bro. Eve will not desire us to do more than wish him all the support he deserves. Although we hope to see Bro. Godson returned at the head of the poll, we are ready to admit that the qualifications of Bro. Eve are of such a

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nature as to merit a large amount of sympathy and support, and provided an equally worthy brother was not previously in the field we should have been ready to throw our influence into the scale with him. Still we hope to do what we have undertaken in such a way as to retain the good opinion of both candidates.

The point we last week touched upon as to the advisability of having but one candidate for the office each year stands out prominently at the present time, when the two brethren nominated for the appointment both have strong and worthy claims on the Craft, so much so that it must be difficult for the ordinary voter, who is not personally accquainted with either, to decide for which candidate he shall record his vote.

There is very little to choose between the records of the two brethren, even though, when placed side by side, as they have been by Bro. Eve's Committee, the one may appear of greater dimensions; the simple fact remains that two Masons, who have each performed good service for the Order, and have supported its noble Institutions handsomely, stand before the Craft as candidates for the elective office of Grand Treasurer—it is for the brethren to decide who shall secure it. In order, then, that our readers may hear both sides of the question, and in deference to Bro. Eve, we append a summary of his "Masonic career," as given in the circular issued by the Secretary of his Committee. Bro. Eve was initiated in No. 395, in 1855, and was installed as its Worshipful Master in 1860, after serving junior offices. In 1862 he was installed as Worshipful Master of No. 651; the following year he was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, in the Shakespeare Chapter, and also received the appointment of Prov. Grand Pursuivant of the Eastern Division of South Wales. In 1864 he was installed in the Chair of the Panmure Chapter, and two years later acted as Consecrating Officer of the Aberystwith Lodge, No. 1072, being about the same time "recommended" to the then Grand Master of England, the late Earl of Zetland, "for appointment to office in Grand Lodge," a recommendation which does not appear to have been acted upon, hence Bro. Eve's present appeal to the Craft at large. In 1871 he rose to the chair of the Panmure Lodge, No. 723, and was appointed Senior Warden of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, while in 1885 he was installed chief Officer in the Lodge of Honour and Generosity, No. 165, London. As a supporter of the Charities Bro. Eve has done much; his record shows twenty-five Stewardships on their behalf, dating from 1864 upwards, while his personal contributions have been such as to qualify him as a Patron of the Benevolent, and a Vice-Patron of the two Educational Institutions.

Before closing our remarks we should like publicly to express the wish of ourselves and many others that Bro. Eve would retire on the present occasion with the understanding that he be nominated for the election of next year. By doing so he would gain innumerable friends, and would remove the feeling of regret that many exhibit that one or other of the candidates must be rejected. The contest for the office, severe though it may be, will doubtless be conducted with the utmost good feeling on the part of the candidates, and although the loser must envy his more fortunate rival, undoubtedly he will be ready to tender his congratulations to his brother so soon as the result becomes known. Let the Committees of each candidate act on similar lines, and they will have no occasion to regret their association with the contest of 1887, yet if once they depart from the lines of friendly rivalry they will find themselves lowered in the estimation of their brethren, and perhaps despised by the very men on whose behalf they have erred. On this account we regret to see that some of Bro. Eve's supporters are attempting to advance the candidature of their nominee by questioning the bonâ fides of his opponent. Let them take warning ere it be too late; let them remember that a Masonic Election should be conducted on Masonic Principles.

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PHILADELPHIA "MOTHER" QUESTION; BRO. LANE'S THEORY ON.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

SINCE 1874 Bro. McCalla, of Philadelphia, and Bro. Hughan, of England, have continued to insist that a Masonic Grand Lodge, or Lodge, was duly warranted for Philadelphia in 1731, either by the Grand Lodge of England or by Daniel Coxe. Bro. Lane in his new book, viz., "Masonic Records," seems to have adopted a new theory. On page 27 I find as follows:—

"The Hoop, in Water Street, Philadelphia. This is in the Dublin list of 1735. Warranted for America, but probably warrant never used."

For the information of the general reader I must explain that in 1735 was published "Smith's Freemasons' Pocket Companion," containing a list of about 125 Lodges subordinate to the G.L. of England. In those days Lodges had no names, each line in the Lodge list began with the number of the Lodge, followed by the name of the public-house wherein the Lodge used to meet, the days of its meetings, and last, by the date or year of its constitution. One line on the said list differed, however, from the rest. On that line it began with 79 and ended with 1730, but the intervening space was blank: there was no place of meeting, or days of meetings indicated on the list. Consequently, no one could learn from that list in what part of the world Lodge No. 79 was located. The blanks in Lodge lists were intended to signify that those Lodges were defunct, but as No. 79 was the first unfortunate Lodge to be blanked on the list, and as no explanation as to why it was blanked was given in the book, it is therefore no wonder that the blank was a puzzle to some of the owners of the book.

The said Pocket Companion was reprinted in Dublin in 1735, the blank following No. 79 doubtless puzzled the Dublin editor. But as he probably heard that a Lodge met at the Hoop Tavern in Water-street, Philadelphia, he seems to have concluded that the Lodge in Philadelphia ought to go into the empty space on the Lodge list between 79 and 1730, and so he popped it in accordingly, and gave in his reprinted Lodge list to No. 79 a location in Water-street, Philadelphia.

Bro. Hughan, who first discovered the Dublin Pocket Companion, imagining that what was printed in a Lodge list in 1735 must be true, brought his evidence forth with great exultation. In vain I pointed out that there are blanks after 79, both in Pine's official engraved Lodge list of 1734 and in Rawlinson's Lodge list of 1733, and that the evidence of three English compilers of English Lodge lists is preferable to the Dublin editor, whose very name is unknown. No! Nothing shook the faith of Brother Hughan about No. 79 having been chartered for Philadelphia.

At that time, however, the true origin and history of No. 79 was not ascertainable; but since Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges" were published there can remain no doubt that No. 79 was born in Highgate, London, about 1730, and that it lived in England until after 1814. In short, that the Lodge No. 79 of 1730 never left England at all. The history of the Highgate Lodge, No. 79, is well known to Bro. Lane. Hence I am puzzled by Brother Lane's seeming inconsistency; for if, as he admits, No. 79 was during its existence located in England, how can he believe that it was ever chartered for America? And if such a Lodge was chartered for America what reason has he for supposing that the warrant was never used? It seems to me that Bro. Lane must have been misled by my mistaken, persuasive, eloquent friend, Bro. Hughan. O this, however, I am not sure, for whereas Bro. Hughan never admitted that the warrant was not used, Bro. Lane's opinion is that the warrant was probably never used.

I must here frankly state that I highly appreciate Bro. Lane's patience and assiduity. I think that his "Masonic Records" will be very valuable to students of Masonic history. I do not, therefore, find fault for the sake of finding fault, indeed it is because I regard Bro. Lane's book as a valuable work, and that it will be quoted in future time as an authority, that I wish to see all misleading errors therein (if there are any) corrected by himself.

I must now tell Bro. Lane what I know about the origin of Masonry in Philadelphia, and the reasons for

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my Philadelphian opponents maintaining that the first warranted Lodge in America was located in Philadelphia. Leaving out the evidence derived from the Dublin Pocket Companion, on which I have already commented, I must begin with Daniel Coxe, who was appointed by the G.L. or G.M. of England, in 1730, Prov. G.M. of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. I also know that on the 24th of June 1731 a party, who called themselves Masons, turned out in procession in Philadelphia and variously claimed to be a Lodge and a Grand Lodge. Hence Bro. Calla jumped to the conclusion that Daniel Coxe must have authorised the Masonry in Philadelphia in 1731. All this is, however, mere guess-work. But here is something, if it were true, that would have furnished clear evidence for legal Masonry in Philadelphia in 1731. I refer to a fragment of a letter alleged to have been written in 1754 by Henry Bell to Cadwallader at Philadelphia. There is an unaccountable mystery about the history of that letter, no one can learn how it has been concealed since 1754, nor the name of its present custodian, nor about the part that preceded the fragment, nor about the finishing part thereof. However, here is the fragment of Bell's letter.

"As you well know (wrote Bro. Bell) I was one of the originators of the first Masonic Lodge in Pennsylvania. A party of us used to meet at the Tun Tavern in Water-street. Once, in the fall of 1730, we formed a design for obtaining a charter for a regular Lodge, and made application to the Grand Lodge of England for one, but before receiving it we heard that Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, had been appointed Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. We, therefore, made application to him and our request was granted."

Now, I do not believe that Bro. Bell here wrote the truth, and to show that a Mason could err even in those days, I will just give one instance. We have in Boston a Grand Lodge record beginning in 1773. In reality, however, it was written by Charles Pelham, at the dictation of Henry Price in 1751, and under date of 24th June 1734 is the following, viz.:—

"About this time our W. Bro. Benjamin Franklin, from Philadelphia, became acquainted with our R.W. Grand Master Mr. Price, who further instructed him [Franklin] in the Royal Art, and said Franklin, on his return to Philadelphia, called the brethren together there, who petitioned our R.W. Grand Master, having this year received orders from the Grand Lodge of England to establish Masonry in all North America, did send a Deputation to Philadelphia appointing the R.W. Mr. Benjamin Franklin first Master, which is the beginning of Masonry there."

Now, the above paragraph is absolutely incorrect. I do not believe Price was appointed Prov. G.M. of New England in 1733, and consequently I do not believe that his power was extended in 1734. It is certain, however, that Price brought with him a Lodge warrant in 1733. There are other discrepancies in this record which need not be mentioned here. Now, if Henry Price could lie in Boston in 1751, why could not Henry Bell lie in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1754? The orator, at the dedication of the Philadelphia Temple in 1873, who for the first time quoted Bell's fragment, seems to have doubted about Daniel Coxe's Warrant, for he (the orator) added, "If it was granted at all." But again this is not all: from the above letter one would infer that Bro. Bell was an important member of the first Pennsylvanian Lodge, for he claims to have been one of the originators of the Lodge, and took an active part in petitioning, first the Grand Lodge of England, and next Daniel Coxe. He says, "We, therefore, made application to him, and our request was granted." Now, the recently-discovered Ledger of the first Philadelphia Lodge, extending between 1731 and 1738, or later, containing as it ought to do the names of all the members of the said Lodge is, however, minus the name of Bro. Henry Bell.

I will now proceed to show that Benjamin Franklin did not know of any connection between his Grand Lodge and Daniel Coxe as late as 28th November 1734. I must premise by stating that in December 1730 Franklin was an anti-Mason, and he also was guilty of a fib: he claimed that there were then several Lodges in Pennsylvania. However, he afterwards became a very zealous Mason, for in 1731 he was a Grand Warden, and in 1734 he was Grand Master; during that year he visited Boston and became acquainted with Price; where he probably saw, for the first time, Anderson's Constitutions of 1723, which he reprinted in 1734. Price of course told him that he was Prov. G.M. of New England, but I very much doubt that Franklin saw Price's Deputation. Later on, in 1734, Franklin saw, in a Boston paper, that Price received an extension of his Deputation. At that time a rival Lodge was started in Philadelphia, and as Franklin's Lodge used to hold its meetings at the Tun Tavern it is very probable that the rival Lodge met at the Hoop Tavern.* But be that as it may, on the 28th of November 1734 Franklin wrote two letters, on the same sheet, to Price, one was official, the other unofficial. In the first place he wrote—

"We think it our duty to lay before your Lodge what we apprehend needful to be done for us, in order to promote and strengthen the interest of Masonry in this Province, [the following is very significant] which seems to want the sanction of some authority derived from home to give the proceedings and deliberations of our Lodge their due weight, to wit: a Deputation or Charter granted by the R.W. Mr. Price."

Franklin, however, made a condition which Price could not grant; he requested that the Deputation should be accompanied "with a copy of the R.W. Grand Master's first Deputation, and of the instrument by which it appears to be enlarged as above mentioned, witnessed by your Wardens and signed by the Secretary." The above condition shows that Franklin was not very sure of Price's Grand Mastership. The second letter contains an equally significant hint that Franklin knew nothing about Coxe, and that he was conscious that his own Lodge was as unauthorised as the new opposition Lodge, for therein he said:

"I beg leave to recommend their request, and to inform you that some false brethren, who are foreigners, being about to set up a distinct Lodge, in opposition to the old and true brethren here, pretending to make Masons for a bowl of punch, and the Craft is like to come into disesteem among us unless the true brethren are countenanced and distinguished by some such special authority as herein desired."

The only claim Franklin urged of superiority of his Lodge over the other Lodge was "true brethren" and "old brethren." These were mere quibbles; we know that his Lodge was not old, and he very well knew that his brethren were no more true or authorised than the others. If Franklin had received any authority, either from Coxe or "from home," he would never have needed any authority from Price, or even if he did need such authority he would have used very different language to what he did; moreover, if the first chartered Lodge in America was located in Philadelphia, the Provincial Grand Masters appointed by the Grand Lodge of England over all North America in the last century would have been Philadelphians and not Bostonians.

In 1743 Thomas Oxnard received from England a Deputation for Provincial Grand Master over all parts of North America where the Grand Lodge of England itself had not established a Prov. Grand Lodge. As, for obvious reasons, Price did not legalise the Philadelphia Masonry, Oxnard made Franklin Grand Master on 10th July 1749. And immediately after our Philadelphians were legalised they applied to the Grand Lodge of England for a Deputation, by virtue of which Allen succeeded Franklin, on the 13th of March 1750. The fact that Franklin in 1734 went begging to Price for recognition, and in 1749 he went begging to Oxnard, shows conclusively that until 1749 there was no legally chartered Lodge in Philadelphia. For if Franklin had received any authority, either from Coxe or "from home," he would not have waited till 1749 ere he applied to the Grand Lodge of England, but would have done at first what he did at last.

Again, for a succession of years after 1731 Franklin continued to publish, now and then, some Masonic matter in his paper. In 1734 he published Anderson's Constitutions, but among all Franklin's writings Coxe's connection with Masonry is never alluded to. Coxe returned to New Jersey in 1734, and he died in 1739, and there is not a particle of evidence that when Coxe died anybody in America knew that Coxe was a Mason. Even Franklin, who published an obituary notice of Coxe's demise, did not mention his connection with the Craft.

Finally, I have indisputable evidence, on the English

* In 1732 Franklin's Lodge met at the Tun, in Water-street, but in 1735 it was removed to the Indian King, in Market-street. So says Hyneman's Register, pp 354-5. It is therefore evident that Franklin's Lodge never met at the Hoop Tavern.

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official engraved Lodge list of 1734, that Boston had a Warranted Lodge in 1733. If, then, Bro. McCalla can show equally good evidence that Philadelphia had a chartered Masonic Lodge before 1733, I challenge him to produce his evidence. And if Bro. Lane is in possession of any information about the early history of Masonry in Pennsylvania of which I am ignorant, he will much oblige me by publishing that information as soon as possible.

BOSTON, U.S. 18th January 1887.

OFFICIAL VISITATION REQUISITE.

THE experience of Most Worshipful S. S. Williams, of Ohio, in his official visitation of Lodges is very suggestive. He found a general regret, on the part of the brethren, that Official visitations by Grand Officers were not of sufficient frequency, and learned that one of the Lodges which assisted at the organization of the Grand Lodge, and furnished it one of its first Grand Officers, seventy-six years previously, had never been visited by a Grand Officer other than the one elected from its ranks. This was astonishing, and doubtless, made him feel keenly how great had been the neglect of duty in the past, and how important was his visit. Just think of it, a Lodge neglected officially seventy-six years, save visits by one of its early members! Is it not a wonder that it lived so long, with no one to pay it official honour, or encourage it in well doing? In the face of the joy of the brethren at his visit, the first of its kind ever known by nearly all of them, is it strange that the Grand Master saw and declared, "that visitations by Grand Officers have a good effect upon Lodges visited," and desired that the Grand Lodge would devise means by which they might be visited more frequently? That body did partially wake up to its duty in this regard, but the work never will be well done so long as the Visitors have to look directly to the Lodges visited for their compensation. All visitation and instruction of Lodges by Grand Officers should be at the expense of their Grand Lodges. The Visitors should be free to do their duty faithfully and thoroughly, and, consequently, should not be directly dependent on the Lodges for fee or reward. As the Grand Master initimated, the good effect upon Lodges of proper official visitation will be admitted by all, and he might well have added, Is requisite, and, on no account, to be neglected, if their well-being and permanent prosperity is to be assured. Abundant evidence is at hand to demonstrate this, and again we affirm that all Masonic Grand Bodies should amply provide for such visitation, and see that it is is thoroughly performed.—*Voice of Masonry.*

ADVANCEMENT.

IT is a vulgar error to suppose that Freemasonry does not exist and flourish in what are all but exclusively Roman Catholic countries, or that it does not therein worthily exemplify its cardinal principles of "brotherly love, relief, and truth;" and, as so aptly put by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, its distinguishing attributes of "loyalty and charity."

Among the many influential Masonic grand bodies of the world, with large numbers of constituent Lodges, are those of Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, and other Catholic countries in Europe; and those of Mexico, the United States of Columbia, the Empire of Brazil, the Argentine Republic, Uruguay, Peru, Venezuela, Cuba, and other Roman Catholic countries in America.

Nearly all the officers and members of these Lodges are Roman Catholics, and many of them are men of great ability and prominent in almost every walk of life.

Very rarely, in these and in some other countries,—an over-zealous subordinate ecclesiastic, mistaking the real import of superior general declarations, imprudently causes temporary discord and misunderstandings, which however are in general promptly allayed by authoritative instructions to such that they must devote themselves exclusively to the spiritual duties of their jurisdictions, and let Freemasons alone.

The many obvious inferences from these indisputable facts, are so plain that "he who runs, may read."

—*Canadian Craftsman.*

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

NEVER in the history of the Ancient Craft has there been gathered together a more brilliant or representative body than that assembled at Drury Lane Theatre on Thursday, when Brother Augustus Harris, the popular Lessee of the National Theatre, was installed Master to rule over the destinies of the Lodge for the second year of its existence. Prominent members of the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland; the leading men of letters at the present day; the most distinguished members of the dramatic profession attended. After Lord Londesborough, the retiring Master, had opened the Lodge, in the Grand Saloon, the Grand Officers were received with due ceremony, and were conducted in procession by the Master of Ceremonies (Colonel Hughes-Hallett, M.P.) to their respective seats. When fully constituted the Lodge-room presented an imposing aspect. Members of the Grand Lodges of the three kingdoms were present, resplendent with the badges and jewels of their office, the colours displayed being counterbalanced by the more gorgeous regalia of brethren holding position in the Provincial Grand Lodges. The arrangements made by Bro. A. M. Broadley, the Secretary, were admirable in every respect, and provided for the due effect of the ceremony as well as the comfort of the visitors. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Broadley referred to the circular sent out to Masters of Lodges by the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon. He (Bro. Broadley) thought it would be in the interests of the Lodge if he did not read that circular in its entirety, but only the latter part, which was for the consideration of the members. This having been done, Lord Londesborough said the proposition had the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master; His Royal Highness had shown such a deep interest in theatrical affairs, that he trusted he should have the privilege of communicating the assent of the Drury Lane Lodge to the proposed Jubilee Festival. Bro. Augustus Harris supported the opinion expressed by the Worshipful Master; he was sure it would meet with the brethren's approval, and that the Drury Lane Lodge would do everything in its power to carry out the scheme. The Auditors' report was then presented, received and adopted. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., Bro. T. Fenn President Board General Purposes acting as S.W., and Bro. Robert Grey P.B.B. as J.W. Bro. Harris having been presented as W.M. elect, by Bro. Lord Londesborough, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was impressively installed into the chair. The Officers were invested as follows:—Bros. Sir John Eldon Gorst, Q.C., M.P., S.W., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chap. Chaplain, J. S. Fleming Treasurer, A. M. Broadley P.M. 1717 and 1835 P.D.D.G.M. Malta Secretary, James Fernandes S.D., Squire Bancroft Bancroft J.D., Harry Nicholls I.G., Charles Dickens Dir. of Cers., Wilhelm Gans P.G.O. Organist, W. A. Baskcomb and T. Catling Stewards, R. Goddard Tyler. Bro. Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, C.B., D.C.L., being unavoidably absent, the Worshipful Master asked Bro. Robert Grey Pres. B.B. to kindly maintain the position of J.W. throughout the evening. The customary addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, whose rendering of the ceremony throughout secured the cordial approval of all assembled. The Worshipful Master's first duty was to ask Bro. Lord Londesborough to accept the jewel which had been voted by the Lodge. Bro. Harris said he was sure it must be with the greatest satisfaction that Lord Londesborough saw present such a large and influential assembly of Masons; he must feel pride that this Lodge, which had been founded under his auspices, should have had such a successful first year. All present congratulated him on the improvement of his health, and personally he (Bro. Harris) assured him that every member of the Lodge would always look upon the banner he had presented them with pride and satisfaction. Lord Londesborough in reply said he could not find words to express his thanks for the magnificent jewel, and still more for the kind feeling that prompted the gift. The past year had been one of great pride to him; he should never forget the kindness of the brethren. He should not easily forget how they evinced their sympathy for him at the consecration, by refraining from smoking. He must thank the Officers for the way in which they had made his task easy; especially Brother Parkinson for carrying out the duties in his absence. He wished it was possible to be with them at the banquet table, but, as that pleasure was denied him, he must say a few words with regard to the Lodge. It was impossible to look round and not to feel that it had taken a very high rank in Masonry; he felt certain under the guidance of Brother Harris it would continue its prosperous career. Representative as it was of the theatrical profession, he had no doubt the ceremonies would be performed in an exceptional manner, and that they would always feel as much pride in the Lodge as they how did. For the magnificent present they had given him he thanked them most cordially. The Worshipful Master then addressed Brother Parkinson, the Installing Master. He should be dissatisfied with himself on the occasion of his installation did he not publicly thank Brother Parkinson for the services he had rendered the Lodge. During the past year the young members had learned some excellent lessons from his perfect working, and every one who had had the good fortune to attend the meetings had been struck with the masterly manner in which he had presided. He now asked him to accept the distinctive jewel worn by the founders, hoping he would wear it, as having materially assisted to build up and establish the Drury Lane Lodge. Brother Parkinson expressed his strong feeling of gratitude for the way in which the brethren had given him this token of their remembrance, one he should wear with great satisfaction. Propositions for initiation were received, including the names of H.H. Prince Ibrahim Hilmy of Egypt, Mr. Beerbohm Tree, Mr. Gilbert Farquhar, and Mr. Arthur Yates; and amongst those proposed as joining members were Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl De La Warr, St. John

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and St. Paul, Malta, 349; Captain G. A. P. Williams, Provost-Marshal at Cairo, P.G.W. of Greece, W.M. 1068; Alfred Caldicott, Mus. Bac., 280, W. Stone, M.A., Colonel Sir Robert W. Harley, K.C.M.G., Sussex Lodge, Right Hon. Robert Montagu 88, George A. Sala 181, and Henry L. W. Lawson, M.P., Apollo Lodge, Oxford; proposed by Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., S.W., seconded by Bro. Augustus Harris W.M. Shortly afterwards the Lodge was formally closed, and the brethren proceeded to Freemasons' Tavern, where it had been arranged the banquet should take place. After the cloth had been removed the Worshipful Master proposed the health of Her Majesty the Queen, coupling with it the Craft. It was the Jubilee year of our Queen, and he was sure no words were necessary to evoke that enthusiasm with which it would be drunk. As Masons they attended at that meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge as the servants of Her Majesty. Under the circumstances he asked them to receive the toast with that enthusiasm which is proverbial. On again rising, the Worshipful Master said he did so for the purpose of performing another easy task—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master. We all know what earnestness and zeal he has for the welfare of the Craft, and also for the welfare of the Drama. He is the Grand Master of the one and the Grand Patron of the other, Therefore all would heartily drink his health; not only that, but the members of the Drury Lane Lodge would assist in carrying out his wishes by subscribing to the fund he desired to raise. Bro. Sir John Eldon Gorst said: By command of the Worshipful Master he was entrusted with the privilege of proposing the next toast—The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers present and past. He was sure no Lodge had a better body of Grand Lodge Officers. Ever since its inauguration the Drury Lane had received the fostering care of the Officers of Grand Lodge, and if the ceremonies were not well performed it would not be their fault. To-day they had received a great proof of the favour in which this Lodge was held. Seldom in the annals of Masonry had so distinguished an assembly gathered together to do honour to an installation. Amongst those present we have the Deputy Grand Master, and the Most Worshipful the Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland. Seeing those brethren there that night he could not help thinking that it was a happy augury, and that in the future there would be no change or disruption. He would call upon the Deputy G.M. the Earl of Lathom to respond to this toast, and was sure his colleauges present would regard him as a worthy representative. The Deputy Grand Master, who was enthusiastically received, said: In the name of the Pro Grand Master and the Grand Officers present and past, he thanked them for the way in which they had received the toast. As regards the Grand Officers it was his firm belief that they had done their duty in the past and would do it in the future. If there was one thing more than another that gratified them it was to see a young Lodge like this approving their action and the example they set. He had seen a great many meetings, but never such a gathering assembled to do honour to a Worshipful Master. It only showed how Masonry was prospering among all classes, and especially with that very hard worked body the Worshipful Master had appropriately termed the "Queen's servants." When they could find a portion of their time to devote to Masonry he could only think it a good augury that the Craft was prospering. Bro. Sir John Gorst had spoken of the Most Worshipful the Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland and himself being together. He sincerely hoped that it was a happy omen of the future, and that we shall always be found hand in hand; he took this opportunity of thanking them for the extremely kind welcome extended to the Grand Officers; he trusted that it would not be long ere, in the terms of the menu, they had another "compôte a la Druriolanus." Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D. Installing Master rose to propose the next toast; he said: The Sister Grand Lodges was by far the most comprehensive on the list, and one of the most comprehensive ever entrusted to mortal; it embraced all the representative Lodges outside the Grand Lodge of England, and is in other words "Success to Masonry Universal." Wherever the Craft flourishes there is a Grand Lodge, which is our title for a constitutional assemblage of representatives drawn from all the Masonic Lodges within its jurisdiction, representatives who are elected by universal suffrage. Every Mason has a vote for the Master of his Lodge, the Master appoints the Wardens, and the Master and Wardens, together with the Past Masters, who owe their position to having been in their time elected, form the governing body or Grand Lodge which guards the Constitutions, by framing, amending, and enforcing Masonic law. This representative Grand Lodge elects the Grand Master annually, who, in his turn selects and appoints the Grand Officers, so that our elaborate system of authority and dignities rests on a broad foundation of loyalty to representatives who have been elected directly or vicariously by ourselves. Now if we turn to the "Freemasons' Calendar" and the "Cosmopolitan Pocket Book," which, for the extent and variety of their information are Masonic Whitaker Almanacks, we find the whole world is covered by a network of Masonic Lodges in full activity, each working under, and amenable to its own Grand Lodge.

"Let observation, with extensive view,
Survey mankind, from China to Peru."

And Sister Grand Lodges are found everywhere, their place of meeting and even the names and addresses of their Secretaries being recorded in the Pocket Book. So that a Freemason may sit at his desk in London and arrange a tour round the world, fixing beforehand, with absolute precision, when, and in what strange lands he will visit his Masonic brethren. Moreover, from the Arctic Regions to the Torrid Zone, whatever may be the differences in race, in language, or in religion, the Freemason finds his position in the universal Craft recognised just as it is at home. He had presided over an immense Masonic meeting at Rome, under the very shadow of the Vatican, and only four months ago he worked his way into a Lodge at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, where he presented himself without other introduction than the Masons' sign. Here they sent out a deputation to examine him, a proceeding which ended in his cross examining the deputation, and expressing his views with fraternal frankness as to the limits of its Masonic knowledge. The traveller finds that whilst in free countries Masonry flourishes best, in lands where there is either political or spiritual tyranny the Masons' Lodge, with its broad faith, throwing open its mystic portals to men of every creed, and its pure tenets of natural equality and mutual dependence, is a haven of refuge to men of generous mind, and a centre of light to many whose understandings might be otherwise darkened by the prejudices or the superstitions around them. To men elected by their brethren to guard Masonic landmarks, and who form the Sister Grand Lodges of the world, we look—to hold those havens secure, and to preserve that light undimmed. He would give them the Sister Grand Lodges, coupled with the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Scotland, Brother Sir A. Campbell. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Scotland in reply thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast of the Sister Grand Lodges had been given and received. He congratulated the Worshipful Master upon the magnificent assembly present, and upon his being W.M. The diligence Bro. Harris had shown in every walk of life was exemplified by the good he had done for Masonry. With regard to the Sister Grand Lodges, he assured them that in Ireland and in Scotland they look to the Grand Lodge of England as the one upon which to rely, and also the one in which they were proud to be in perfect harmony. It had been remarked that Freemasonry was all over the world, and that it was the boast of Masons that it was always high noon in a Masons' Lodge. That is a fact, for in every country there are Lodges hailing from the English Grand Lodge. This could only be attained by united action, and by maintaining the harmony that at present existed. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe said: He little thought when he received the invitation he should be called upon to take a conspicuous part in the proceedings. The task that devolved on him would be acknowledged to be the toast of the evening. For two reasons he regretted it had fallen upon him. It would not have happened but for the melancholy cause that had taken away their Past Master Bro. Lord Londesborough. In the second place he regretted he was not in a position to do justice to the toast. There was, however, one supreme consolation, the toast needs little recommendation. The Craft owes many thanks to the worthy brother who occupies the chair to-night, not merely for what he has done for this Lodge, and for which you are grateful; not merely for the example he has given you all his life as to what a kind and genial Mason ought to be, but by enlisting sympathy in the Craft for that profession with which he is so honourably connected; a profession we all rejoice to see daily rising in public estimation. He believed that, as a class, actors were especially open to the genial intercourse which is one of the features of Masonry. To carry on their labours there must necessarily be a strain upon their health and strength, and they must especially be open to the aid they must receive from the sympathetic grasp of a brother's hand in time of trouble. He asked them to rise and drink to the long life and happiness of their Worshipful Master, Bro. Augustus Harris. Bro. Augustus Harris knew full well he hardly deserved all that had been said of him, but on these occasions it was very pleasing to hear favourable things said of one. It was kind of those present to drink so heartily to the toast and endorse all that had been said by the proposer. He assured them it had been a great gratification to know that so many distinguished Masons had come to his installation. He thanked them, heartily and from the bottom of his soul. He considered this as one of the reddest of red letter days in his life. He thanked the Deputy Grand Master, the Most Worshipful the Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland, and all the Grand Officers, for having so kindly attended. He assured them that everything he could do during his year of office to maintain the prestige of the Lodge would be done. He should endeavour to follow the example of Bro. Parkinson, who had so materially assisted them. He was pleased to know he should have such Officers as the Senior and Junior Wardens—Brothers Sir J. E. Gorst and Admiral Sir E. Inglefield. If a ship has good officers the captain feels safe; under such circumstances he felt that his ship was pretty safe to get into port with flying colours. His first thought would be to hand over the Lodge in as flourishing condition as it stood that day. The Grand Secretary, in submitting the next toast, said: The toast he had to introduce was one more important than any other; it was a recognition of services rendered—The Immediate Past Master and Installing Officer. Those brethren who have had anything to do with the foundation of a Lodge must be aware of the large amount of work to be done before the consecration day arrives. All must be aware that the position of a new Lodge in Masonry, and its success depend upon the esteem in which the Worshipful Master is held. The members of this Lodge were most fortunate in enlisting the services of Bro. Lord Londesborough; he takes a great personal interest in the Lodge. He is an old and distinguished Past Grand Warden of England, having been appointed to that office as far back as 1860. We all regret he is prevented from being with us. We are most fortunate under those circumstances in enlisting the services of an able brother to take the chair in his absence. He (Colonel Clerke) had the pleasure of being present frequently during the past year, and was delighted to find that the chair was filled in the most excellent manner by Bro. Parkinson. He performed almost every ceremony during that period, and those members who were fortunate enough to be present could say they were performed in a most excellent way. He had put the last stone on the building by installing the Worshipful Master that night. He would ask them to drink the double toast—Lord Londesborough and Bro. Parkinson the Installing Master of the evening. Bro. J. C. Parkinson replied. It had been a great pleasure to undertake the work of this exceptionally interesting Lodge, and to have acted for its Worshipful Master during the first twelve months of its existence. They had also had the great advantage of being assisted and supported by its Honorary Members, some of the most accomplished of Grand Officers—Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, T. Fenn President

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Board of General Purposes, Robert Grey President Board of Benevolence, and Matthews Past Grand Standard Bearer, to whose admirable organisation as Director of Ceremonies that day was due the success of this great meeting. Those brethren had attended as regularly as himself, thus giving the Drury Lane Lodge the unique advantage of having its work performed under the supervision of men who were recognised throughout the Craft as leading authorities. Their labours have been richly rewarded by the appreciation of the brethren, and by the knowledge that they have contributed to the remarkable success the Lodge had achieved. Mark Tapley, it would be remembered, left the village where everybody knew him and was fond of him, turned his back upon the cosy parlour of the village inn and the buxom widow who was devoted to him, not because he doubted their appreciation, but that he felt there was no credit in being jolly where life was made so easy and so pleasant. So he went further afield, and took up his abode among strangers that he might come out strong, as he said, by keeping up his jollity where circumstances were more difficult. But he found everybody as kind to him in the new country as the old, and he was as jolly and happy as before, and still unable to take any credit to himself. That was his case. When he (Bro. Parkinson) joined the Drury Lane Lodge, his Masonic career had been one of perpetual sunshine and unchequered spoiling, so that looking back he could not recal a single circumstance to mar the brilliance of the retrospect—not a quarrel, not a solitary difference of opinion—until he asked himself, in a spirit of self-examination, what credit is there in being devoted to an institution where everybody combined in an amiable conspiracy to make things pleasant? Pining, like Mark Tapley, for difficulties in his path, this Drury Lane Lodge, he thought, would furnish the very opportunity he wanted. There he should find brethren whose own high calling compels them to be critical—artists whose lives are spent in endowing creatures of the imagination with the breath of life, in giving visible expression to poetic thought, in studying the niceties of our noble English tongue, and weighing their effect, and who must, by reason of these avocations, be more difficult and more severely critical than brethren belonging to professions less arduous and intellectual. Never were anticipations more completly falsified. So far from being difficult to please, the brethren of the Drury Lane Lodge had excelled in generous appreciation, and in attention to their duties, and, dropping the Mark Tapley metaphor, it must be a matter of pride to any one capable of thought to be supported by men whose intellect and training make their approbation of the highest value, because it must necessarily be discriminating and sound. It was once said of a great orator that, when in full accord with his audience, what he gathered up from their sympathies in mist, he restored to them in bounteous life-inspiring rain. So in Freemasonry, the lofty language in which its ceremonies are enshrined, language which, though unequal, rises at times to sublime—he had almost said to biblical—heights; this language ought to gain in strength and force when its temporary mouthpiece, whoever he may be, finds a sympathetic echo in the trained intelligences around him. On the foundation of the Drury Lane Lodge there seemed to the Honorary Members and himself to be a great opportunity and a certain danger. The opportunity was to enlist the practical sympathy and mental energies of the artists to whom it especially appealed, and to thus make the new Lodge strong and famous. The danger was, lest in a rush of sudden, and unearned prosperity, in the social popularity of its members, in the claims of their profession and its public fame, in the ease with which success of a certain kind could be won by them—the more difficult and trying side of Freemasonry—the duties, the claims, and the work which alone establish a Lodge on a stable basis, and give it lasting strength, that these things might come to occupy a secondary place. Thanks to the good sense of the members of the Drury Lane Lodge that danger, if it ever existed, had been entirely escaped. The work had been unusally onerous and heavy, had not as a rule been followed by the usual material solatium, but had had throughout the year the studious, and willing, and punctual co-operation of the well known public servants of which the Lodge was mainly composed. One fallacy, therefore, had been knocked on the head, he hoped for ever, namely that an Actors' Lodge, however amusing and agreeable socially—is less likely than another to build up itself a reputation for strict and regular Masonic work. Still there has been much work of another kind which has gone to build up this Lodge. I mean the work that has been performed with so much advantage by the Secretary. The focussing power, the cementing quality, the talent for organization, and the administrative skill which has welded together various professional and social forces; the genius of suggestiveness and adaptability; the swift perception which avails itself of opportunities which another would pass by unheeded; the versatility of the citizen of the world, the acumen which comes from legal training; the literary power, which is a special gift specially developed; the unresisting energy, which like the pungent root in Sydney Smith's salad:

"Scarce suspected animates the whole."

All these are Bro. Broadley's. As the private friend of our W.M. he brought these qualifications to the work of raising the Drury Lane Lodge to its present pinnacle of success, and it must have been a proud moment when he saw his labours culminate in the installation of the friend on whose behalf he had toiled so devotedly, and when Bro. Harris was congratulated on his high position by one of the most representative gatherings of distinguished Masons ever assembled in a Worshipful Master's honour. Statistics would fail him, and would undoubtedly bore his audience, were he to attempt to give them particulars of Bro. Broadley's labours—the records he had kept, the letters he had written, the figures he had dealt with, the historical and antiquarian researches he had made, the interesting essay he had published, the negotiations he had conducted, the interviews with influential people he had secured—all with one end in view, the advancement and consolidation of this Lodge. Instead of wearying with these details he would paraphrase the epitaph on another distinguished Freemason, Sir Christopher Wren, and say if they wished to see Bro. Broadley's monument to the Worshipful Master and his Lodge,—Look around! Consider the composition of this great meeting and the still greater meeting in Lodge, and the distinguished people it had included, and reflect upon what this unusual conjunction of great dignitaries implies. At the last Lodge meeting Bros. Lord Londesborough, Sir John Gorst, the Wor. Master, and himself, were appointed a Committee to consider the matter of Bro. Broadley's great services, and to act for the Lodge. In the name of that Committee, and of every member of the Lodge—may he not say of all?—we now present Bro. Broadley with a small token of kindly remembrance, trifling in itself if compared with the labours it acknowledges, but important to him, and to us, for all that it commemorates and inspires. The presentation comprised a handsome liqueur stand, with two bottles, and twelve glasses, mounted on silver stands. The salver bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, P.M. 1717 and 1835, by the members of the Dury Lane Lodge, in grateful recognition of his valuable services as its first Secretary. 8th Feb. 1887."

Brother Secretary replied. When he listened to the kindly words in which Brother Parkinson introduced to their notice the humble services he had rendered to their Lodge, he really felt unequal to the task he knew he should have to perform. It was perhaps a trite saying that any particular moment is the proudest of anybody's life, but in connection with his humble Masonic career, he could assuredly use that expression that day. Just ten years ago it was his privilege to assist in planting the flag of Masonry in the Mediterranean; he helped five years later to revive, in Egypt, a historical Lodge in which the Most Worshipful Grand Master once sat as a Fellow Craft. And it was a proud moment when he was able to assist in drawing together the Craft, the Drama, and Drury Lane. Seventy-nine years ago, down the very street in which their Lodge was held, passed a great procession, which included the Prince Regent, then Grand Master of our Order, who assisted Bro. Kemble in laying the foundation stone of Covent Garden Theatre. It was then that Freemasonry held out the hand of fellowship to the Drama in distress—the bond of union. There is something in the constitution of the Drury Lane Lodge that will cement the profession of the drama and the truest of all mystic ties. Eight years ago he paid a visit to this country, having been absent for a time in the Mediterranean and having been there installed as Deputy District Grand Master. He was here as a comparative stranger, and where was it that he received the hand of fellowship? It was in this very hall, in the well known Asaph Lodge. The memory of that kindly hospitality was always present, and when he enlisted himself under the banner of this Lodge he felt he should be doing a good service to Masonry if he could help in drawing together the Craft, the Drama, and Drury Lane. Had they succeeded? He felt a deep satisfaction that day when he saw the truest of friends and the best of Masons installed as Worshipful Master. He only regretted Brother Lord Londesborough was not with them. Amongst the distinguished Visitors present he was glad to see Brother His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, who had hastened from an Irish Deputation at the Mansion House, to testify by his presence his great belief in our work. If we look round we see that at this meeting there is scarcely a section of society, of English social life, that is not represented. There are peers, ecclesiastics, men of letters and science, and men holding high position in the State. As representatives of the Privy Council we have Brother Marriott, M.P., who fills with credit an important post in Her Majesty's government, and Brother Lord Robert Montagne, who was passed as a Fellow Craft forty years ago. We see the army well represented by Bros. Gen. Collingwood and Colonel H. Hallett. If we turn to the Navy we have one whose name is historical in the annals of that great service—he alluded to Admiral Cochrane. We have enlisted a Grand Chaplain as the Chaplain of our Lodge. It was not his duty to detain them but to propose the health of the Visitors around that board who were members of our confraternity, and who come from every class and every creed. We have a vast assembly of Visitors, and if there is one thing that claims our attention it is the cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry, as shown by the Drury Lane Lodge. We have with us the Bishop of New Westminster. They had all heard of our own Westminster, but New Westminster is in British Columbia, and our Rev. brother present is Grand Chaplain there. There is another name that will be appreciated and that will re-echo wherever the English tongue is spoken. He meant Bro. G. A. Sala. Who had not read his vivid description and his ready wit in the columns of the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Illustrated London News*? He is a member of the Universal Lodge, and it is right and proper that he should belong to that Lodge. He had that night marked his return to Masonic life. He was an intimate friend of the father of the Worshipful Master, and by his presence helped to illustrate the character of this Lodge. There was another name, and that was Bro. Puleston, M.P., who had been sitting amongst a number of Members of Parliament from whom a cabinet could be formed that would meet with the approbation of most reasonable people. Bro. Puleston was a member of the Lodge of Nine Muses. He now asked them to rise and drink to the health of the Visitors, and show them that hospitality is the first virtue in this Lodge; he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. the Bishop of New Westminster, G. A. Sala, and Puleston, M.P. Bro. George Augustus Sala in his reply said: Unaccustomed as he was to public speaking, and being nervously apprehensive that he might be asked by some brother at the end of the Hall to "speak up," he was compelled to do his best and assure them of the great gratification it had afforded him to be present. That gratification was intermingled with a slight feeling of regret when he witnessed the installation of the Worshipful Master. He felt sad for a moment when he remembered that nearly thirty years had elapsed since he was initiated. Looking at Bro. Parkinson, and seeing him covered with jewels, which marked his position in Masonry, he

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could not help feeling sorrowful that he had not rendered better service to the Craft. He might have placed himself in a higher position than he at present occupied had he worked as Brother Parkinson had done. He was appointed Senior Warden, but did not accept the office, because he had not then the time to perform the duties of Masonry. He had been a Mason for thirty years, and in the United States, Australia, or wherever he had been, had had repeated hospitality offered him; but had always declined the kind invitations. Why? Because he felt that he appreciated Masonry in its proper sense, and knew he did not work as a Mason ought; he did not wish to be considered a "knife and fork" Mason. He had for some time been deprived of the pleasure of London society, but thought he might now come a little into the world, and press the hands of dear old friends. He must congratulate himself that his re-entry into Masonry was made in this Lodge, and he should be happy to become a joining member. Any one who had wandered about the world could not fail to have been struck with the great good Masonry effected by bringing together all the different classes. In every country in which he had been he had seen this. Here that night they had seen men of every walk of life shaking each other by the hand. He had been pleased to see Bro. Harris installed as Worshipful Master. He knew his father intimately, he also had worked hard for the stage. The father sowed and the son had reaped. He had a sincere admiration for the British Drama, which had been honoured in times past by the reigning Sovereigns. This was the Jubilee year of Her Majesty, and he hoped that Jubilee would be marked with one momentous result. He hoped that the favours already received would only be the prelude for future favours to come. Drury Lane was the home of the Drama, and he hoped we may be honoured on that stage by the sight of the Yeomen of the Guard, as in days gone by, and that we may see Victoria the Good extending her patronage. Should this take place he had no doubt we should see a Jubilee Meeting in this Lodge. In conclusion, he would express the delight it afforded him to make a second entry into Masonry and into our truly honourable Craft.

There were several other toasts given, but space precludes our giving further details.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, London, on the 9th inst., the brethren meeting on the Wednesday, instead of Tuesday, the regular day, under a special dispensation. Bro. Henry Martin opened the Lodge punctually at four o'clock, when he was supported by his Officers, and the following Past Masters:—William Radcliffe (Secretary), John Laver, Thos. H. Lavers, T. H. Peirce, Usher Back, A. Green, F. J. Hentsch, W. W. Morgan. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, E. M. Lott P.M. P.G. Organist, Ricks P.M. 33, Pocock W.M. 263, Bishop S.D. 1965, Corkhill 901, Watts 1269, Greenwood 1982, Rae 1611, Gilkie, Taylor 1767; Jennings 1530, Morton 1965, Williams 2005, Newbam, King P.M. 172, Woods 381, Lockett 1426, Heathcote 1457, Harding W.M. 201, Cross J.W. 1791, Davies 1767, Stevens P.M. 1627, Shalten W.M. 1599, Sadler-Wood W.M. 2024, Bartlett W.M. 1347, Tremere, Moss P.M.'s, Thompson 1929, Collins 25. After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was brought into requisition for Mr. William John Dyer, who was proposed by Brother T. H. Lavers P.M., and seconded by Bro. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary. The result was in favour of this candidate, and he, with Messrs. Horace Henry Hunt, Arthur Henry Hancock, and Edmund Thomas Bagley—balloted for at the last meeting—were regularly introduced and initiated into the Order. The next business was to pass Bro. F. H. Horscroft, and then Bro. Martin addressed himself to the ceremony of the day. Bro. Frederick Trotman Bennett was presented as the Worshipful Master elect. He subscribed to the customary obligation, and in due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened and Bro. Bennett was placed in the chair. On the re-admission of the brethren the Worshipful Master was saluted, and the following were invested with the collars of office:—Bros. Dickson S.W., Lindfield J.W., A. Green P.M. Treas., Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Goodall S.D., King J.D., Challen I.G., Burr Steward, Banks Tyler. Brother Martin then delivered the addresses, which were rendered in a most perfect manner; in fact Bro. Martin throughout the term of his Mastership has acquitted himself in all ceremonial work in a way that has reflected the highest credit upon himself, and has well sustained the popularity of this his mother Lodge. The report of the Audit Committee was presented; a balance of £66 stands to the credit side, and Bro. Bennett was complimented on the sound condition the Lodge stands in at the commencement of his year of office. In consequence of the lateness of the hour and the heavy nature of the work which had been performed, the circular which had been received from the Pro Grand Master was left for consideration to the next meeting. Bros. Cooper and Cockerell were elected to serve on the Committee for General Purposes of the Lodge. In the course of the Lodge proceedings the Past Master's jewel voted at the last meeting was presented to Brother Martin. Hearty good wishes having been tendered by the numerous body of visitors, Lodge was closed. At the banquet which followed, the members and their visitors, to the number of fifty, enjoyed themselves under the presidency of the new Worshipful Master, who eloquently introduced the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was most loyally honoured. In speaking to the second toast, the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Brother Bennett said that since 1875 the most sanguine expectations of Freemasonry's ardent well wishers had been more than realised. His Royal Highness had achieved a popularity in the Craft that unquestionably had never been equalled in former days, and could not be excelled. He felt every confidence in offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren. The next on his list was that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and rest of the Grand Officers present and past. All experienced Masons could testify to the zeal displayed by the Masonic rulers, and when they considered how largely the Craft had increased of late years they could fully realize how the claims on the time of the Grand Officers had increased in equal ratio. The St. Michael's Lodge had the honour that evening of having with them Bro. Philbrick the Grand Registrar and Bro. Lott Past Grand Organist. He, the Worshipful Master, felt he might describe Bro. Philbrick as the premier Grand Officer of the day, inasmuch as his duties were of the most onerous and responsible character. But it was fully recognised that their talented guest brought to bear upon his labours a well balanced intellect with a vast experience. With respect to Bro. Lott, his massive and portly frame was but the impress of a massive and portly mind; he was popular with all who knew him. Bro. Philbrick made an eloquent and forcible reply, in the course of which he referred to the brilliant gathering he had attended the night previous at the Drury Lane Lodge, where he found the Deputy Grand Master of England taking a prominent part in the proceedings. What made him (Bro. Philbrick) late on that night was an important matter which was exercising the attention of the Grand Officers. He congratulated this old Lodge on the kindly feeling that existed amongst its members. He was pleased to see the Lodge presided over by a Master whose career he had watched with a considerable amount of interest, one on whom he looked as being likely to take a high position in the Craft. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Martin who, in exercising the privilege that devolved upon him, said the ground had been cleared away by the agreeable testimony Bro. Philbrick had borne to the qualities of their Worshipful Master. Brother Bennett was an indefatigable Mason. His exertions in all the offices he had filled had been appreciated by the Lodge, and he (Brother Martin), from personal experience, could realise the difficulties he had had to contend with in acquiring so perfect a knowledge of the ceremonies as he now exhibited. He had much pleasure in calling upon the brethren to honour the toast. Bro. Bennett, after tendering his thanks to the Immediate Past Master and the brethren for their reception of the toast, and for the confidence they had placed in him, said he felt a vast amount of responsibility devolved upon him. He knew he had a great deal to do ere he could consider himself equal to compare with the ability displayed by Bro. Martin; moreover, when he looked upon the long line of distinguished Masons who had filled the chair of the St. Michael's Lodge the applause that had been showered upon him made him somewhat timorous. Still he felt he must be brave and strive to distinguish himself. In response to the toast given on their behalf, the four initiates replied, expressing their satisfaction at having joined the Order. Bro. Lott briefly acknowledged the toast given in compliment to the Visitors, and then the Past Masters were honoured, special reference being made to the distinguished performances of Bro. Martin throughout his year of office. Bro. Martin suitably responded, and then the Treasurer and Secretary acknowledged the toast given in their favour. After a toast had been given to the remaining Officers the Tyler gave the closing charge, and the meeting was brought to a conclusion. A capital selection of music was given under the direction of Bro. Dr. Edwin M. Lott, who was assisted by Master Julius Schrapel, and Bros. E. W. Collins, Arthur Thompson, Edwin Moss, and T. Tremere.

ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37.

THIS Lodge assembled at the Swan Hotel, Bolton, on Monday, the 7th inst., at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, when there were present Bros. John Hardcastle W.M., James W. Poyntz I.P.M., Harry Lomax S.W., James Nayler J.W., James Newton Treasurer, G. P. Brockbank Secretary, Robert Nightingale S.D., William Golding J.D., Johnson Mills P.M. Dir. of Cers., Wm. Forrest I.G., Thos. Higson Tyler, Past Masters R. K. Freeman and W. H. Horrocks, F. W. Brockbank, J. W. Thompson Steward, H. L. Hinnell, M. Robinson Steward, T. Murphy Steward, James Simpkin, Thomas Barnes. Visitors: Bros. Nicholson and Greenhalgh P.M.'s 1723, Hunt P.M. 1009 1170 1993, Smith 669, Walker W.M. 221, J. W. Kenyon Past Prov. G. Superintendent of Works, Bradbury P.M. 221. The minutes of last regular meeting having been confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. H. L. Hinnell passed a satisfactory examination as a Fellow Craft, and being entrusted, retired. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Nathaniel Nicholson P.M. having assumed the chair, Bro. Hinnell was raised to the sublime degree, the acting Worshipful Master also reciting the traditional history, and explaining the working tools. The Lodge was lowered to the first, and the ballot taken for three candidates for initiation, and for one joining member. All were unanimously elected. The chair was then taken by Bro. G. P. Brockbank P.G. Stand. Bear., and two candidates just balloted for—Messrs. Broadbent and Greenhalgh—together with Mr. Geo. Crowther, who had previously passed the ballot, having each signed the requisite declaration, were respectively initiated into Freemasonry, the address at the N.E. corner being delivered by Bro. Johnson Mills P.M., the working tools explained by Bro. Harry Lomax S.W., and the charge given by Bro. Brockbank. The circular letter from the Pro Grand Master the Earl Carnarvon, on the subject of the Masonic celebration of the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, was read, and it was agreed to report the Lodge as assenting to the proposition therein contained. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the various visiting brethren on behalf of their respective Lodges; after which a portion of the ancient rules and charges was read by the Senior Warden, and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony.

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PROV. G. CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE annual meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Sessions Hall, Winchester, on Monday, the 31st ult., the M.E. the Grand Superintendent Comp. W. W. Beach presiding. The attendance of Royal Arch Masons was large. A sum of fifty guineas was voted to Comp. Eve's list. Comp. Eve announced his intention to supplement this vote with a contribution of £100 in aid of the Festival Fund. The following were invested as the Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter for the ensuing year:—

Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre	H.
R. Loveland Loveland	J.
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J. Gieve	Registrar
Edgar Goble	Scribe E.
Rev. A. A. Headley	Asst. do.
E. D. Godwin	Scribe N.
P. S. Rogers	Prin. Sojourner
W. Horton	1st Asst. do.
R. Glasspool	2nd do.
J. Brickwood (in unavoidable absence of Comp. G. D. Lovegrove)	Organist
G. B. Irons	Sword Bearer
C. T. Allee	Standard Bearer
R. Roseman	Director of Ceremonies
J. Exell	Janitor

After the Chapter the brethren and Companions assembled at the Masonic Hall, where about fifty enjoyed a choice banquet, supplied by Bro. Clowser, of the City Club.

SPECIAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Monday afternoon, the 31st ult., at the Guildhall, Winchester, the Prov. Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) presiding. A large number of the brethren attended, including many Provincial Officers and members of Lodges. The business for transaction and discussion was twofold, viz., the voting of a sum of money from the Provincial Grand Lodge funds in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, at the annual Festival of which, on the 22nd inst., the Provincial Grand Master is to preside; and to receive suggestions as to the best manner of celebrating Her Majesty's Jubilee by the Craft and Province. With regard to the Festival, it was decided to vote two hundred and fifty guineas, to be placed on the list of Wor. Bro. Le Feuvre, as Steward. A proposal to increase the grant to three hundred guineas, and to draw on invested capital for this purpose, met with some support, but the Prov. Grand Master and others urged the prudence of not touching the reserved fund, and the vote of two hundred and fifty guineas was agreed to unanimously. The Jubilee celebration drew out various ideas. Bro. Lancaster Prov. G. Reg. brought forward a proposition for holding a Festival and Dinner for the Provincial Benevolent and Educational Institution. For this new Charitable Institute he had already received £500, and various sums were promised, and a Festival with Stewards would benefit it much. The idea was ruled out of order, and it was arranged to deal with it at a future meeting. Bro. T. Stopher and others warmly advocated the support by the Province of the Imperial Institute, recommended as it was by the Queen and their Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Prov. G. Master evidently expressed the general opinion in favour of a great Masonic gathering at Olympia, London, the admission fee (one guinea) to be devoted to the Masonic Charities.

MARK MASONRY.

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YORK LODGE (T.I.)

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 18th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-street, York. Bro. F. Smith W.M. opened the Lodge, and was supported by Bros. Simpson J.W., Dyson M.O., Lackenby S.O., Pickersgill J.O., Whytehead P.M., Todd P.M., Padel P.M., Balmford P.M., Lamb S.D., Ware, Major Baldrey, Purnell, Dalton, Chapman, Blenkin, Brown, Crummack, and others. Amongst the Visitors was Bro. Strachan Dep. Prov. G.M.M. Northumberland and Durham. Many letters of apology for absence were read, and after a successful ballot, Bro. Shouksmith, of 1611, was advanced to the degree of M.M. The chair was then taken by Bro. Whytehead, who proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Simpson, who made the following appointment of Officers: Bros. Blenkin S.W., Dyson J.W., Lackenby M.O., Pickersgill S.O., G. Lamb J.O., Brown Reg., Whytehead P.M. Treas. and Sec., Major McGachen S.D., Dalton J.D., Padel P.M. D.C., Balmford P.M. Organist, Milbank I.G., and Pearson Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the I.P.M. Bro. Smith, for a gift of three handsome mallets presented to the Lodge. The report of the Auditors showed a comfortable balance in hand, and Bro. Whytehead said that at the next meeting he proposed to ask for a vote from the Lodge funds for the Mark Educational Fund. After the close of the Lodge the brethren met at supper, and enjoyed a social evening.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE "CHESHIRE CHEESE" LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I regret my inability to answer the query put by the Reviewer in his appreciative article on my "Masonic Records" in your last issue, viz. Why "the old Cheshire Cheese Lodge so suddenly dropped out of the Masonic firmament?" Now, as of old, one cannot well make bricks without straw, and the *facts* that are known in reference to this Lodge are but very few. One fact is, that in 1723, or earlier, according to the first known Engraved List, a Lodge did meet at the "Cheshire Cheese, Arundel Street," on the "first Thursday in every month." Another fact is, that the Lodge's existence had terminated prior to March 1725, the date of the next known Engraved List, in which the position it occupied (fourth on the List of 1723) is represented by a blank. Why it was erased I cannot say: there is simply no evidence.

Whether there were more more than four Lodges, or only that number, that took part in the Revival of 1717, is a matter of opinion, and for the present, at least I am content to leave the discussion of the subject in the able hands of my friends Bros. Hughan and Gould. There is, doubtless, something to be said on both sides.

The numbers mentioned by your Reviewer, as given by Bro. Gould in his "Four Old Lodges," refer to the printed List of Lodges contained in the Book of Constitutions of 1723, and Bro. Gould has identified the Cheshire Cheese Lodge, which is fourth on the *Engraved* List, with the Lodge numbered V. on that *printed* List. The numbers given by me, in my transcript of the List of 1725, refer to the numbers on the Engraved List of 1729, which is the *first* List we know of, in which the Lodges were numbered *according to their dates of Constitution.*

Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE.

Torquay, 7th February 1887.

THE DRURY LANE LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—At the installation meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge on, Tuesday, instructions were given to the Tyler not to admit Bro. Massey. To the fact, or to any reasons there may have been for it, I should be utterly indifferent were it not that among 300 brethren who were present on the occasion some must have heard of the circumstance, and the unusual proceeding may possibly be construed disadvantageously to me. It is probable I should have taken no notice of the matter had I not heard the following day of one brother saying to another at a public meeting, "What a pity it is Massey makes himself so unpopular," and he then related what I have said in the opening paragraph of this letter. I have no doubt that the ungenerous mind which dictated the remark will prompt its wide dissemination, and I must leave to the better feelings of the whole Craft the judgment as to its accuracy. In the course of a 58 years natural, and 23 years Masonic life, it must needs be that offences come; I confidently hope I may not have to apply to myself the remainder of the quotation. My worst detractors do not know my shortcomings so well as I do; no one can feel them so keenly as I. But I believe my Masonic career will compare favourably with that of any members of the Craft, while in social, domestic, or business relations I have no fear of an adverse opinion.

I remain, faithfully yours,

HENRY MASSEY.

93 Chancery Lane, W.C., 10th February 1887.

JUBILEE YEAR SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The admirable suggestion thrown out in your leading article a fortnight since, deserves, and I venture to think it will receive, the attentive consideration of every member of the Craft. I presume by this time we have all discussed the Pro Grand Master's Circular respecting the Jubilee commemoration, and the opinion generally seems to be that the brethren should be left free to celebrate the "season of joy and rejoicing all round" according to their own respective tastes. Already we hear of "Jubilee" balls, dinners and other festivities; and these will later on be supplemented by summer banquets, which will no doubt this year

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assume specially distinctive features. So far so good, but these festivities are only of passing interest. There must be something done to permanently mark this eventful year, and were your suggestion carried into effect, which might be done without any of the brethren feeling the slightest inconvenience, a grand and lasting benefit would be conferred upon the Craft, and another landmark erected of which every Mason might be justly proud. I am aware we are apt to speak glibly of guineas towards this, that, and the other objects of Charity, but many of us have reason to know that Freemasonry may be made too expensive a luxury if we would gratify our desires in every case an appeal is made to us. Thus, although the Imperial Institute, so dear to the heart of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, is an object to which thousands of her Majesty's subjects will gladly and handsomely contribute, yet it can hardly be said to be purely and simply Masonic, towards which every brother should be morally bound to subscribe a guinea. There is no doubt in my own mind that Masons who can afford to do so will subscribe, as willingly as any other class of society, to the Institute, no matter what appeals may be made to them in behalf of other deserving objects. But to my mind the suggestion made in your columns a fortnight since is a grand and unique one for celebrating the glorious Jubilee year, and by giving the trifling sum of five shillings each, a fund might be raised which would entirely dispel the anxieties which Bro. Terry and those who work with him in the management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Association feel respecting the number of applicants now before them asking assistance. Such a proposal, in my opinion, needs scarcely a second thought, and the brethren ought to be deeply obliged to you for the broad and sensible way in which you launch the suggestion before them. I should like to see a copy of your valuable paper in the hands of every brother in the kingdom, and I have then little doubt as to what would be the outcome of the article. As it is, the CHRONICLE finds its way into many influential circles, where it is handed round, and read by thousands of the brethren; and let us hope the suggestion may be duly considered and produce a substantial result. I know that in this part of the country (Yorkshire) there are a good many copies of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in circulation, and seeing that they are passed from hand to hand, the number of readers in the aggregate must be considerable. There are many others, however, who do not get a chance of perusing your columns, and I would suggest that your article should be reprinted and sent to the Secretary of each of the two thousand and odd Lodges in the kingdom, so that the proposal might be brought directly under the notice of the brethren everywhere. I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that if the subscription were not limited to five shillings each, more than double the £15,000 suggested would be raised, and none would more gladly contribute his quota than

Yours fraternally,

PAST MASTER.

3rd February 1887.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 205.

THE third annual ball in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, 2nd Feb., and proved to be a greater success, if possible, than either of its predecessors. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Reginald Hanson, M.A., Lord Mayor of London, P.G. Steward, and W.M. of the Studholme Lodge, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Isaacs P.M. 205, and lady, and Bro. Sheriff Kirby honoured the brethren with their company, and amongst the Stewards we noticed Bro. A. J. Henochsberg I.P.M. Chairman of the Ball Committee, Bro. Solomon Jacobs W.M. Vice-Chairman, Bro. Joseph Da Silva P.M. Hon. Sec. and Captain of the Stewards, Bro. C. F. Hogard P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Essex, Bros. S. M. Harris P.M., H. M. Harris P.M., I. P. Cohen P.M., Bromet, Joseph Jacobs, John Da Silva, and De Mesquita, and many other brethren, with their ladies, to the number of over three hundred and twenty. Coote and Tinney's band, under the direction of Bro. Weaver, was in attendance, and played a very enchanting selection of music, and altogether, both before and after supper, the brethren and their guests seemed to enjoy themselves immensely, and what is of equal, if not more importance, the committee expect to realise a sum of betwen seventy and eighty pounds for the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge.

The first ball held by the members of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, on behalf of the Benevolent Fund of their Lodge will take place on Monday next, the 14th inst., at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's. We hope the members and their friends will spend a pleasant evening, and that the result will warrant a considerable addition being made to the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge.

Amongst the notable features of the "Stanley Show," lately held at the Westminster Aquarium, was a sample of the "Jubilee" safety bicycle, manufactured by the British Cycle Manufacturing, Co. of Liverpool. The legions of bicycles and tricycles that have been introduced into the "wheel world" is so great that even experts are at variance as to their superiority; but the "Jubilee" safety is spoken of by connoisseurs who visited the show as one of the most compact and workable that has yet been produced. The bicycle is fitted with every improvement experience can suggest; and judging from the opinions we overheard at the Aquarium there can be little doubt that the "Jubilee" will become exceedingly popular. A glance at the price lists of this company will be of interest to all cyclists who take an interest in that beautiful and exceedingly favourite pastime.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 9th inst., Bro. Jabez Hogg presiding. There was a very good attendance of the supporters of the Institution. The minutes of the January meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of two widow annuitants, and the withdrawal of the name of one from the list of candidates for the May election. The Warden's report for the past month was read. A statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution having been laid before the Committee, the list of candidates was finally arranged, the males being fifty-one and the widows seventy-seven. The question of the vacancies to be filled on the two Funds was then carefully considered, with the result that in consideration of its being the Queen's Jubilee Year Festival, now on the eve of being celebrated, it was resolved to elect twenty-five Female annuitants, the vacancies on the Male Fund being undisturbed. Thus, there will be elected in May next, including the three deferred in each case, nine males and twenty-eight widows. Proofs of the balloting papers having been submitted, and other business disposed of, the proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Bro. Augustus Harris, on Wednesday, with accustomed thoughtfulness, invited the lads from the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, to see his wonderful pantomime, and to the number of 250 they came to Drury Lane. They were first entertained with cake and oranges, kindly provided by Bro. Lord Londesborough, I.P.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, and after their creature comforts had been seen to, they witnessed the magnificent sight presented by their host. As scene after scene, each if possible more grand and gorgeous than the preceding, passed before them, the youngsters displayed their enthusiasm. After the performance, Brother Harris produced box after box of crackers, and Old Drury rang with cheers. Bro. Broadley, who takes much interest in the Schools, also came in for a share of the lads' hearty greetings, as also did Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Institution.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 5th inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Mather; among those present to support him being Bros. Maple, Adlard, Richardson, Webb, Rev. R. Morris, LL.D., Godson, Ramsay, Young, Stewart, Gardner, Scurrah Hogard, Green, Bowyer, S. H. Parkhouse, A. V. Parkhouse, Cubitt, Thomas, Belton, Griffiths, Horne, Venn, Moon, Mickley, Williams, Hastings Miller, Cull, Hacker, Eve, Gladwell, and Binckes (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted and approved. Three petitions were considered and entertained, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the October election. Three applications for grants towards outfit were favourably received, and a grant of £5 per quarter was made in the case of one of the boys who is being educated under the guardianship of his friends. The other business having been disposed of, a vote of thanks closed the proceedings.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

A MEETING was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 2nd instant. Present—Bros. Collick W.M., Williams S.W., Strong J.W., Watkins Treasurer, Robinson P.M. Secretary, King S.D., Harding J.D., Stacey Organist, Oliver Steward, Sandalls I.G., Walkley Tyler; P.M.'s Pardoe I.P.M., Whiteley, Boehr, Collings D.C. Visitors—Bros. Woods 865, Craggs 834, Aysford 1694, Jones 704, Bosworth 230, Clarkson 1604, and seventeen other brethren, members of the Lodge. After Lodge had been opened in due form, the business of the evening consisted of the reading and confirming the minutes of the last meeting; the raising of Bros. Elden and Moore to the sublime degree of M.M., followed by the initiation of Messrs. Saville, Tildesley, Bosworth and Fayers. The ritual was most correctly and impressively carried out by the Worshipful Master. Later on a discussion arose on the subject of the circular from the Pro Grand Master, and a resolution dealing with the question was carried unanimously. Mr. Winslow was proposed by Bro. Grundy, and seconded by the Worshipful Master, as a candidate for initiation, and after hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed according to ancient custom. Business being concluded, the

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brethren sat down to an excellent repast, served with the usual care of the worthy host, Bro. P.M. Page. It was heartily enjoyed, after the somewhat protracted labours of the evening. The table being cleared and the room tyled, the toasts of the Queen and the Craft, the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers Present and Past were proposed, in brief but eulogistic terms by the Worshipful Master and received with true Commemoration "fire." The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by the I.P.M. and was most enthusiastically received. Past Master Page sang "Pass the bottle round, my boys," and the W.M. responded. On the toast of the Initiates being drank, Bro. Windsor sang "The Anchor's weighed," after which Bros. Saville, Tildesley, Bosworth and Fayers responded in suitable terms. After the song "Come into the garden, Maud," by the Worshipful Master, the health of the Visitors was proposed. Among those replying to the toast was Bro. Bosworth, No. 230, the father of one of the initiates, who stated that for over thirty years it had been his ardent desire to see his son a Mason, and he expressed his gratitude that he had had his wish fulfilled. Bro. Strong sang the "Friars of orders grey." The Past Masters present briefly responded to the toast of the Past Masters. Bro. Page, having previously been encored, sang "The Diver." The toasts of Treasurer and Secretary, and that of the Officers having been given and responded to, the Tyler closed the proceedings, and the brethren dispersed. The business for the next meeting, 2nd March, consists of the passing of the four brethren initiates at this meeting, and the initiation of the gentleman proposed, together with one other candidate who, through domestic trouble, was prevented from attending on this occasion.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—On Wednesday the 2nd inst., the usual weekly meeting was held at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury. Bro. Squire W.M. 3 occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Block S.W. and W.M. elect 3, Gregory, Ament, Larkin, and Bleakley in the various offices, and some thirty other brethren. The Lodge having been opened and minutes confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Silvester acting as candidate. This was followed by the rehearsal of the ceremony of installation, carried out in its entirety; including the formation of a Board of Installed Masters. Bro. Block then invested his Officers, and Bro. Squire completed an admirable rehearsal of the ceremony by giving the charges in an eloquent manner. Bros. Ferguson, Silvester, and Dimsdale were unanimously re-elected Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, and three brethren were appointed Auditors. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Squire, who was also elected an honorary member. All Masonic business being completed, Lodge was closed.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—At Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Coleman Street, London, E.C., on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor W.M., Norman S.W., Gwyn J.W., Rush S.D., Hills J.D., Woodin I.G., Jardine, Wells, Smith, Chatterton, Whitehouse, Pitt, Gaskin, Ball Secretary, and Paddle Treasurer. Visitors: Brothers Sadler-Wood, and Williams of the Brook Lodge, and Edward Haigh P.M. 29 P.G.S. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The second and third sections of the first lecture were worked by the brethren, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, the Preceptor affording, at the request of several brethren, explanations of portions thereof. An agenda of work for the ensuing weekly meetings up to and inclusive of 31st March was arranged. The Visitors having expressed their great satisfaction with the work of the evening, and desiring membership, were elected members. After the usual enquiries, the Lodge was closed.

On Thursday next, the 17th instant, at half-past six p.m., the Preceptor will deliver his Lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry. 1813—1886." Master Masons only can be present on this occasion, and an early attendance is solicited.

On 24th instant, at 6·30 p.m., the Fifteen Sections will be worked under the presidency of the Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z.; H. G. Gush P.M. 1541 S.W., R. Larchin P.M. 1541 J.W., and T. Poore P.M. P.Z. I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Gaskin Hills, Gush, Gregory, Larchin, and Jenkins. Second Lecture—Bros. Pitt, Margetts, Fox, Sharpe, &c.. Third Lecture—Bros. Munday, Poore, &c.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Monday, 31st ult., Bros. Collingridge W.M., Clark S.W., White J.W., Ball I.G., Hall S.D., Turner J.D., Trewinnard Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Turner candidate. Bro. White, as candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted; the ceremony rehearsed, Lodge closed in due form, and adjourned,

On Monday, 7th instant, Bros. Clark W.M., White S.W., Turner J.W., Hutchinson S.D., Ball I.G., Collingridge Secretary, Trewinnard P.M. Preceptor, Osborn P.M. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Galer candidate. Lodge opened in the second and third degrees, and closed to first. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded to Bro. Clark for his able working. Lodge closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday next, when Bro. White will preside.

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MASONIC DEDICATION AT BRISBANE.

A FEW months ago the new Masonic Hall was the scene of an elaborate ceremonial, in which the Queensland District Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Scotland and the Queensland Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Ireland conjointly consecrated the building to the purposes of Freemasonry, as represented by their respective Constitutions. Last December the Queensland District Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England performed a somewhat similar, although in some respect more elaborate, ceremonial, which was styled a dedication. The Lodge-room had been prepared with more than ordinary care and taste. A handsome carpet surrounded the imitation tesselated pavement on the floor of the Lodge-room, and groups of fresh looking evergreens, ferns, and shrubs were placed in convenient positions on the dais and elsewhere. Above the District Grand Master's throne was the handsome purple banner of the Queensland District Grand Lodge. The banner of the North Australian Lodge surmounted the Senior Grand Warden's chair, the banner of the Victoria Lodge above the Junior Grand Warden's chair, and the banner of the Prince of Wales above the Secretary's desk. The assemblage of Master Masons was large, there being no less than 150 present when the District Grand Master and his Officers entered and began the ceremonies. As the brethren arrived they were passed into the Lodge-room and took their seats at once. The Acting District Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution Bro. Barnes, who was accompanied by several of his Officers, was first announced by the Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Fenwick), and was received by the brethren present standing. At 8 o'clock the District Grand Master and Officers were announced, and the doors having been thrown open they were also received by the brethren standing. The District Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. Gregory C.M.G. M.L.C., was accompanied by the following District Grand Officers:—Bros. Barnett Deputy Master, Jones Senior Warden, Stanley Junior Warden, Fenwick Dir. of Cers., Dean Chaplain, Hon. Sir S. W. Griffith Past Registrar, Hon. F. T. Gregory, M.L.C., Acting Superintendent of Works, Hon Dr. W. F. Taylor, M.L.C., Sword-bearer, C. Curtins Carter Senior Deacon, J. D. Reeve Junior Deacon, W. Finncane Treasurer and Censer Bearer, Hertzburg Acting Secretary, A. F. Luya, and J. E. Meyer Stewards, J. T. Briggs Pursuivant. The District Grand Lodge having been opened, the acting Secretary (Bro. Hertzburg) announced to the District Grand Master that it was the desire of the Fraternity that the Hall should be dedicated to Masonry. The District Grand Master, in consenting to comply with the request, welcomed the brethren to the new building, and expressed a hope that they would find it better suited to their requirements than the old one. It had been contemplated to hold the service of dedication at the annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge in March next, when they hoped to have received their new furniture, but in deference to the wishes of many members he had consented to hold it on that night instead of in March next. The architect, Bro. G. C. Clark, then handed back to the District Grand Master the plans and tools—a square and plumb rule—which had been entrusted on the laying the foundation stone. The D.G.M. briefly congratulated the architect, saying the building would be a record of his professional skill and ability.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Opera Comique.—Miss Kate Vaughan has secured this theatre for a season to be devoted to the old comedies. She last Saturday produced Sheridan's ever-welcome play, "The Rivals." The performance went on as smoothly as could be wished, and with but one or two exceptions the company may be classed as good all round. Mr. Forbes Robertson was a refined Captain Absolute, and displayed plenty of spirit. Mr. James Fernandez gave a most careful rendering of the part of Sir Anthony Absolute, while Mr. Lionel Brough's well-known qualifications brought to bear on the character of Bob Acres. Mr. Forbes Dawson was hardly suited for the part of Sir Lucius, while Mr. Arthur Elwood and Miss Julia Gwynne were totally unable to make any impression with the parts of Faulkland and Julia respectively. A more graceful impersonation than presented by Miss Vaughan could not be wished for; her performance was charming, and thoroughly deserved the plandits of those present. Mrs. John Billington's Mrs. Malaprop was another good representation. Mr. Charles Fawcett (Fag), Mr. Sidney Brough (David), and Miss Florence Cowell (Lucy) filled their several *rôles* with credit. A gavotte danced in the second act was deservedly encored. The Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince Albert Victor were present. "She Stoops to Conquer" will be the next revival; it will be produced next Saturday, the management having decided to limit the run of each piece to a fortnight.

On Thursday, the 10th inst., Mr. Edward Terry and his Company gave a matinée of "The Churchwarden" at the Theatre Royal Brighton. On Thursday next the Company will repeat the performance, on this occasion at the Crystal Palace.

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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 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)
1278—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7, (Instruction)
1338—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1671—Mispah, 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)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1900—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

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)
56—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
223—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
867—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1506—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.

1435—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)
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.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1788—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1806—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)
2013—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
R.A. 23—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1368—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.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
537—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
569—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, 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
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 379—Tyntc, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley

TUESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions 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,
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
765—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)
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)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
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. 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

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
334—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
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
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. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 480—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings

WEDNESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, W.C., at 8. (Inst)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, 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, 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)
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, 310 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1607—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1901—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1904—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (I.)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1679—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1903—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 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. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Grand Masters, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (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
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough

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221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
245—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
343—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
435—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
963—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
975—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
1325—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
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8 30. (Instruction)
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 461—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
40—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (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.
625—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 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. (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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1456—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
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, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1636—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
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.
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Ins
48—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
96—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1209—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
1452—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
2107—Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A 107—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, King's Lynn
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, at 8. (I)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instrotion)
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
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
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street, Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 93—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
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, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
K.T. 45—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
153—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. (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (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 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
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
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, 19th FEBRUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, 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. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 351—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

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THE EVE OF THE FESTIVAL.

THE excitement of anticipation has ruled at a high pitch during the last few weeks in the Masonic Charity world, as no doubt it will continue to do for a few days longer, in connection with the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This event will be celebrated on Tuesday next, the 22nd inst, under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, when we hope such a result will be achieved as will cause a fresh excitement in our midst—this time the excitement of realisation, not only of the most sanguine expectations, but of our wildest hopes.

So much has been said of late in our pages in regard to this approaching event, that there is little to add now that it is so close upon us, further than to review what has been done; make a hasty glance at what is proposed; and conclude with a final appeal on behalf of those for whom so much is needed, with so little available.

Looking back, we find it was only as recently as the middle of December that the Institution had the good fortune to secure the services of a Chairman for its Festival, a fact which must of necessity have some effect on the final result. Since that day the respected Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—the brother who consented to preside—has evinced great personal interest in the work he has undertaken, while he has been nobly supported by the brethren of his Province. Yet we must not forget they have had but two short months in which to organise everything; to appeal for the aid they doubtless wish to secure, or canvass for contributions from those able to make them. The shortness of the period thus available for work may be expected to make no small difference in the announcement on the night of the Festival, as any of our Provincial friends who have worked in a similar cause in their own districts could testify, for it not unfrequently happens that some of those who would be pleased to support their Masonic ruler in a Chairmanship for one or other of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, would find themselves unable to do so at two months' notice, for the reason that they had previously pledged themselves in another quarter. Not only would their services thus be lost for the time being, but if, in addition, they had been bestirring themselves for the object of their choice—as they no doubt would have done—the loss would be still greater, as they would have diverted other contributions than their own from the channels to which they might have been expected to flow had the decision of the Provincial Grand Master been made known at an earlier date. London Masons will perhaps hardly appreciate the difference it makes in the support rendered by a Province when its Masonic chief undertakes the Chairmanship of a Festival, but a glance at past records would soon convince the most sceptical on this point, while it almost makes us regret that our Masonic chiefs do not shew a greater public and permanent interest in the Charities then they do at present. A Province which invariably does well may be relied on for three, four, six or even ten times its ordinary contribution when, in addition to the claims of an Institution, are added the personal appeal of the Provincial Grand Master himself, but it will be readily understood that in this respect the time available for canvass has no small effect on the result, as so much depends on personal solicitation, either by the Chairman himself or by one or other of his more intimate associates, a work which can only be carried on to a limited extent—a very limited one when the number of Lodges to be visited is large, with days of meeting spread over a long period. However, the Provincial Grand Master who will preside on Tuesday next has availed himself of the best resources at his command, setting a good example to those from whom he invites support. Notable in this respect we may refer to his summoning an Especial Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held on the 31st ult., at Winchester, under his personal supervision. At that meeting the main business was the consideration of a proposal to devote a portion of the Prov. Grand Lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the result being that the handsome sum of two hundred and fifty guineas was voted, the only point of difference among the brethren in regard to the matter being as to whether the amount should not be greater; but as the adoption of an extended vote would have entailed a withdrawal of some part of the invested funds of the Province, the original proposition was agreed to—a decision which will, we are sure, be endorsed by all supporters of the Benevolent Institution, who would rather see that Charity go a little short for the time than that it should ever be open to the charge of having induced the brethren of this southern county to commence a course of extravagant expenditure. Besides, may it not be urged that the Province has done all that could reasonably be expected when it voted all its current balance to the cause it has at heart; other claims will doubtless arise in the future for which some provision ought to be made, for there is no knowing how severe may be the need when next the brethren of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are specially appealed to. Another Provincial meeting was held the same day, at Winchester; the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter being fixed for that day, the Chairman of Tuesday next again presiding. There also the claims of the Benevolent Institution were urged to good effect, the result being that Provincial Grand Chapter voted a sum of fifty guineas, while Companion Eve, on whose list the contribution of Provincial Grand Chapter will appear, announced his intention of making a personal contribution of one hundred guineas, so that from these three sources alone Hampshire and the Isle of Wight added four hundred guineas to the Festival Fund on the one day. Such examples cannot fail to produce good effects in the district—all we can hope is, that they may be as well backed up as they deserve.

Turning to the next phase of our subject we find the Committee of the Institution endeavouring to keep pace with the efforts being made on its behalf, while there is a manifest readiness on their part to extend the benefits of the Charity yet further, provided the Craft—by the amount of its contributions—renders such a course in any degree practicable. At the last monthly meeting of the Committee of Management the programme for the Election in May next was virtually settled, although, as we have said above, there is ample time for still greater extension, should the subscribers deem it prudent when the result of the Festival is known. As we announced in our last issue the decision of the Committee of Management was to increase the number of Female Annuitants to such an extent as to allow of the admission of twenty-five at the next election from a total of seventy-seven now eligible to

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take part in that contest, while in the case of the Old Men there are at present six vacancies, to be divided among fifty-one candidates. These figures, which together show thirty-one vacancies available for one hundred and twenty-eight candidates—are no doubt very disappointing to a large section of the Craft, more particularly those who are personally seeking the benefits of the Institution, or who have a direct interest in one or other of the candidates. Nevertheless, disappointing as they perhaps are, they are simply marvellous in view of what is already being done in the way of annual allowances to the annuitants on the funds of the Institution, together with the difficulty which is recognised on all sides of raising money to meet the ever-increasing claims of the needy. It is, comparatively speaking, but a few years since the number of annuities provided by the Institution has been doubled, while a considerable increase has also been made in the annual amount allowed to the two classes of recipients. If we take this fact in association with the number of annuitants at present on the Funds—one hundred and seventy-three men, each receiving an annual allowance of £40: with two hundred and three widows, to each of whom a sum of £32 per annum is granted—we can form some idea of the enormous additions which have recently been made by the Freemasons of England to their annual expenditure in the cause of Charity, as represented by this Institution alone, while we can also recognise the difficulties which stand in the way of a yet further extension of the much coveted benefits. Yet an addition, a very large addition, has been agreed to by the Committee of the Institution, who feel justified, in view of what they hope is in store for the Charity, thus still further to enlarge its sphere of usefulness. We trust the events of the next few days may warrant the step they have taken, more particularly as they have gone perhaps further than they would have done under ordinary circumstances in view of the fact that the present year is the Jubilee of our gracious Sovereign, whose long, happy reign will thus be marked in the annals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution by the admission of a large number of additional female annuitants, not only for the year of the Jubilee itself, but during the whole remaining term of their lives.

We feel sure enough has been said here, or in previous issues of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, to satisfy our readers that additional aid—even at this eleventh hour—is most urgently needed to ensure the full success of this year's Festival. What the result of next Tuesday's celebration may be it is impossible to say—it is even unwise to conjecture—for with so many influences at work tending to lessen the flow of subscriptions as now exist, the total may fall wofully short of what is anticipated. On the other hand, pressure is being applied in various quarters, which should have a beneficial tendency. Among these latter considerations are three to which we have already referred, although it may be we have not mentioned them strictly in order of precedence. The pressure the Chairman is applying to his Province, firstly by setting the members thereof a noble example, secondly by personally urging them to do their utmost; the enthusiasm of Masons, in company with other sections of the community, in connection with the jubilee of Her Majesty's accession to the throne, together with the enormous excess of eligible candidates over the number of vacancies to be filled; are all matters which should have a good effect on the ultimate result of the Festival, while there are doubtless many reasons, equally good, which might be urged why the present year's Festival should be an exceptionally brilliant one, exceptional both in regard to the amount announced thereat, as well as in regard to the number of those who contribute thereto.

In conclusion, we once again urge on our readers the desirability of carefully considering the present state of affairs in connection with this Institution; of weighing the claims it has on their benevolence; of taking into account the exceptional event of the year; together with the means at their disposal. If, after they have done all this, they still feel themselves unable to spare a contribution in aid of the Old Folks, neither we nor any other brother will question their decision; we only ask for Masonic benevolence, which allows a Mason to give only so far as his circumstances in life fairly warrant. If, on the other hand, they find there is a margin available to allow them to help provide for the wants of others, then we assure them it will be most thankfully received by the Benevolent Institution, while they may rest content it will be faithfully applied.

The result of the Festival will be known throughout the land on Tuesday night; it will then be too late to increase the announcement—which is really the event of the year—but till then even the smallest contribution will help to swell the total, which we sincerely hope will be the largest ever known in connection with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

IS MASONRY COSMOPOLITAN?

IN looking over the published orations, discourses, lectures, and what not of the last generation of Masonry, we find that they all present three topics for discussion; first, the great antiquity of the Fraternity; second, an excuse for its secrecy; and third, an apology to the ladies; and these points furnished the staple of articles in the Masonic publications of the day. In the present generation the literature of the Craft has certainly attained a wider range and a more elevated level of thought, showing a better degree of education and a more extensive and varied course of reading among those who have the courage to rush into print, and expose their thoughts to public appreciation. Of the addresses and other publications of the last twenty years but few will be found in which the author is not at some pains to point out and dwell upon the universality of the Institution—the fact that it neither inquires into nor offends the religious or political convictions of its adherents—that it is in fact a platform, a retreat where the dividing influences of sect, creed, and prejudice have no place, and can exercise no influence. The assertions thus made are founded in truth, because the landmarks and fundamental doctrines of the society expressly declare that it only recognises that universal religion in which all men agree, leaving each individual member to enjoy his own particular opinion. The universal religion, we need hardly add, is the belief in the existence of one ever-living and true God, the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and the immortality of the soul, doctrines which were taught in the ancient Mysteries, and which maintain their ascendancy in the present day of general light and education. These speakers and writers tell us, what indeed is self-evident and known to reasoning men, as it were, instinctively, that but for these doctrines Masonry could never have attained its present wide-spread popularity, nor have united in the bonds of friendship so many men who would otherwise have remained at a distance from each other. But for them the antagonistic views and prejudices which are constantly setting up their barriers between men, and keeping up the sentiments of prejudice, selfishness, and division, would have made Masonry but the echo of that sect which, for the time being, might have the greatest number of representatives; and but for them the institution which to-day displays its banners in every land on the globe, and teaches its humanizing precepts to every kindred and people, would long since have been consigned to the reliquaries of the dead past, where lie entombed so many evidences of the great struggle for a purer light and a better civilization, which is the history of humanity.

We all know, or at least ought to know, these principles are the very basis and vitality of the Craft, its arms and cognizance, inscribed on its banners, emblazoned on its shield, and so interwoven with its life and practice that to remove them is to shear its locks, put out its eyes, and make it grasp the pillars and pull down the temple on its own head. And yet, we ask, is Masonry Cosmopolitan? We have shown in the preceding statement that its doctrines are purely so, and we are happy to add that, very generally, the practice of Lodges and Masons conforms to the theory. But we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the spirit of sectarianism is constantly seeking to find a lodgment in our sanctuary, and to sow its seeds in the broad and inviting fields so many centuries have contributed to form, and we esteem it a duty we owe to Masonry to say that unless the attention of the brethren is awakened to this source of danger the seed will take root, and growing into maturity, over-shadow and destroy our temples and turn back the wheels of progress we have so long and earnestly striven to move forward.

The apprehension of danger arises from two causes: one the thoughtlessness and apathy of the masses, the

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other mistaken zeal for the propagation of what men term faith. In the first instance, the brethren who compose our Lodges are, in the main, believers in the truth of the Christian dispensation, not necessarily professors of religion or members of churches, but accepting the Christian religion as the true Faith, just as they accept any other assertion which they do not feel called to investigate or deny. When such men hear in the religious service of the Craft expressions in which the mediation of the Saviour is appealed to, their ears are not offended, because they are accustomed to hear them at church or in family, and they do not reflect that there may be standing alongside of them one born in a different Faith and initiated into Masonry with the distinct understanding that that Faith shall neither be interfered with nor insulted, who will be greivously offended, and who has a right to be so offended, because he has sought Masonic communion as the place of all others where his peculiar Faith would neither be propagated nor opposed, where he could enjoy the association of his fellow-man apart from all extraneous and conflicting influences. They forget that, in thus quietly allowing the religious belief of a brother to be rebuked, they are in fact preparing the way for a similar affront to themselves, and, what is infinitely worse, they are tacitly allowing the foundations of the temple to be uprooted, and the vast and magnificent edifice to be toppled about their ears. They fail to perceive that if the Hebrew brother may be compelled to listen to innovations in direct opposition to his mode of Faith, it will not be long before the Baptist, the Methodist, the Catholic, the Universalist will, in turn, be obliged to submit to a like infliction, harmony be obliged to give way to discord, and chaos take the place of symmetry and order. And all this, too, be it remembered, in the very face of our profession as Masons, and in direct contravention of our established landmarks and immutable laws. The second source of danger arises from the mistaken zeal of men, good, earnest, religious men if you please, but men who will not understand that Masonry is not a branch of the established church, whichever that may be; nor its meetings a place for the assertion of any theory of religion in conflict with that laid down in the ancient charges. These men, who are generally ministers of some one of the many sects into which the church is divided, assume that their calling is of God, and that they are bound, at all times, to be the advocate and champion of what they deem His cause. They seem to forget that the wisest of men has declared that "there is a time for all things;" and that if their calling will not allow them to respect the publicly declared principles of our Society, then they should not mingle with us nor promise obedience to laws which they do not mean to respect. As a rule ministers—of say the Baptist persuasion—do not attend worship in Catholic churches or Hebrew synagogues for the reason that they do not believe the forms of doctrine there prevailing to be the true ones, but if perchance one should be present he surely would not feel called to rise in his place and insult the Faith of the worshippers there assembled. By a parity of reasoning, when one finds himself in a Masonic Lodge, composed of men of different nationalities, of every shade of opinion, religious and otherwise, a decent respect for the opinions of others should incite him to avoid expressions which cannot be expected to produce any legitimate effect, because they do not convince those who are already of the same Faith, and they do embitter those who are not. We will do the brethren of the class who most frequently err in thir respect the justice to say that we do not believe them, taken as a body, so bigoted as not to be willing to admit that, in almost every case, their offence against the proprieties is the result of long habit in the exercise of their vocations, and an ever-present conviction of the magnitude of the trust imposed on them as ministers and teachers of the people. But for this very reason we think that they should be exemplars of moderation in all things, and by their strict obedience to law force their example on the respect and imitation of the brethren. And we earnestly trust that when these lines fall beneath the observation of a clergyman Mason, he will take the trouble to convince himself that we have correctly stated the Masonic doctrine, and then resolve ever afterward in his ministrations among the brethren to conform thereto.

There is still another class of offenders against the Masonic law for whom no excuse can or ought to be made, because, knowing the law, being in many instances its authorized exponents, they wilfully and of "malice aforethought," offend against it. We refer to those who, in the very face of Masonry, in the presence of its indisputable and long-established landmarks, with a full knowledge of what it claims to be and the immense success which has attended its labours under the inspiration of those landmarks and claims, coolly sit down and write out arguments to prove that Masonry is a Christian institution; or, assembled in a legislative capacity, representing Jew and Gentile among their constituents, with equal or greater coolness resolve the same thing. We say, and we say it in all sincerity and calmness, that such men have mistaken their vocation—have misunderstood Masonry, never expanded their minds to the comprehension of its glorious position, have never learned its great doctrine of toleration—should go back to the profane, and divesting their minds of the narrowing effects of prejudice, re-enter the temple with a larger appreciation of our mission and a more earnest resolve to be Masons in deed rather than in name.

While the causes to which we have here referrred are allowed to continue at work—while their insidious advances are quietly allowed to be made, while we know that men of different faiths are allowed to be insulted in the most vulnerable point—can we honestly allow those men to come amongst us, or can we say in our conscience that Masonry is Cosmopolitan? We think not, and we therefore urge the brethren to thought and to action, that we may ward off this growing danger and preserve the society for our descendants as it came to us from the fathers, a bond of union between men of every country, sect and opinion.—

Sydney Freemason.

PLUNGING.

IT would be idle to gainsay the fact that conviviality forms a no inconsiderable feature in the assemblies of Freemasons everywhere, and we have repeatedly asserted in these columns that it would be little short of a calamity were this element of social intercourse interdicted in the Craft. When the work of the Lodge has been faithfully carried out, and the oftentimes monotonous routine accomplished, it is meet that the brethren and their guests should gather around the festive board and ratify in the "Fourth Degree" those sentiments of Brotherly Love which have been instilled into them in the Lodge-room. So far as the idea of conviviality is legitimately carried out there can be no objection to it. On the contrary, it serves to bind more firmly together those brethren of various sections of the Fraternity who "in jolliest friendship meet;" it rubs off those rough angles of stiff politeness and social distance which could be removed by no better chisel; and it affords men of different walks of life opportunities of forming and cultivating acquaintanceships which might otherwise have been absolutely impossible. But, inasmuch as temperance and moderation are amongst the cardinal principles of Freemasonry, it is most desirable that Masters of Lodges should see the brethren conduct their festivities within the limits of becoming mirth, and that the funds are not trenched upon with unthinking prodigality, causing not only uneasiness amongst the right-minded and temperate members, but provoking comments of a by no means favourable nature from those who are disposed habitually to criticise the doings of their more free and easy friends. It is just as well to state at once that we are led to these remarks by a rumour to which credence is given, and the main points we believe are true, to the effect that not long ago a Lodge, numbering about one hundred and twenty members, squandered no less a sum than one hundred and fifty guineas over a single banquet! Now, assuming that the members mustered in their entire strength, which is hardly feasible, the average cost per head for this "sumptuous repast" would be within an ace of twenty-five shillings. Let it be understood, we have no right to object to the expenditure of twenty-five shillings—or twenty-five pounds, for the matter of that—per head for luxuries, provided those who indulge in such extravagance are in a position to afford it, and that the outlay does not come, even in part, out of the pockets of those who cannot. But if this unpleasant report be correct, the Lodge referred to, which shall be nameless, consists almost entirely of men of the tradesman class, who can hardly be expected to stand so great a strain upon their resources as that of which a specimen is given us. We believe that this

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drunken orgie, which is certainly not creditable to the Craft, was not participated in by anything like a majority of the Lodge; on the contrary, the merrymakings—save the mark!—were monopolised by only a small coterie, who kept up their indulgence until something like six o'clock in the morning. It would be interesting to know by whose authority this little band of wine-bibbers were able to charge the whole cost of their libations to the funds of the Lodge. Of course, the night's debauch will never bear the morning's reflection, and the old adage seems to apply to the case in point, for even the Worshipful Master is said to have suffered intense exercise of conscience when the day of reckoning came with mine host of the hotel. The reaction that set in, in favour of economy, is said to have been almost ludicrous. "This will never do," quoth the ruler of the Lodge. "We must retrench," rejoined the repentant clique; and the result is that it was decided to curtail certain trivial expenses which had hitherto been incurred for matters deemed by some essential to the intellectual welfare of the brethren. Even the Treasurer of the Lodge, a man notorious for his prodigality, felt himself constrained to tighten the rein; and it must have been a pathetic spectacle to see these worthies wagging their heads over so much spilt milk—or rather wasted champagne.

But let us draw a veil over this mournful picture, lest it should appear there is any disposition on our part to perform that operation commonly known as washing dirty linen in public. We have no such desire, but rather to apply a little moral "Sapolio" to a system which certainly needs a sensible amount of cleansing. There are divers forms of gambling, and one of them is extravagance either in domestic or gastronomic affairs. The immortal Mr. Micawber sagely remarked that the man who earned twenty shillings per week and expended nineteen shillings and elevenpence three farthings was in a solvent condition, but lamentably worse off was he who spent weekly twenty shillings and one farthing. We do not gather that the eccentric creation of the mind of Dickens practised what he preached, but the precept is universally admitted to be based on sound premises. If Masonic Lodges were to act on the example of which we quote this sorry specimen they would, of course, be included in the category indicated by Mr. Micawber, and the whole system would revert to what was thought of it years ago, namely, that Freemasonry was merely a variety of the club order, and that conviviality was the main object and aim of the whole Institution. This idea, we are apt to pride ourselves, has long exploded, and Freemasonry has consequently achieved a far higher position in the esteem of the popular world in general than it enjoyed even half a century ago. It is a matter beyond dispute that, if we ignore the moral aspect of the question, a man has a perfect right to play at cards or to speculate on the hazards of the turf, and lose his money, provided that by so doing he injures nobody but himself; but if he spends five pounds, or even five shillings, which are not entirely and absolutely his own, there is valid ground for his indictment for dishonesty. There are plungers and gamblers in every phase of society, but there should be nothing of the kind where the funds of a Masonic Lodge are concerned.

All this might be considered by some to be a sort of pedantic moralising; but after all to be "merry and wise is a motto for every man." We are not unfrequently twitted by outsiders that whereas Freemasonry boasts of the vast sums it expends in Charity, a by far greater part of that virtue "begins at home"—meaning that the festivities which accompany the gatherings of the brethren absorb an overwhelming proportion of the money that is annually subscribed by its members. In the aggregate this is not true, and the instance we feel bound to cite—not in reproach so much as in regret—is almost an isolated one. As a rule—we may say invariably—in well regulated Lodges festivity is made subservient to the distinguishing characteristic of Charity, and thus we find Masters and Treasurers wisely careful in keeping the funds within the bounds of prudence. Without any wish to "foist" our own opinions upon our readers, it must be acknowledged that administrative wisdom of that kind is highly to be commended. By all means let the spirit of Masonry be stimulated by every opportunity for social and intellectual enjoyment, and the "feast of reason" be leavened by the "flow of soul." But in every case this should be done with discriminating wisdom, not merely for the sake of the credit of our Craft, but also for the continued comfort of the brethren, and the stability of our Lodges. The members of our Order, in addition to the normal contributions due from them to the maintenance of the Masonic fabric and the sustentation of our Charities, are ever ready to listen to appeals for aid towards cosmopolitan and even extraneous objects, but it is to the rulers of Lodges we must look to to see that money is not frittered away in extravagent indulgences, by which a very small minority derive questionable pleasure at the expense of the more sober minded majority. We are always loth to accept statements detrimental to individual Lodges, except with the proverbial grain of salt; but when flagrant breaches are committed of the leading tenets of the Craft, such as temperance and moderation, it is time that the gentle birch of the censor be applied, in order to prevent if possible further offences, and to insist upon those precautionary principles which are instilled into our minds in the very earliest of our Masonic steps. Whilst, therefore, stickling for the proper observance of those amenities which go so far to contribute to the enjoyment of the brethren and the consolidation of that Fraternity to which we belong, we have no hesitation in denouncing as unwise and un-Masonic any approach to a lavish and unwarranted expenditure of funds for the purpose of conviviality, such as turns a Masonic banquet into an imitation of a public-house orgie. It would be an evil day if the old aspersion on our Order, *i.e.*, that it is merely "a huge social club" were revived; and we have no fear of such a catastrophe. But, many repetitions of this "early in the morning" affair would tend in that undesirable direction, and we take our leave of the subject by fervently hoping that it "won't occur again."

AN EVENING WITH MY MASONIC BRETHREN.

IT would be difficult to find a Freemason who thinks life is not worth living. Ordinary life sometimes may not be worth living, but Masonic life—that is a different matter. There is a new birth in Masonry, a new sphere is entered, darkness is vanished, and behold all is light! When once the threshold of the inner door of the Lodge is passed, a new life is entered upon. The associations are different from those of the world, the greetings are different, the conduct is different. Selfishness is the law of the world, while generosity is the law of the Lodge. When the character of the membership of Masonry is considered, together with the lessons of religion and morality taught within the Lodge, the spirit of charity which ever prevails, the duty of strict obedience to law and authority which is inculcated, and the delightful harmony which distinguishes the Brethren, both in the Lodge and when they surround the social board—when all these things are considered, is it a matter to occasion surprise that an evening with my Masonic Brethren is an occasion of the highest enjoyment, intellectual, moral and social?

Let us endeavour to resolve this enjoyment into its constituent elements. The element that is perhaps most noticable is the absolute unity which prevails in the Lodge—and not only in the Lodge, but throughout the Fraternity. We are *at one* with each other. In the world we differ continually one with another concerning religion, politics and a thousand other subjects, while here upon the checkered floor all appear to be of one religion, one politics and one mode of thinking upon every controversial subject. The spirit of Masonry acts like oil upon the troubled waters. The Tyler's sword not merely keeps off cowans and eavesdroppers, but it seems to drive away the mephitic atmosphere of profane contention. The air of the Lodge Room may be close, but so are the brethren—as close to each other in heart as they often are in body. The air of the Lodge room is morally healthy. No evil is tolerated there—unless there be, as in some jurisdictions, a public installation spectacle, and then the mixed company makes the conduct mixed, and the solemn and serious in Masonry are in peril of becoming a subject of burlesque and ridicule.

An immediate resultant of this spirit of unity is the unaffected and sincere affection which prevails among Brethren throughout the Craft. This is displayed both in the Lodge and in the world. In the Lodge it leads to enjoyable confidences, to whole-hearted conduct in joy and sorrow.

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When the world is heaping honours upon a Brother, when wealth comes at his call, when health mantles his countenance, and disease, misfortune and death are all far away strangers, his companions in Masonry rejoice with him, and seem even to share in his honours, health and wealth. But change the picture as you will, and there is little or no change in the conduct of Brethren. The fickle world may hiss instead of applaud, but Masonry is ever the same. It regards not the outer man, but the inner man of the heart. The Mystic Tie binds like no other tie. "Once a Mason always a Mason." Yes, even though merit decrease under the blighting blows of adversity, Freemasonry still extends the hand of friendship and brotherly love. When wealth departs, Freemasonry acts, not like the publican, who passes the suppliant by on the other side, but like the good Samaritan, who pours oil into the wounds of the distressed one, cares for him until he is able to care for himself, and aids him to recover his old position, so that he in turn may aid others. When disease supplants health, or death snatches a Brother from his family, and leaves them dependent and in distress, Masonry aids as it can the sufferer to battle with sorrow, sickness or death. An evening with my Masonic Brethren proves all this.

We reserve the happiest thought for the close—not the best in every sense, but in a certain important sense. There is no social enjoyment equal to that which prevails when labour is over is over in the Lodge, and the Brethren are assembled around the social board. It is a dinner party, a social and convivial gathering, a joyous merry-making, an intellectual feast and a Masonic Lodge all in one. There is nothing like it. We all know each other, for we all are Brethren. We all are ready to contribute each as much as we can, to the common fund of enjoyment. Nowhere is brotherly love more fully displayed than at the Masonic banquet board. We eat, drink, and are merry. We forget dull care, and engage in innocent mirth. In turn we sing a good song, tell a good story make a good speech. The hours pass quickly by, so that an evening with our Masonic Brethren is passed before we are aware of it. Let us value as we should the Fraternity which affords us so much profit and pleasure. There is none other like it, no not one.—*Keystone.*

The regular weekly Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at Northampton House, St. Paul's-road, N., on Thursday. Comps. Edmonds M.E Z., Brasted H., Scurrah J., Sheffield S.E., Jenkins S.N., E. Storr P.S. Notwithstanding the dense fog the meeting was fairly attended. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in an able and impressive manner. We recommend R.A. Masons to pay this Chapter of Improvement a visit.

The members of the Joppa Lodge held their first ball, at Willis' Rooms, St. James's, on Monday, 14th inst., under the patronage of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. It is only a few weeks since the project was started, and the number present was close on 300. A dispensation had been granted for the brethren to wear Masonic clothing, and the ball-room presented a lively and elegant appearance. The splendid band of the Honourable Artillery Company was engaged for the occasion, and dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and was kept up till a late hour. The arrangements were effectively carried out by the Stewards, and great credit is due to Bro. H. Lazarus, Secretary, for the energetic manner in which he discharged his duties. During the supper (which was most creditable to the caterers) the toasts of the Queen and the Craft, and Success to the Joppa Ball was given. Bro. Lewis Lazarus, Secretary of the Joppa Lodge, proposed the health of the Stewards, which compliment met with a splendid reception. Bro. Lazarus, in the course of his remarks said, that though the Lodge had been in existence since the year 1780, this was the first time the members had had a ball, and praise was due to the Stewards for the efficient manner in which they had worked to bring it to so successful a result. He was deputed to inform the friends present that the result achieved was far beyond their expectations, and at the next Lodge meeting a handsome sum would be handed over to the Benevolent Fund.

THE DRURY LANE LODGE.

THE following brethren, in addition to the Officers of the Lodge, were amongst the company who attended on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Augustus Harris as Worshipful Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, a full report of which appeared in our last issue. It has been suggested that the report was hardly complete without a list of the members and invited guests who were present, but which we were compelled to hold over, in consequence of pressure upon our space :—

The Earl of Lathom D.G.M. England, the Duke of Abercorn Grand Master Ireland, Sir A. Campbell Grand Master Scotland; Provincial Grand Masters W. W. B. Beach, M.P. (Hants and Isle of Wight), General Brownrigg (Surrey), Earl of Mount Edgcumbe (Cornwall), Lord Ebrington, M.P. (Devon), Colonel Lyne (Monmouthshire), Colonel A. W. Adair (Somerset); Hugh D. Sandeman Past District Grand Master Bengal, Colonel Saunders Past Grand District Master Madras, Theo. H. Tilton Past District Grand Master New York City; Past Grand Wardens Lord Londesborough, Lord Henry Thynne, Earl of Onslow, R. Cunliffe, Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Sir John Whittaker Ellis; Past Grand Chaplains Revs. C. J. Martyn, Dr. Cox, J. S. Brownrigg, T. Cochrane; D. P. Cama Grand Treasurer, Horace Brooks Marshall Past Grand Treasurer, Frederick A. Philbrick Grand Registrar, Thomas Fenn President Board of General Purposes, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Dr. Wendt Grand Secretary German Correspondence, S. 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NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THE first regular meeting of the members of this old and popular Lodge, since the installation of Bro. F. Silvester as Worshipful Master, was held on Monday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was a very satisfactory attendance, notwithstanding it was an "off-night." Bro. Silvester presided, supported by Bros. G. P. Nightingale S.W., S. Smither J.W., R. Kershaw P.M. Treasurer, J. Shackell P.M. Secretary; Past Masters S. Webb, J. Smith, W. A. Cubitt, W. Saint, Walter Wood, and about forty other brethren, with Bro. L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. Lodge having been opened with the customary formalities, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, was advanced to the second and third degrees, when Bros. John Lyons and Richard Burden were raised, the ceremony being admirably worked by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Bro. C. C. Cramp was passed, this ceremony being also carried out in perfect manner, the working giving ample promise for the work of the year under Bro. Silvester's rule. Several matters of business were transacted of a private, rather than of a public character, and Lodge was closed amidst the usual harmony and interchange of fraternal amenity. Subsequently the brethren partook of light refreshment and separated at an early hour.

ST. GERMAIN'S LODGE, No. 566.

ON Friday, the 4th instant, the Lodge of St. Germain's, No. 566, celebrated the Festival of St. John's; Bro. Wm. N. Cheeseman S.W. was installed Worshipful Master. There was a large assembly of brethren, including the following Visitors:—The W.D.P. Grand Master Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, the R.W.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire Bro. Tew J.P., Peck P.G. Sec., Hudson P.G. Sec. Durham, Major McGachen P.G.A.D.C., Anderton P.P.G.S.W., Anderson P.P.G. Supt. W., Gardiner P.G.A.D.C. W.Y., Rev. G. S. Dunbar P.P.G.C. W.Y., Brown W.M. Eboracum, Baldwin W.M. St. Cuthbert's, Latus Humber, &c., &c. The ceremony of installation was performed by the D.P.G.M. of the Province (the Hon Lieut.-Col. Orde-Powlett), and the lectures were delivered by Bro. the Rev. H. Greeves P.P.G.C. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. R. H. Greeves P.P.G.C. I.P.M., Barlow S.W., Major T. Hawdon J.W., Rev. T. Cheese, B.A., Chaplain, Hudson Treasurer, Rawling Secretary, Leetham S.D., Turner J.D., Mould Org., Staniland P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Dir. of Cers., Eggleshaw I.G., Webber and Townend Stewards, Pearson Tyler. After the Lodge business was concluded the annual banquet was held at the Londesborough Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served by Bro. Bowman. The chair was occupied by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. W. N. Cheeseman, and the vice-chair by Bro. T. G. P. Barlow S.W. A very enjoyable and harmonious evening was spent.

FOREST LODGE, No. 1852.

ON Wednesday, 9th inst., the members of this Lodge, together with a number of Visitors, assembled at the Town Hall, Mansfield, where the Lodge is in future to be held. The occasion was the close of the Masonic year, and the installation of a Master, in place of Bro. J. H. White, whose year of office then expired. At the last regular Lodge Bro. A. H. Bonser was elected as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and on Wednesday he was installed with solemn Masonic ceremony into the chair. Bro. J. H. White, the retiring Master, acted as Installing Officer, and the ceremony was most efficiently performed by him. The following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. G. G. Bonser S.W., J. Linney J.W., Rev. T. W. Dolphin P.G.C. Chaplain, T. Savage Treasurer, G. H. Hibbert P.M. Secretary, R. F. Vallance S.D., C. B. Brecroft J.D., W. F. Sanders Director of Ceremonies, J. W. Fisher Organist, J. Wearing I.G., T. Shelmerdine and Greenwood Stewards, E. Watkin P.G.T. Tyler. Amongst the Visitors present on the occasion were Bros. Field 1434, Neale 402, Pfungst Grand Masters', Tomasson 402, Barlow 1435, H. Bonser 460, Webster 1493. Spalding 1909, Rev. Hardy 2028, Greenhalgh 402, Munro St. Andrew's, Marx 1909, Schofield, Cupit, Briddon 1028; Ashworth 1663, Turner 402, Kidd, Comyn 411; Burrows 1794, &c. A banquet was afterwards held at the Swan Hotel, to which most of the above mentioned brethren sat down. The menu was of a *récherché* character, and one of the best prepared in the town. The menu and toast list made a small book, and, as a characteristic of the Worshipful Master, the dishes and toasts were interwoven with lines of music and words a propos to each. A pleasing feature of the ceremony was the presentation to the Lodge by Bro. C. J. Neale of the minute book and warrant of the old Forest Lodge, No. 840, of which Bro. Col. Thomas Wildman was Worshipful Master, and Bro. C. J. Neale Secretary. The possession and interest of these records are greatly valued by the brethren of the resuscitated Forest Lodge, and their gratitude was immediately evinced by a proposition of the Worshipful Master's being unanimously adopted—that Bro. C. J. Neale be made an honorary life member of the Forest Lodge.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge took place on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds. The W.M., Bro. C. L. Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, was supported by the following Officers and members:—Bros. Dr. Smyth I.P.M. P.G. Chap., Tudor Trevor P.M. S.W., W. Watson P.M. J.W., Rev. H. Butler as Chaplain, Robert Abbott Treasurer, C. Middleton Secretary, J. Scott Young S.D., J. J. Frotwell J.D., M. W. Jameson I.G., Tom Atkinson Dir. of Cers., Batterworth and Melling Stewards, R. Craig P.M. P.P.G.D., B. S. Bailey, Smithson, Cryer, Robinson, and L. Howard Organist. This day had been fixed for the official visit of Alfred Lodge, No. 306, and the invitation had been accepted by a large number of the brethren of that Lodge. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Councillor Burns, was unavoidably absent, but he was represented by Bros. McQuat, Batt Secretary, J. Sutcliffe J.W., Stallard P.M. Treasurer, Musgrave, Thompson, J. B. Jowett S.D., Thrippleton I.P.M., and others. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorks (Bro. H. Smith) was present, and received the salutation due to his exalted rank. There were many other Visiters present, who had been attracted to Prudence for the purpose of hearing W. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. 1611 P.P.G.S.W. North and East Yorks deliver a lecture on Freemasonry. Mr. Harris Regbie Abbott—the son of the popular Treasurer of the Lodge—was impressively initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the Worshipful Master, who was assisted by Bros. Watson, Smyth, and Trevor. Bro. Whytehead then gave an admirable address upon "Masonry from an Archæological Point of View." He said,—Before beginning to say anything upon the particular subject I chosen to address you upon, I should like to make a few remarks generally upon Freemasonry as an Institution, and upon its present position. We seem to live in what may be described as the halcyon or golden days of Freemasonry. Never was there a time, certainly within the historic period, when Freemasonry was so prosperous, or numbered amongst its members so many men of high rank in life, and when so many of them were active members of the Craft. It is a remarkable fact that this should be so, because in these days every Institution is liable to criticism, and in fact I know of no human organisation which is not now subject to strict examination and concerning which it is not asked "Why does this exist?" Freemasonry has been criticised, but that is no new thing in the history of Freemasonry, for in the last century we find it has been subjected to very frequent and virulent attacks. About the year 1730 these attacks began to be made with exceeding rancour; we have in existence works published at that time purporting to expose the secrets of Freemasonry, and endeavouring to throw ridicule upon the whole Organisation. Cartoons to the same end were published between that and the end of the century. For a long time it seemed as if Freemasonry was likely to suffer from these persistent attacks. These attacks, however, were nothing to those made upon the Craft in America at the time of the so-called abduction of Morgan. At that time such a dead set was made against Freemasonry in America, from the highest down to the lowest in the Republic, that candidates were run for Congress upon the anti-Masonic ticket, and so violent and fierce were the onslaughts made upon the Order that in many parts of America it was absolutely unsafe for any one to be known to be a Mason. What has been the consequence of this? As I have already said, in Great Britain our Order is more prosperous than ever, yet great as that prosperity is it is nothing compared to its condition in the United States. I mean in regard to the numbers enrolled under our banners, and the great amount of time, labour, and money spent upon it by the brethren across the Atlantic. At the same time it is not always when an Institution is most popular that it is most prosperous. Yet, as I have said, its prosperity is great. Still we every now and again find people saying "What does Freemasonry do? You meet and dine, and it is true you have some Charities. We also meet and dine, but we have none of this tinsel and jewelry you wear. We enjoy our dinners quite as much as you do, we have our Hospitals, and Almshouses, and Charitable Institutions innumerable, but we do not make any fuss about it as you do about Freemasonry. What is the meaning of all this Masonic fuss? The reply I generally make to such inquiries is this. In the first place I deny there is any fuss or parade. As a rule Freemasons do not parade. Our leaders are not in favour of any out door show, and when these demonstrations take place they are generally speaking of such a character as not to invite criticism from outsiders. The best answer to make to these critics is to tell them that if they were Masons they would know more about it; there are points in Freemasonry which no outsider can appreciate, especially the point that we meet men in Masonry whose names we should otherwise have been ignorant of. That may be said of other organisations, but the friendships made under the banners of our Order are of a different character altogether to the friendships made under other circumstances. Some of my most treasured friendships have been made in a Masonic Lodge, and I trust I shall ever be able to look back with intense pleasure to the honest regard I have acquired from many men whom I should never have known had I not been a Mason. Still there are critics inside Freemasonry. There are many Institutions at the present moment that are more in danger from internal criticism than from attack from the outside, and I am not sure that this is not in some measure the case with Freemasonry. We are careful in the matter of candidates, and only receive them after we are satisfied that they are fit and proper persons to be made Masons; we even get as initiates men of considerable attainments and high offices. These come into our Lodges, and hear our beautiful ceremonies and thoroughly agree with the teaching therein enunciated, but after a time they lose their freshness. It is to be remembered that Freemasonry was founded at a time when learning and literature were at a low ebb, when few people could do more than read and write, and when general knowledge was confined to the few. Now all this is changed, and it is from the intelligent brother we have the most to fear. Unless we can retain the interest and regard of the most cultivated of our brethren, we as an Order shall not be as prosperous in the future as we have been in the past, and it is for that reason I believe that something more should be attempted in our Lodges than the mere ritual of the Order. Not that I would wish to throw the slightest discredit upon ritualism. If we can, however, introduce into the Lodges anything outside the usual working which may interest intelligent Masons we shall have a far better chance of retaining the continued respect and regard of those for whose opinion we certainly had the most esteem. This Lodge (Prudence)

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seems to have taken a very good starting point in this respect, inasmuch as it has already heard lectures from brethren well qualified to address you. There are many ways in which Freemasonry may be looked upon. There is the social aspect, and there is the political aspect; and although neither religious nor political systems are discussed, yet the Lodge has a bearing on this point. In the Lodge a man learns to be obedient to the powers that be, and a man who has learned that lesson is likely to make an admirable member of Parliament or a ruler of any society, because the man who can obey can also rule. And Freemasonry also has its religious aspect. Although it does not teach religion, yet I have always been told that Freemasonry is the handmaid of religion. Its ritual and teaching are based upon the great groundwork on which all religions have their foundations; it decidedly discountenances all irreligion. Freemasonry too has its scientific aspect, and I suppose that the archæology of Freemasonry is one of its scientific branches. To my mind the archæology of Freemasonry is by far the most interesting branch of Masonic study. There is no more interesting study than the study of the past, and Freemasonry offers you a very fair field in that direction. To many Masons I shall be making an astounding assertion, because in young Lodges where the brethren have not been favoured, as in this, by the lectures of distinguished brethren, it would be quite news to hear that there was anything interesting in the past history of Freemasonry. To the members of Prudence Lodge it would no doubt not be astonishing to hear of the number of works published on the various subjects connected with Freemasonry. These works could be numbered by thousands. The last 150 or 160 years has seen the publication of legions of works on Freemasonry, especially in Germany and France. I do not know whether it is that the Germans and French have been greater students than ourselves, perhaps they have been. In late years America has produced a vast number of Masonic works, in fact almost every week there is a book produced on some branch of the science. I think one reason why the Germans have produced so many Masonic works is that their rulers have endeavoured to make the Lodges more scientific than we have. In some Lodges the W.M. is an *ad vitam* appointment. In Stuttgard the present Worshipful Master of the Lodge has occupied his position for eighteen years, and will probably retain it as long as he lives. In that Lodge papers on scientific subjects are introduced and discussed, and the Worshipful Master being a leader of scientific thought in that place it has been thought right to keep him in office. I am not advocating that practice, because I do not think it would suit our Lodges. In Germany the Lodges are not so numerous as here; they are very particular as to the persons they admit, insisting upon certain qualifications, including a certain standard of knowledge. In England we are by no means behind in the matter of Masonic literature. The work of Bro. Gould, now almost completed, is probably the most exhaustive work on Freemasonry in the English language. The later editions of Preston are very valuable. Then, Bro. Hughan, of Torquay, has published valuable and reliable works; his work dealing with the extinct Grand Lodge at York being most interesting. Then there is Findel, who advocated the Steinmetzen theory of Freemasonry, and Bro. Fort. These are amongst the most valuable authors. The ritual of Freemasonry is another branch that will well repay study. The ritual has been altered a great many times; Anderson and Desaguliers having done much in this direction. It suffered various mutilations and emendations previous to 1814, and in that year the ancient and modern Grand Lodges coalesced, and the ritual now in use was fixed upon. As to the origin of the Masonic rite I cannot on this occasion fully discuss that. There is no question that the rite has been known from the earliest days. The collection of Masonic medals and jewels is another interesting branch of the archæology of Freemasonry. Bro. Cumberland has long been engaged in this branch, and has one of the best collections extant. Nothing has more tended to the extension of Masonic learning than the Exhibitions we have had—such as those at York, Worcester, and Shanklin, and I hope we shall see our way to have another Exhibition in York this year of the Queen's Jubilee. We know that Freemasonry has existed from time immemorial, and that it still exists all over the world. Travelling Masons have found our signs used universally. Dr. Tristram says that in North Africa an Arab Sheik recognised the Masonic signs, and that he was recognised as a member of the secret societies to which that Sheik belonged, because he knew their signs, which resulted in his being hospitably received. In conclusion, Bro. Whytehead urged on the brethren the desirability of their making Masonry a study, and reaping the rich reward such a study would give. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Whytehead, on the motion of W. Bro Dr. Smyth I.P.M., seconded by W. Bro. W. Watson P.M. J.W., and supported by W. Bro. Tudor Trevor P.M. S.W., who stated the pleasure it gave him to again meet Bro. Whytehead. They were boys together at St. Peter's, York; each had travelled abroad; and they had not met again till they did so in a Masonic Lodge, and thus Masonry had afforded them a renewal of their early friendship.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—Meeting held at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Coleman Street, London, E.C., on Thursday, 10th inst. Present: Bros. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. Preceptor W.M., W. J. Yates S.W., B. Williams J.W., L. V. Walker S.D., W. Bailey J.D., C. Thomasset I.G., W. H. Paddle P.M. P.Z. Treasurer, W. J. Ball Secretary; and W. Berry, F. C. Rush, A. Jardine, R. Baker, J. K. Pitt, J. Tattershall, &c. The work of the evening comprised the first and second sections in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing. Several points of interest, in ritual and ceremonial were discussed for information of inquiring brethren. Bros. L. V. Walker and W. Bailey, both of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, were elected members. Bro. Yates was elected to preside on the occasion of the Preceptor's Lecture to be given at the ensuing meeting. An agenda of Masonic work set out for this and next month was distributed, and a resolution to invite the W.M., Wardens, and Officers of the Mother Lodge, "The Great City" to occupy their respective Lodge positions in the Lodge of Instruction on the occasion of the Installation Ceremony being rehearsed on the 3rd proximo, was unanimously carried. The Lodge was then closed and the meeting adjourned. We are asked to remind brethren that the Fifteen Sections are to be worked in this Lodge next Thursday, the 24th inst., as that date has been appointed by the China Lodge, No. 1884, at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, for the delivery of Bro. Stevens's Lecture at that place. Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. has kindly consented to preside in the absence of the Preceptor.

MASONIC "AT HOME," AT DEVONPORT.

THE W.M. (Bro. H. R. Langmead), Officers, and Brethren of Lodge Friendship, No. 202, gave an "at home" at their Lodge Rooms, Granby-street, Devonport, on Monday, the 14th inst. The refectory was converted into a ball-room, and was very prettily decorated for the occasion. The Lodge Room was used as a reception room. There were various forms of amusement provided, and altogether a most pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. Bro. A. Searle played a clever violin solo, from "Il Trovatore," and capital songs were sung by Bros. Hocking, Herbert, Debsam, Leonard, and others. Mr. Pitcher accompanied on the piano. The Committee, who deserve credit for the excellence of their arrangements, consisted of Bros. Langmead, Welch, Knight, Leonard, Carter, Viggers, Jackman, Sandy, Holman, Organ. In the absence of the W.M. through indisposition, Bro. Leonard efficiently carried out the duties of Dir. of Cers., being ably assisted by Bro. J. Viggers as Master of Ceremonies. Bro. T. Shears and wife were in attendance on the ladies and gentlemen.

Obituary.

BRO. W. HYDE PULLEN P.G.S.B.

IT is with sincere regret we have to announce the death of Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, known for upwards of forty-four years as one of the most prominent and active Masons in the Provinces. Our deceased Brother was initiated into the Prince Edwin Lodge, No. 125, Hythe, and devoted so much of his time and attention to Masonic work that in the short space of two years he was elected and installed Worshipful Master. Following up his zeal and assiduity he afterwards attained similar positions in the East Medina Lodge, 175, Ryde, and Yarborough, 551, Ventnor, filling the chair three years in the former, and two years in the latter. As one of the founders of the Yarborough, he officiated as presiding Officer at its consecration, and was subsequently elected as its Treasurer. He was moreover prominently active in the foundation of the Yarborough Lodge, 811, at Brighton, and in recognition of the valuable services he rendered to that Lodge the compliment was paid him of being entrusted to annually instal its successive Worshipful Masters, a custom which was continued so long as his health permitted of travelling so long a distance. Later on he obtained Provincial honours in Kent, and also in the Isle of Wight, in the latter of which, after a year's service as Provincial Grand Deacon, he received his patent as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, retaining that position until the death of his chief, the late Bro. Fleming, and the connection of the Island with the Province of Hampshire. In 1861 he was invested by the late Earl of Zetland, as Grand Sword Bearer of England. On taking up his residence in the Metropolis he became attached to the London Lodge, No. 108, of which he became W.M.; he was also a member, and for some years Secretary, of the Friends in Council, 1383. In addition to these achievements he did excellent work, and attained high honours in Mark and Royal Arch Masonry, as well in the "higher" grades of Knight Templary, the Cryptic Degree, &c. In our "Masonic Portraits" we fully enumerated the services rendered to the Craft by Bro. Pullen, and therefore it is unnecessary to recapitulate them here. Suffice to say, that as a perfect master of ritual and ceremonial he was always ready to assist in promoting the interests of the Craft, whilst his generous support of the Masonic Institutions was too well known to need any comment here. His loss, therefore, will be felt amongst a very wide circle of his fellow workers in the Order, who will long remember him as one of the most active and zealous members of our Fraternity.

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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, and supply them with all necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large numbe of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time.

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THE "GREENWOOD MEMORIAL FUND."

THE details of a scheme which presents many features of interest to the Craft, and to the province of Surrey in particular, are before us; and we note with considerable satisfaction the development of a movement in which the late Bro. Charles Greenwood D.P.G.M., and for nearly thirty years Provincial Grand Secretary, took a very deep and active interest. Many of our readers are already familiar with that admirable scheme, designated the "Albert Institute," at Southwark, which was founded in the year 1857, for the benefit of the working-classes of that district, and for which it is now desired to secure larger dimensions and an increased sphere of usefulness. At that time comparatively few displayed any practical consideration for the poorer classes, either in the way of sanitary accommodation, cleanliness, or health, and it was due to the then Rector of Christ Church to inaugurate a scheme which has proved an inestimable boon to a very large number of the industrial classes in that and adjacent parishes. The idea was to provide a building which would afford much needed accommodation for those to whom "washing-day" was a dreaded event, and a bath an almost unheard of luxury; a meeting place at which quiet study and innocent entertainment could be enjoyed; decent living rooms for married couples, and a large dormitory for respectable single men. Through the exertions of the Rev. Joseph Brown, a public subscription was raised, and the project having assumed practical shape, the trustees acquired a leasehold site in Collingwood-street, on the west side of Gravel-lane, and upon this were erected baths and wash-houses, dormitories and living rooms for the working classes, and a working-men's club. The memorial stone of the "Albert Institute" was laid by the celebrated Earl of Shaftesbury (then Lord Ashley), and Her Majesty the Queen evinced some interest in the well-being of the Institution by presenting it with two of her works, "The Early Years of the Prince Consort," and "Leaves from the Journal of our Life in the Highlands." The Institute, which was not endowed, was carried on successfully, under a scheme of the Charity Commissioners, for some years, and was entirely self-supporting; while an infants' school was established, and carried on upon the premises. This school was subsequently affiliated with the Christ Church Parochial Schools, the trustees of which paid the Albert Trust £50 per annum for the use of the school-room in Collingwood-street. The Albert Infants' School is now carried on in a temporary iron structure erected on the churchyard, and is conducted under Government inspection; but on the completion of the new building, which is now in course of erection, it will be removed there, and the trustees of the Christ Church Parochial Schools will again pay £50 per annum to the Albert Trust. In 1872 the requirements of the South Eastern Railway Company led to negociations for the purchase of the site and building, which were completed three years later, and in 1875 the company took the premises occupied by the trustees, for the purposes of their undertaking, and paid the compensation awarded to the Albert Trustees into the Court of Chancery, where it has since remained. The buildings were pulled down in 1875, but although an estimate was at once obtained of the cost of re-erection, it was not until two years ago that a site could be obtained for the purpose. The architect to the trustees,—Mr. C. N. McIntyre North,—writing on the subject in "Archæology and Architecture of Southwark and elsewhere," observes that "none of the original trustees remain, and now the Treasurer, my old friend Charles Greenwood, after successfully overcoming the many difficulties which beset and impeded the resuscitation of the scheme, has gone to his rest, without seeing the completion of the Institution for which he laboured so well and disinterestedly." The dividends derived from the compensation paid by the railway company were received by the trustees, and were allowed to accumulate until last year, when a further scheme was applied for by the surviving trustee, Mr. Thorne, and this having received the approval of the Charity Commissioners, the new buildings were commenced in 1886, on the east side of Robert-street, Blackfriars-road, where the intentions of the founder and patron will be carried out on an enlarged scale. The basement contains washhouses, laundry, baths, kitchen, lavatory for men, and the basement of the Institution; a Parochial Hall on the left, consisting of rooms for meetings, lectures, entertainments, &c.; offices, &c., on the ground floor, and committee and club rooms on the first floor, the principal staircase being of stone with wrought iron handrails and panelling. On the right hand portion of the block are situated five sets of rooms, each set consisting of living room, bedroom and scullery complete; additional baths and the superintendent's office on the ground floor. The whole of the upper storey is reserved as a dormitory for single men, as before. The new building is nearly completed, but the Charity Commissioners have forbidden the trustees to spend the full amount required to put the Institution into working order by £500, until they have raised a similar sum of £500, by public or private subscription, in order to provide a further endowment. The present building is held by the trustees on a building lease at a ground rental of £61 per annum, which sum is (by the amalgamation of the Christ Church estate, or Marlborough-street Trust with the Albert Trust) provided for, so that the trustees will have no outgoings to meet beyond working expenses and rates and taxes.

Now the question arises how to provide the sum stipulated for by the Charity Commissioners, so as to bring about the completion of a scheme that lay so nearly the heart of our lamented Bro. Greenwood. It may be recollected that towards the end of last year a resolution was passed at a meeting of the Charity Committee of the Province of Surrey, held at 33 Golden-square, to the effect "That an appeal be made to the brethren of the Province for the purpose of raising a fund to provide some suitable memorial to testify to the services of the late Bro. Charles Greenwood D.P.G.M., and for nearly thirty years Provincial Grand Secretary." There can be little doubt that such an appeal will meet a ready response at the hands of the brethren of the Province, in whose esteem our deceased brother occupied so high a position; and the suggestion now is that the memorial might take a befitting shape in connection with the "Albert Institute" in which he manifested so untiring an interest, and which might really be said to have been the pet object of his useful life. As Treasurer to the Trust he had been associated with the old Institution for many years, and the completion of the new buildings was a matter to which he looked forward with the keenest anticipation. Moreover, he hoped to found a Masonic Lodge, the headquarters of which should be the Institution, and as the architect and builder are also Masons, no doubt the internal arrangements could be easily adapted to the purpose. It is well known that so far as Masonic hall accommodation in the South of London is concerned, and especially in this part of it, a great deficiency is experienced, therefore the establishment of such a basis in the centre of the locality would be welcomed by many Lodges already in existence. There can be little doubt if the promoters of the Institute saw the possibility of a Lodge taking up its abode there, and if they went out of their course to fit up rooms for that purpose, the same arrangements would be available for several others. In these days, when "temperance" and class Lodges are being formed they would appreciate the formation of a home where meetings could be held apart from the hotel influence, and this is a matter at any rate deserving consideration in connection with this scheme. Bro. Greenwood has been removed from our midst ere the grand design of his life, and one of the fondest objects of his hope, had reached its accomplishment; and it appears to us that no more graceful acknowledgment could be made by the brethren of the valuable services he rendered to the Province of Surrey, and to Freemasonry generally, than by devoting any fund that may be subscribed to raising the sum of £2500 required by the Charity Commissioners in order to complete the scheme. Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.G.D., as Secretary of the "Greenwood Memorial Fund," points out in a circular, recently issued in connection with that scheme, "that it is unnecessary to recapitulate the many great services rendered to this Province by our late Bro. Greenwood, or to remind the brethren of the respect and esteem he was held in by the members of the various Lodges and Chapters, to influence you in asking the cordial support of your own Lodges and Chapters to carry out the purpose of this appeal, but that you will act in conjunction with the Committee in the endeavour to raise a sum for the above purpose that will reflect honour on the Province, and be a worthy memorial of a brother whose loss we deplore, and whose memory we desire to perpetuate." We are informed that the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., has promised ten guineas towards the fund, and several Lodges in the Province have also expressed their readiness to co-operate in the movement. If, therefore, by the combined efforts of the Masons in the Province a sufficient sum can be realised to meet the requirements of the Charity Commissioners—a result which it is no very great stretch of imagination to hope for—the name of the building might be altered to that of "the Greenwood Institute," or otherwise, a result quite in accordance with the wishes of the present trustees. In such an event one or two nominees of the Provincial Grand Lodge might be added to the trustees of the Institute, to provide for any necessary detail which the committee might deem advisable, and to provide for the specific application of the interest upon the fund. It is the desire of the promoters of the movement that the Institute shall be dedicated Masonically, and without question the Provincial Grand Master could be induced to lend his countenance and assistance to the ceremony as its president. Moreover, this being the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign, and seeing that the Institute has so long borne the name of "Albert," the Queen might be disposed to assist in some way, pecuniarily or otherwise, in bringing the memorial scheme to a completion.

These are matters which the members of Lodges and Chapters in the Province of Surrey, and indeed beyond it,—in circles where the genial presence of our late Bro. Greenwood was welcomed for so many years,—are asked to consider; and we are confident that the result will be such as to enable the committee to erect a lasting monument to the memory of one who did so much substantial and practical service to Freemasonry, and to further indelibly associate the name of Greenwood with an Institution which owes so much to his unwearying and praiseworthy efforts ever since its foundation.

For further information on the subject of the Greenwood Memorial we refer our readers to Bro. H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.D. (22 Cowley Road, Brixton), the Secretary of the Fund.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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"MASONIC RECORDS" AND BRO. JACOB NORTON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Jacob's Norton's article on what he is pleased to designate my theory on the Philadelphia "Mother" question, in your last issue, demands from me a few words in reply. Into a discussion of the subject of American Masonic precedence I respectfully decline to be drawn. My work, "Masonic Records," does not venture to decide that question, and what it contains in reference to America has been written after a very careful investigation of the known facts; for the statements in the lengthy article which Bro. Norton has written to tell me what he knows about the origin of Masonry in Philadelphia were known to me long ago.

Bro. Norton complains that I have adopted a "new theory," *i.e.*, one at variance with the opinions held by my good friend Bro. W. J. Hughan of this country, and by Bro. McCalla of Philadelphia, based on my statement, at page 27 of "Masonic Records," in reference to No. 79, "Warranted for America, but probably warrant never used." And as this seems to be the matter with which Bro. Norton finds fault, with your permission I will look at the facts, premising at the outset that if I had ignored the reference to this Lodge in the Dublin Edition of the Pocket Companion of 1735, I should have fairly laid myself open to a charge of incompleteness; for the Book with its peculiar statement is well known. I had a copy kindly lent me for personal examination last year?

Now what are the facts in reference to No. 97, so far as the meagre information will enable us to judge?

1. It is manifest that in 1731, and not earlier, a Lodge was warranted or constituted bearing this number. At that period Lodges were numbered according to their dates of constitution. No. 76 is the last Lodge dated 1730, No. 77 bearing date 11th January 1731, No. 78 is dated 1731 ("1731" is in the Engraved Lists of 1736-8). No. 79 is without date in the Engraved Lists of 1736-8-9 but is dated "1731" in Anderson's List of Lodges, in the Constitutions of 1738.

2. In the List of Lodges taken from the Grand Lodge Minute Book which was commenced in 1730, receiving additions to it from time to time until 1732, there is an entry opposite No. 79, "Castle in Highgate."

3. In the List of Lodges represented in the Grand Lodge Minute Book as being present at Grand Lodge on 21st November 1732 is the "Castle in High-Gate," on which day that Lodge paid £2 2s 0d for its Constitution; and there is no previous reference to that Lodge in the Grand Lodge Minutes.

4. No further reference to this Lodge at Highgate appears in any list; for in the subsequent lists, viz., Rawlinson's of 1733, Pine's Engraved List of 1734, and the English Edition of Smith's Pocket Companion for 1735, No. 79 is undoubtedly represented by a blank.

5. In the Dublin Edition, however, of Smith's Pocket Companion for 1735 the space corresponding to No. 79 in the English Edition is filled up with "the Hoop, in Water Street, in Philadelphia."

6. The next recorded entry of No. 79 is in Picart's List, early 1735, in which the number is occupied by "Two Angels and Crown, Little St. Martin's Lane," or, according to the description in Grand Lodge Minutes of 24th February 173½, as "Angel and Crown, in Little St. Martin's Lane," and in these Minutes 46 Lodges are represented as attending Grand Lodge, the first 45 being placed in regular order according to their constitution, from No. 1 to No. 128, whilst the Lodge, or a Lodge appearing again for the first time as No. 79, is placed at the bottom of the list.

I am not aware of any other records bearing on this matter, and notwithstanding the quiet humour of Bro. Norton's statement that "the history of the Highgate Lodge, No. 79, is well known to Bro. Lane," I am bound to say I know no more. But from what is known I think it is not unreasonable to infer the following:—

(A.) That the Lodge, *wherever it may have been located*, that was originally warranted in 1731 as No. 79, for some cause or other disappeared from the List altogether in 1732.

(B.) That late in the year 1732, *the old number being blank*, a new Lodge was constituted at the Castle, in Highgate, to which the original number 79 was assigned, and which I distinguish as 79*b*.

(C.) That this Lodge fell into abeyance or lapsed [it is blank in 1733-34], and was revived or a new Lodge constituted early in 1735, at the Two Angels and Crown, in Little St. Martin's Lane, and continued to exist as a London Lodge until 1808.

(D.) That the Publisher or Editor of the Dublin Edition of Smith's Pocket Companion of 1735 must have had, *at the time*, some valid and satisfactory reason for inserting in his reprint "the Hoop, in Water Street, Philadelphia;" the probability being that he found it recorded in an Engraved List of 1731, a copy of which, however, is unfortunately now unknown.

I do not claim that these inferences are altogether and absolutely correct, but they commend themselves to my judgment on an impartial review of the actual facts; and certainly the latter inference is as likely to be correct as Bro. Norton's theory that the Dublin Editor "*probably heard* that a Lodge met at the Hoop Tavern, in Water Street, Philadelphia," and concluded that the Lodge in Philadelphia ought to go into the empty space on the Lodge List," "and so he popped it in accordingly." At any rate, my inferences harmonize with the published fragment of Bell's letter, the genuineness of which I am not called on to decide.

To Bro. Norton's statement, therefore, that "there can remain no doubt that No. 79 was born in Highgate, London, about 1730, I certainly demur. It is, I think, very evident from the foregoing that No. 79 was not at Highgate until the end of 1732, and that, consequently, there must have been *some Lodge* at No. 79 prior to the Lodge at Highgate, which appears subsequently to have taken the vacant place and number of the original Lodge.

I fear I have trespassed largely on your space, but the subject is important and interesting; and in taking leave of it, I beg to thank Bro. Norton for his kindly appreciation of the value of my "Masonic Records."

Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE.

Torquay, 15th February 1887.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION AND THEIR ADVANTAGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You have often enlarged upon the value of Lodges of Instruction as nurseries of the Craft, and as a means of enabling young Masons to fit themselves for positions they may be called upon to fill, and to which it is the laudable ambition of every one to aspire. But there is a still deeper importance attaching to these Lodges of Instruction, to many of which are attached Benevolent Associations, especially intended to aid our Masonic Charities. I was very pleased the other evening to be a visitor at one of our City Lodges, and to hear the intimation that by means of two or three such Associations as were mentioned, one of them had sent up within the last four years no less than 4,080 guineas to the three Institutions, another was about to make up a sum of one thousand guineas this year, and a third nine hundred guineas. There are few men who have Freemasonry at all at heart who cannot spare a shilling weekly in order to constitute himself a life governor of one or other of the Charities; and the scheme, so simple in itself, shows to demonstration how much good can be done by many, without the slightest self sacrifice, or infringing at all upon one's pecuniary interest. Let us imagine what a splendid tribute of Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the Craft might be raised were all the Benevolent Associations connected with our Lodges of Instruction to send the result of their year's efforts to the special fund suggested in your editorial columns recently, in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The five shillings each from all members of English Freemasonry—so modestly estimated by you at 80,000—supplemented by the accumulated funds from Associations attached to Lodges of Instruction, would raise a "stately and superb edifice" to the honour of our beloved Sovereign such as could not be surpassed by any other loyal exertions, and would provide the Craft with such a memento of the Jubilee year as Masons could point to with honest pride, and which would confer an inestimable boon upon many of our less fortunate brethren and widows who are seeking comfort and solace in their declining days. Trusting this little "suggestion" may be incorporated with your own,

Believe me, Dear Sir and Brother, to remain,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As some of your readers who may be intending, but have not hitherto subscribed to this Institution, may not know there are two separate funds in it—one for the Males and one for the Widows—nor of the state of their accounts, it might be as well to enlighten them. On Wednesday, the 9th instant, at the General Committee Meeting, for deciding how many annuitants were to be added to each Fund, the Secretary informed those present that there was a balance of £5,600 to the good on the Widows' account, but that some £2000 Stock had to be sold out on account of the Male Fund, to meet requirements; consequently the Committee decided to increase the number to be elected on the former, from three present vacancies to twenty-five, besides the usual three deferred; at the same time no addition was made to the six vacancies on the Male Fund besides what might occur in the usual way through death or withdrawal. Now, if the contributors would—while not forgetting the Widows—throw a larger amount into the Male Fund, it would enable the deficiency in the Stock to be made good, and in addition equalise matters. The number of applicants 77—28 to be elected = 43, 51—9 = 42, so that though the number to be left out is nearly equal, yet it is not in proportion to the number of applicants, for nine is nearly one-sixth of fifty-one, and twenty-eight is considerably less than one-third of seventy-seven; however, it is too late to make alteration this year, but it would pave the way for next year.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Strand.—Messrs. George R. Sims and Clement Scott's musical variety drama "Jack in the Box," which was produced at Brighton some eighteen months ago, has at last arrived in London, with Miss Fanny Leslie in her original *rôle* of Jack Merryweather. This lady has secured this theatre for a season, and with so attractive a play is almost sure to succeed. The plot may be described as a combination of melodrama and variety business. The fault is Jack Merryweather is too conspicuous. It is well know the play was written for Miss Leslie, and on this account incidents are introduced that at times impede its progress, though at the same time the action is bright and amusing. It is all very well to have a song here, and a song there, but when they are introduced in every interesting part of the story, such a proceeding must be voted a nuisance rather than a pleasure. Again, the fair scene is only a repetition of the one in "The Noble Vagabond"—though we must acknowledge Messrs. Sims and Scott's drama was first in the field; the tumultuous crowd, the noisy showmen are all to be seen and heard, while the clamour they produce is simply dreadful. However, "Jack in the Box" as it stands, notwithstanding its many faults, will furnish an enjoyable evening to many London playgoers. Miss Leslie has secured the assistance of several well known artistes, who bring the different points of the piece well out. But the life of the piece is Jack Merryweather, as represented by Miss Leslie, whose dancing and singing are both graceful and interesting, while her unflagging spirits, general vivacity and talent are sure to please an audience.

Standard.—Withdrawn in the height of its success, "A Dark Secret" was revived here last Monday, and, judging from the reception accorded it, we may say it has entered on another successful run. All the sensational features, exciting incidents, and startling situations are again to the fore, while the great Henley Regatta scene, with its realistic race for the diamond sculls, is worked out with undimmed effect. Only one fault can be found with last Monday's representation—the artistes were either very nervous, or they had not gauged the size of the house. Although a revival differs from a "first night" proper, yet it is the same thing to those actors or actresses who undertake parts for the first time. Consequently this fault may be overlooked, for it is one that can be remedied. The principal alteration in the caste is that of Jonas Norton, formally played by Mr. Julian Cross, but now represented by Mr. Bassett Roe. This gentlemen gives a powerful rendering of the part, his cravings for gold were evidenced with telling force, and the hypocrisy of the old miser was capitally displayed. A change has likewise taken place in the representative of Stephen Norton, now effectively played by Mr. Louis Calvert. Mr. Stanley Pringle essays the part of Martin Brooke, the hero at Henley. Miss Stella Brereton again gives her careful and graceful representation of Nelly. This lady shows plenty of emotional power, and thoroughly secured the sympathy of her audience. Miss Amy Steinberg is again the May Joyce, while the numerous other characters find good representatives. Praise is due to Mr. John Douglass for the perfect manner in which he has staged the piece.

OLYMPIA, KENSINGTON.—Some 300 children of the Foundling Hospital attended the afternoon performance of the Hippodrome on Tuesday last, on the kind invitation of Mrs. Batley, of Elvanstone-place, South Kensington. The chaplain, secretary, masters and mistresses, and many of the nurses were also present, and with the children filled one section of the grand circle. It was a sight not soon to be forgotten to see them in their snowy white linen caps, tippets, and aprons, a costume well-known to those who frequent the church attached to the Foundling Hospital. It was as though snow had fallen heavily on just one portion of the vast building. The children took the liveliest interest in the whole performance, and broke into peals of merry laughter at the comical bull-fight, and the funny doll in the stag-hunt, and clapped their little black gloved hands vigorously at the chariot-races. It is almost difficult to say whether, to the bulk of the audience, the performance itself or the sight of these happy children proved most attractive.

On Wednesday the meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. R. Grey P.G.D.; Bros. J. Brett P.G.P. and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. occupying the Vice-chairs. There was a full attendance of the Board. The agenda for the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge having been read, the recommendations for the last meeting of the Board of Benevolence were confirmed. The new list contained thirty-four cases, viz., from London, Southampton, Ulverston, Carnarvon, Dudley, Hong Kong, Ireland, Brighton, Uxbridge, Manchester, Sevenoaks, Plymouth, Harwich, Portsmouth, Teignmouth, Deal, Constantinople, Stretford, Cape Town, Holbeach, and Madras. The total amount awarded during a four hours' sitting was £810, which was composed of one recommendation of £75, one of £60, three of £50 each, two of £40 each, five of £30 each, nine grants of £20 each, two of £15 each, eight of £10 each, and one of £5.

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The ornamental accessories have of late years undergone such a change that brethren of "ye olden times" would be astounded could they rise up and behold the artistic style in which the menus and programmes of the present day are got up. If, as is sometimes pointed out, gigantic strides have been made in the manipulation of Christmas cards, valentines, and the finer branches of lithography and decorative printing, equally as much may be said of the improvements introduced into our Masonic programmes, which now embody, in colour, gold, and emblematic design, a wonderful amount of artistic skill. We have before us one of the most elaborate specimens of this kind of work, in the programme issued for the installation banquet of the Forest Lodge, No. 1852, held on the 9th inst., at Mansfield, and executed by Brother John Linney, of the *Mansfield and North Notts Advertiser*. The menu and the list of toasts following are interspersed with lines of music, and the opening stanzas of songs appropriate to each subject, printed in gold, the whole being enclosed in a pretty cover of blue and gold, splendidly embellished with the emblems of the Craft. This production deserves notice, as one of the most elaborate and unique of its kind we have yet seen.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

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)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, 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, 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.)
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, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst)
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. 128—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, Golden Square

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
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
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 1061—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
R.C. 28—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
20—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Mount, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions 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, Camden-street Hotel, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
804—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, Turnadacadie 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.
1446—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1466—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1581—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1641—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)
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
2103—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
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
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

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, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
238—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's 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, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pownie's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
948—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.
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
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., 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.)
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. 754—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
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
1611—Alexandra, Horncastle, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
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. 553—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Mosley-street, Newcastle
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Phillips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, Kingsroad, 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.)
547—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)
764—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)

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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. (I n.)
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, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1458—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)
1613—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. (In.)
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)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington
R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 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)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
296—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
836—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
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
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1692—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. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 451—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Nortolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
R.A. 1395—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

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. (Inst.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
765—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, James Street, Piccadilly, at 8. (I)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1165—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1286—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1642—K. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street, Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel
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THE FESTIVAL OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE first Masonic Charity Festival of the year 1887 was celebrated on Tuesday, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the result being a splendid success on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; no less a sum than £18,700 being announced as actually subscribed, with special matters outstanding which will, in all probability, raise the total of the year to the grand amount of £21,000. This may be accepted as a fitting tribute from the brethren of England to the cause of Charity, in answer to the Special Appeal which was made to them to use extra efforts on this occasion, to mark their rejoicings at the long reign of Her Majesty the Queen. Moreover, it may justify the subscribers of the Institution in making a yet further addition to the number of vacancies to be filled at the Election in May.

The total announced on Tuesday was raised by three hundred and seventy-eight Stewards, the largest number but one ever working on behalf of an Annual Festival of this Institution. Of this number one hundred and seventy-eight represented London Lodges, who contributed £9,554 18s to the result; and two hundred the Provinces, the donations from which were announced as £9,146, thus showing a tolerably fair division of the total between the two great sections of English Freemasonry. There have already been additions to these totals, and no doubt many others will be received ere the Festival returns are finally closed, the number of outstanding lists at the time of the announcement being given as twenty-seven, while, as we shall record later on, strenuous efforts are being made in at least two of the great Provinces to raise a further sum on behalf of this Institution, in order that true jubilee offerings may be forthcoming from the brethren of these respective districts.

London, which sent up a total of £9,554 18s to the Festival, at the hands of one hundred and seventy-eight Stewards, and has since the Festival increased the amount to £9,747 19s 6d, contributed some splendid lists, there being no less than twenty-five which shew a three figure total. Foremost among these is the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, which was represented by Bro. George Skudder; the amount of his list being £350. The next highest is the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, concerning which the Secretary of the Institution, in announcing the amount, said this Lodge had been one of the most consistent supporters of the Institution in the past, it having been regularly represented at each of the Festivals for upwards of twenty-five years; the amount of its contribution on this occasion was £330. The Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, is next in order, the contributions secured by its representative, Bro. Major A. Durrant, being £210. The St. John Lodge, No. 1306, represented by Bro. J. G. Twinn, contributed £201 1s 6d, and occupies the fourth place on the roll of honour. We next have a total of £196 7s, that being the sum secured by Brother W. M. Stiles, as representative of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, and the Henry Levander Chapter, No. 2048. He is closely followed by Brother Charles N. Carrell, with a total of £192 0s 6d from the Victoria Park Lodge, No. 1816; he in turn finds a successor in Brother Vivian Orchard, of the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, whose total was £178 10s. Brother James Terry, the popular Secretary of the Institution, as Steward for the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, placed that Lodge next on the roll, the result of his Stewardship being £176 15s. After him comes Bro. R. K. Bull of the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, with a total of £170 7s, while the tenth on the list is but a few shillings short of that amount, the actual figures being £170, contributed at the hands of Brother S. G. Bonner, who represented the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382. There is now a drop to £162 5s, which is the total from the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, brought up at the hands of Bro. Henry White, and then follows Brother James Willing jun., who, as representative of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, of which he is a Past Master, was so far successful in his Stewardship as to contribute a total of £157 10s to the day's record. Brother Daniel Hughes, of the City of London Lodge, No. 901, is the Steward next in order, with a list of £154 1s, after which the amounts collected range in the following order, £138 1s 6d from the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, at the hands of Bro. R. Dyson; £135 9s from the Felicity Lodge, No. 58, Bro. Thomas Reynolds acting as Steward; £117 15s 6d from the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, per Brother R. W. Galer; £115 10s from the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, per Brother W. McDougall; £112 12s 6d jointly from Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, and the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, which were represented by Bro. James Boulton; £110 10s from the United Mariners' Lodge, No. 30, per Brother Joseph Driscoll; £109 17s from the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, per Bro. Richard Cane; £108 13s 6d from both the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, and the Unity Lodge, No. 183, per Bros. E. C. Mulvey and G. R. Langley respectively; £103 8s 6d from the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, per Bro. James Pain; £103 7s from the Fidelity Lodge, No. 3, per Bro. John Larkin; and £101 7s from the Burdett Coutts, No. 1278, per Bro. Basil Stewart. This brings our summary of the three figure London lists to a conclusion, but it does not in any degree close the roll of honour so far as the Metropolis is concerned. If the remainder of the Stewards from The Great City have not been as successful as their coadjutors in regard to amounts secured it is not from any fault of their own; no doubt they have done the best with the means at their disposal.

We do not intend to make any lengthened remarks in regard to the Provincial totals. The details of what each district has done are given in another column, and to attempt anything like a minute survey of the figures is unnecessary at the present time, in view of the numerous other calls on our space. We shall, however, refer to a few of the principal items in the list, and may perhaps on some future occasion review more minutely the several minor sums, which form no inconsiderable part of the handsome total subscribed from the Provinces.

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—the district over which the Chairman of the day presides—has the honour of heading the totals from the Provinces, the aggregate of its contributions being £1,760 14s 6d. Of this sum Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, the representative Steward of the Province, brought up £414 3s. Companion Richard Eve, the accepted champion of the Provincial Grand Chapter, also took a prominent part in raising the large total of the district, his list being £157 10s; while three other brethren were successful to the extent of getting three figure totals.

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Kent occupies the second place among the Provinces, with a total of £1,227 17s 6d, raised by seventeen Stewards, the premier place among them being secured by Bro. J. O. Eve, who represented the Royal Navy Lodge, No. 429, and secured a total of £171 9s. Six other members of this Province each collected upwards of £100, while those who figure for less than that sum took a prominent part in raising the gratifying total contributed by the Province.

West Yorkshire was represented by thirty-three Stewards, who secured £750 on behalf of the Festival; but it is hoped that this sum will prove to be but a small moiety of what will eventually be raised from West Yorkshire for this Institution during the current year. We believe the brethren are there making arrangements to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee by a special donation to the funds of the Benevolent Institution. The same is the case in East Lancashire, from which Province it is hoped something like £1,500 will eventually be forthcoming; at present all that has been announced is £89 5s.

The next highest total is that of Essex, which is represented by 12 Stewards, with a total of £500 13s, two of its members securing three-figure totals.

The following is a summary of the whole of the Provincial donations:—

Province.	No. of Stewards.	Amount.
Hampshire and the Isle of Wight	28	1760 14 6
Kent	17	1227 17 6
West Yorkshire	33	750 0 0
Essex	12	500 13 0
Middlesex	13	431 17 0
Derbyshire	8	429 14 0
Suffolk	3	418 19 0
Hertfordshire	11	396 19 0
West Lancashire	11	396 8 0
Cornwall	1	368 11 0
Surrey	9	351 1 6
Leicestershire and Rutland	1	250 0 0
Berks and Bucks	6	216 4 6
Cambridgeshire	1	200 0 0
North Wales	4	152 1 0
Norfolk	1	151 5 0
Somersetshire	1	132 8 0
Staffordshire	1	132 6 0
Bristol	1	115 10 0
Dorsetshire	1	113 3 0
Sussex	2	112 7 0
North and East Yorkshire	3	93 7 0
East Lancashire	17	89 5 0
Gloucestershire	2	84 0 0
Warwickshire	4	75 12 0
Oxfordshire	3	72 18 6
Cumberland and Westmoreland	1	55 13 0
Durham	—	52 10 0
Devonshire	1	50 0 0
South Wales (East Division)	—	36 15 0
Worcestershire	1	31 10 0
Cheshire	2	30 5 0
Nottinghamshire	1	27 0 6

A SCHEME UTOPIAN.

GRAND Lodge will have yet another proposition submitted to it, at its next meeting, in connection with the Royal Jubilee celebration, and it is one which might well excite feelings of curiosity and surprise. The Jubilee year has called into being all sorts of new-fangled ideas, some of which are of an astoundingly novel and erratic character. But that which stands on the agenda for next Grand Lodge, in the name of Bro. C. W. Meiter, Worshipful Master of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, is certainly one of the most unique and original that has yet come under our observation. No doubt this worthy Brother, in his desire to perpetuate the memory of the Jubilee of her Majesty's glorious reign, has been prompted by the most sincere and genuine sentiments, but the erection of a "House of Prayer for all Nations," "upon the ground in or near the original site of King Solomon's Temple, at Jerusalem" is rather calculated to upset one's gravity at the first blush. The rebuilding of King Solomon's Temple is a suggestion having a peculiarly strange ring in Masonic ears, though when we consider the time and circumstances under which the original edifice was erected, and the changes which have occurred since that time, it is difficult to realise how Brother Meiter's dream can be fulfilled. Of course, we are not so obtuse as to imagine the prime mover of this "castle in the air" aims at such high game as the resuscitation of the Temple in all its pristine splendour, with its gold and cedar, and the magnificent embellishments of which we read so much. His idea is more modest, and seeks merely to provide a resting-place and nook for devotion for all those pilgrims "of every nation and kindred, and tribe," who pass that way in the direction of the Holy City. No suggestion is proffered as to what shall be the cost of such an edifice, but the "plan of campaign" for raising subscriptions towards the object in view is decidedly interesting. Let us presume for an instant that the motion of which Bro. Meiter has given notice is passed at the next meeting of Grand Lodge, and that an architectural competition be invited for designs for this universal "House of Prayer." Then, according to the originator of the scheme, the question of ways and means is easily solved. The first step to be taken is for the Grand Lodge of England to "prepare forthwith a foundation stone," which shall be consecrated by "our present Most Worshipful Grand Master," or his nominee, in London. This is somewhat vague, but we can just imagine the quiet smile of amusement which will steal over the features of his Royal Highness when he first reads the strange, though doubtless well intentioned proposal of the Master of the Mizpah Lodge. But Bro. Meiter, as a man of business, is to be baulked by no procrastination or delay; the scheme is to be carried out on the principle of Macbeth, "If it were done, when 'tis done, then 'twere well it were done quickly." Thus, as soon as the sacred block of stone has received the unction of our Most Worshipful Master, it is to be put on exhibition, and all loyal and religiously disposed Freemasons will be afforded the privilege of kneeling at the shrine and pouring forth their offerings into the coffers of the idol which Bro. Meiter has set up. All present at the consecration ceremony are to be allowed to place contributions on the stone, and an important feature in that respect is that the same shall be "publicly acknowledged." It needs a little stretch of imagination to picture the host of Masons flocking up to London, where the stone is to "remain for a given time," and depositing their guineas upon the slab of Portland stone which is to stand at the north-east corner of the "House of Prayer for all Nations," at Jerusalem. Nor is this all, for the general public are to "enjoy the some privilege of subscribing and placing their subscriptions on the stone as those present at the consecration." Is there not something immensely funny in this fanciful vision, of raising a Masonic Ebenezer on the historic site of Hiram's great achievement? The sublimity of the conception is only eclipsed by its grotesque absurdity. But we are digressing. After the consecrated stone has been deluged by the gold and silver —the frankincense and myrrh of pilgrims to the metropolis, for the purpose—it is to be carried, like the Ark of old, through the "principal cities of the United Kingdom and other countries," there to attract Masonic and "general" worshippers, who will fall down before this nucleus of a cosmopolitan system of devotion and piety which is to be inaugurated in honour of the Jubilee reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and Empress of India. The custodians of the stone are to be "composed entirely of Free and Accepted Masons, to be nominated by the Grand Lodge of England," who shall be responsible for its safe custody, and the amounts placed thereon, or otherwise subscribed for this object at each resting station. The money thus collected is to be forwarded to the Treasurer, or as may be directed by order of the Grand Lodge of England. How this extraordinary proposition will be received by Grand Lodge is an event to which we shall look forward with no little degree of curiosity. We have no doubt that somebody will be found to second it, for any "fancy" movement is sure to find a following of some kind or other. But if we can bring ourselves to believe that Bro. Meiter is really serious in this affair, our regret is that his nearest and dearest advisers should not have counselled him to withdraw himself as speedily as possible from a web of his own construction, and which will inevitably involve him in the position of a laughing-stock amongst all staid and rationally-minded Masons. We have no desire to poke fun at men who imbibe "up in a balloon" ideas, and dream of impossible things; but what with Imperial Institutes, Jubilee banquets, feasts, jewels, and the legion of other celebrations, this far-fetched idea seems rather like a snatch of the Arabian Nights' Entertainments than anything that has yet been submitted to the Craft. From a utility point of view it is difficult to see of what advantage this "House

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of Prayer" would be. The idea is, to our way of thinking, altogether too Utopian to be seriously entertained, and it would be just as well if the proposer would leave to the other Jubilee-mongers the perpetuation of their various projects rather than persevere in a will o' the wisp such as the planting of a sanctum for cosmopolitan devotion on the site of Solomon's Temple. It would be a pathetic spectacle to see the members of Grand Lodge, after the consecrated stone had "gone the round" of the principal cities in this and other countries, embarking, like Pilgrim Fathers, with the treasure on board, and accompanied by a host of privileged followers, Present and Past Grands, to assist at the dedication of this King Solomon's Temple number two. While, however, the matter is *sub judice* it is perhaps unfair to criticise in detail the wonderful scheme which Bro. Meiter will endeavour to launch at the next meeting of Grand Lodge, but if it is received with more than a whimsical shrug of the shoulders—even by ardent loyalists in support of Jubilee celebrations—we shall indeed be surprised.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL.

THE Anniversary Festival of this Institution was celebrated on Tuesday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The result, as we say elsewhere, was of the most gratifying character, while in point of numbers the Festival was more numerously attended than any of its predecessors, the Large Hall of the Tavern proving too small to accommodate the many brethren who were present, an "overflow" meeting being thus rendered necessary, for the first time, we believe, in the history of the Masonic Charity Festivals. The banquet, considering the exceptionally large number who had to be provided for, was very well served, Messrs. Spiers and Pond fully maintaining their own reputation, as well as that of Freemasons' Tavern, in their provision for this part of the evening's programme. At the conclusion of the banquet, and after grace had been sung, the Chairman proceeded with the customary toasts. In proposing that of the Queen he said, the feeling which promoted loyalty in the breasts of Englishmen arose from the firm belief that under a Constitutional monarchy we enjoyed greater liberty than under any other Constitution on earth, while the feeling was intensified by the attachment Englishmen felt towards their Queen. During her long reign she had so discharged her high duties as to win the respect and esteem of her people. The toast of the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family was next given. The Prince of Wales, said Bro. Beach, has proved himself ready to promote every useful institution that could conduce to the welfare of the people, and support every charity of the country so far as lay in his power. In these days, when in some countries Freemasons were found to be connected with certain nefarious projects, English Freemasons might well congratulate themselves that the Prince of Wales had placed himself at their head. The way in which Freemasonry had increased during the period he had presided over them was the best testimony they could have of the power of his influence. His eldest son, who it was well known had also been received into Freemasonry, had since undertaken office in a Private Lodge, in order to qualify himself for farther advancement in the Craft. The Duke of Connaught had also taken considerable interest in the Craft, while it was only necessary to mention the name of the Princess of Wales to ensure a hearty reception to the toast. The toast of the Pro Grand Master followed. It was impossible for the Prince of Wales to be present on every occasion his presence was desired, and it was therefore necessary he should have some able coadjutor to occasionally take his place. The Earl of Carnarvon well filled the vacancy, and faithfully discharged any duties required of him. He (Bro. Beach) had watched Lord Carnarvon's career with a considerable amount of interest, because he had been instrumental in introducing that brother into the Masonic Order. He was pleased to see he had acted up to his earliest lessons in Freemasonry. The Deputy Grand Master and the Present and Past Grand Officers were next toasted, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall Past G. Treasurer responding. The Chairman now gave "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; giving a brief outline of the work it had accomplished in the past, its present bounty and its annual requirements. He then made a forcible appeal for exertions on its behalf in view of the exceptionally large number of applicants, and concluded by commending the Institution to the thought, zeal, and liberality of his audience. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, one of the Trustees, acknowledged the toast in brief terms, feeling the brethren were anxious to hear the announcement which would follow, from the Secretary, of the various sums contributed. He felt he must, however, express the thanks of those connected with the Institution to the brother who had that day occupied the chair—who was really his Masonic father, having initiated him (Bro. Martyn), as well as Lord Carnarvon and many others. He also desired to thank the many who had contributed to the very handsome total which was about to be announced. Bro. Terry then read a summary of the subscriptions, of which full details will be found elsewhere. Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, gave the toast of the Chairman, who, he believed, had been initiated into Freemasonry as far back as 1848. Bro. Beach had twice before acted as Chairman on behalf of the Charities, once for the Girls' School, and once for the Boys'. He had that day completed the trio, by presiding on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. The magnificent sum contributed by the Chairman's Province was evidence of the energy he had displayed, while the acknowledgments of them all were due to him for having come forward and filled the onerous duty of Chairman. Bro. Beach having acknowledged the compliment and expressed his indebtedness to the Stewards and others who had contributed to the success of the Festival, said he felt considerably flattered that such a very handsome list should have been collected under his presidency. The Baron de Ferrieres proposed the other Masonic Charities, to which Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, the Secretary of the Girls' School, replied. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke then gave the toast of the Stewards, which was acknowledged by Brother Berridge, Hon. Treasurer to the Board. Bro. Dr. Strong, Hon. Surgeon to the Institution, gave the Ladies, and Bro. Capt. Geo. Lambert having replied, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion, the brethren repairing to the Temple, where an excellent concert was given under the direction of Bro. E. M. Lott, Past Grand Organist, who was assisted by a number of distinguished artistes.

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CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 804.

THE installation meeting of the above Chapter took place on Tuesday, the 15th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, under dispensation of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, the usual place of meeting, the Masonic Hall, Havant, being in the hands of the builder, for extensive alterations. There was a good attendance of members, and all the Officers were in their places. Two candidates from the mother Lodge were elected, and the retiring First Principal Companion Dart, Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, proceeded with the ceremony of installing the Principals elect, Comps. T. D. Askew as Z., T. W. Price as J., and J. Collings as H., the ceremonies being performed in a very impressive manner. The following Companions were then invested with the collars of their respective offices :—H. W. Smith Parsons S.E., C. V. Buck S.N., F. V. Paxton P. Soj., E. Boorman First Assistant, A. Marsh 2nd Assistant, J. W. Hillman P.Z. P.P.G.P.S. Treasurer, J. A. Elverston P.Z. P.P.G. Standard Bearer D.C., J. Prior Organist, S. E. Sprigings Steward. Amongst the other members and Visitors present were Comps. E. E. Street P.Z. P.P.G. Standard Bearer, T. Francis P.Z. P.P.G. Assistant Sojourner, H. P. Emanuel, C. Courtien, C. Hopkins, W. Smith, E. S. Main P.Z. 342 P.P.G.S.N., J. Westaway J. 342, J. Lind P.Z. 1428 P.P.G.D.C., J. Jackson Tyler 1428, and T. H. Woodrow 1428. A vote of thanks was tendered to Companion Dart; three candidates were proposed; the sum of ten guineas was voted from the Chapter funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the same placed on Comp. Dart's list. Chapter then closed. The Companions adjourned to an excellent repast, provided by the Club Steward, when the usual toasts were given and responded to.

The form of installation of principals will be rehearsed on Tuesday, the 1st March, at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, held at the "White Hart," corner of Abchurch Lane and Cannon Street, London, E.C., to commence at half past five o'clock. This will not interfere with the usual exaltation ceremony at half past six o'clock. As a rule business is completed by eight o'clock each evening, with a view of enabling those residing out of London to catch an early train.

Bro. Joseph Cox, proprietor of the *Hackney Express*, and member of the Shoreditch Vestry and Board of Guardians, was presented, at the last meeting of the Saint Leonard Lodge, No. 1766, with a handsome Secretary's jewel, in acknowledgment of services rendered in that capacity since the consecration of the Lodge in 1878. Bro. Cox was initiated in the New Concord Lodge, No. 813 (of which he is still a member), in 1872, and was one of the founders of the Saint Leonard Lodge on its formation at the Shoreditch Town Hall. He was appointed J.W. at the installation meeting in December last.

We have been requested to state that the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, now meets at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Saturday evenings, at eight o'clock, instead of Wednesday, as hitherto.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the Delicate.—Those to whom the changeable temperature is a protracted period of trial should seek the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good health. This cooling Ointment, perseveringly rubbed upon the skin, is the most reliable remedy for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest. Quinsy, 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. His Ointment and Pills are highly commended for the facility with which they successfully contend with influenza; they allay in an incredibly short time the distressing fever and teasing cough.

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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.

UNATTACHED.

		£	s	d
Br	John Baker	10	10	0
	John Barnett jun.	10	10	0
	Robert Berridge	21	0	0
	Edgar Bowyer	50	0	0
	Samuel Brooks	31	10	0
	H Carman	10	10	0
	Charles Cheston	10	10	0
	William Clarke	10	10	0
	Joseph Clever	46	14	6
	H S Goodall	21	0	0
	F H Gottlieb			
	George Graveley	21	0	0
	Frederick Green	26	5	0
	Harry Parnell Hay	10	10	0
	Henry John			
	Maj. G. Lambert, F.S.A.			
	A Le Grand	15	15	0
	J L Mather			
	C F Matier	52	10	0
	H B Marshall sen.	26	5	0
	H B Marshall jun.	10	10	0
	Æ J McIntyre, Q.C.	94	10	0
	James Moon	10	10	0
	W J Murlis	31	10	0
	Henry F Nash	10	10	0
	John Henry Roach	20	0	0
	Major Henry Stephens	60	12	0
	E L P Valeriani	26	5	0
	N L Western	21	0	0
	Alfred Williams	10	10	0
	Alfred Woolveridge			
Lodge				
1	Charles Belton	52	10	0
3	John Larkin	103	7	0
4	Gerald Sturt	26	5	0
5	Fred. Pattison	29	8	0
8	S G Glanville	23	1	0
11	C H McQueen	21	10	6
14	Alfred Williams	16	16	0
15	Charles James	68	0	0
18	Capt. Clifford Probyn	33	12	0
19	W M Bywater	50	18	6
21	W Grellier			
22	L V Walker	50	0	0
23	Richard Clowser	10	10	0
26	Daniel B Ledsam	21	10	6
28, 1056	James Boulton	112	12	6
29	Edward Terry	28	15	0
30	Joseph Driscoll	110	10	0
33	R C Hallowes	39	18	0
55	Edward H Brown	40	19	0
58	Thomas Reynolds	135	9	0
60	Henry Hacker	15	15	0
65	R Dyson	138	1	6
79	Vivian Orchard	178	10	0
87	Thomas Minstrell	58	0	0
95	John M Knight	27	6	0
99	H Trueman Wood	78	15	0
101	T A Bullock			
140	Henry W Roberts	51	2	0
141	George Coop	36	15	0
144	O D Ward	80	1	0
145	Geo C Banks			
169	George Skudder	350	0	0
172	Thomas Whaley	60	16	0
173	James Millier	90	6	0
Chapter				
173	Comp Edward Ayling	26	5	0
Lodge				
174	Bro John Bulmer	330	0	0
Chapter				
176	Comp Mihil Slaughter	42	0	0
Lodge				
179	Br E C Mulvey	108	13	6
183	G R Langley	108	13	6
197	R Fuge Grantham	31	10	0
205	A J Henoohsberg	60	5	0
228	G H Edis	81	15	0
235	Ernest L Marshall	15	15	0
255	N D Fracis	18	18	0
256	H J Bertram	35	14	0
259	Rudolph G Glover	31	10	0
435	August Ross	27	16	6
511	J H Look	20	17	6
534	J G Tongue	57	15	0
538	John Skinner	10	10	0
548	James Pain	103	8	6
554	John J Berry	57	14	0
	Hugh Cotter	52	18	6
569	Major A Durrant	210	0	0
Chapter				
619	Comp H Bond	35	3	6
704	Br Dr N Goodchild jun	36	15	0
715	F E Upfield Green	13	13	0
733	A Arrowsmith	5	5	0
749	G Samuel Elliott	24	1	0
753	J J Thomas	48	5	6
781	R K Bull	170	7	0
813	C H Ockelford	34	2	6
813	William Pierpoint	21	0	0
820	R Pye	34	13	0
822	Edwin C P Scott	31	10	0
860	Geo Stockwin	35	0	6
861	W G Hallows	58	16	0
862	David Jas Ross	43	6	6
871	Jas Geo Thomas	48	4	6
890	J B Cumming	39	18	0
898	Wm Butcher	77	11	6
901	Daniel Hughes	154	1	0
907	John K Coleman	60	7	6
933	John West	81	17	6
975	H O Hinton	70	7	0
1076	John Dorton	63	0	0
1158	W Belchamber	22	11	6
1185	Francis Knight	89	5	0
1185	Rev R Morris, M.A., LL.D.	21	0	0
1196	Geo E Fairchild	50	0	0
1259	Charles Wakefield	40	19	0
1260	Frank Tayler	76	13	0
1269	J H Lane	51	7	0
1278	Basil Stewart	101	7	0
1287	Richard Cane	109	17	0
1298	Ernest Edward Streat	59	17	0
1306	Jas Geo Twinn	201	1	6
1320	Alex John Martin	31	10	0
1321	R A Kirkaldy	65	12	6
1329	G W Marsden jun.	71	18	6
1351	Arthur Betts	29	8	0
1365	H Oldham	50	8	0
1366	R W Galer	117	15	6
1381	R C F La Feuillade	92	18	0
1382	Sam Geo Bonner	170	0	0
1383	W de Manby Sergison	84	0	0
1441	B Cooper	64	1	0
1471	J H Thompson	78	18	6
1472	C Jolly	31	10	0
1507	G W Knight	92	17	6
Chapter				
1507	Comp Benj Fullwood	10	10	0
Lodge				
1540	Br A J Bailey	36	15	0
Chapter				
1540	Comp Henry Faija	21	0	0
Lodge				
1541	Br R J Ward	52	10	0
1571	T Duffield	49	7	0
1604	H Folson	63	2	6
1607	J R Large	86	16	6
1615	Samuel T Fisher	35	14	0
1622	William Hamlyn	48	6	0
Chapter				
1624	Comp Charles Tayler	12	12	0
Lodge				
1656	Br H Sapsworth	32	4	6
Chapter				
1657	Comp George Kenning	59	17	0
Lodge				
1671	Br Henry White	162	5	0
1681	J Rayner	37	12	0
1687	F V Green	69	6	0
1693	Harry Cecil Turner	74	12	0
1693	R P Forge			
1707	A Money	18	17	0
1716	Edwin J Witherstone	53	11	0
1719	James Randall			
1731	Rev H R Cooper Smith	52	10	0
1732	W Bailey	37	5	6
1744, Chapter 2048	W M Stiles	196	7	0
Lodge				
1767	Jas W Barker			
1790	W H Ranson	63	0	0
1791	Danl Ferguson	64	4	6
1804	Alfred Souch	41	14	0
1805	Henry B Forbes	33	5	6
1816	Charles N Carrell	192	0	6
1922	A J Clarke			
1922	Chas R J Evans	70	1	6
1962	Wm McDougall	115	10	0
1962	James C Tilt			
1963	Vincent T Marché	36	15	0
1964	James Terry	176	15	0
1987	James Willing jun	157	10	0
1996	C E Botley	51	2	6
1996	F Botley			
2021	Capt H C Lambert	58	16	0
2029, 2090	H Tipper	£ 42	s 13	d 6
		26	5	0
2032	E Dare	18	0	0
2060	H Bué	38	2	0
2127	Augustus Harris	52	10	0
2128	J L Cooke	36	15	0
2128	W Masters			
Mark Lodge				
139	Br Charles Pulman	10	10	0
Red Cross—				
Premier Conclave — Sir Knight George Mickley, M.A., M.B.		20	18	6

PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

Lodge				
574	Br Reginald Maples	16	16	0
795	William Fenton	27	16	6
Chapter				
840	Comp Rev. F W Harnett	21	5	0
Lodge				
1101	Br William Ferguson	36	15	0
1410	Thomas Taylor	21	0	0
1566	Henry Warden	92	12	0

BRISTOL.

Br	Pierrepoint Harris	115	10	0

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The Prov., Br Andrew H Moyes		200	0	0

CHESHIRE.

Lodge				
537	Br Geo H Brown	19	15	0
758	Thos Kirkham	10	10	0

CORNWALL.

450	Gilbert B Pearce	868	11	0

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

129	Dr Charles E Paget	55	13	0

DERBYSHIRE.

253	W H Marsden	16	16	0
731	Edgar Horne	85	6	0
731	G T Wright	110	5	0
731	Abraham Woodiwiss	15	15	0
850	Geo Fletcher	52	10	0
1179	Wm Fletcher	52	10	0
1235	Geo B Smedley	54	12	0
	Percy Wallis	42	0	0

DEVONSHIRE.

1402	John Lane	50	0	0

DORSETSHIRE.

	William James	113	3	0

DURHAM.

The Province		52	10	0

ESSEX.

51	G. Harrison	100	5	0
51	W. Sowman			
160	George Wood	15	5	0
453	A J Dixie	75	5	6
1000	W Downs Merritt	116	16	0
1343	Charles C Potter	40	7	0
1437	F A White	10	10	0
1457	James E Horn	50	18	6
2005	G H Finch	31	10	0
2006	A Manning	16	16	0
	Richard Clowes			
Chapter				
276	Comp. Andrew C Durrant	43	0	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

246	Baron de Ferrieres	21	0	0
592	Rev. S J G Fraser	63	0	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Chairman		10	10	0
The Province—Br J E Le Feuvre		414	3	0
	Per Br E Goble	26	5	0
Prov. Grand Chapter — Comp Richard Eve		157	10	0

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Lodge		£	s	d
35	Br Asher Barfield	26	5	0
151	Geo Wyatt	42	0	0
175	Francis Newman	89	5	0
195	Major Rebbeck	110	5	0
309	John B Goldsmith	42	0	0
342	Dr Charles Knott	84	0	0
694	Rev A G Barker	68	5	0
698	R Loveland Loveland	10	10	0
723	J B Harrison	5	5	0
723	George Frost	17	17	0
723	Henry Stone	5	5	0
Chapter				
723	Comp Col J Mead	5	5	0
Lodge				
903	Br William Smith	26	5	0
1331	James Taylor	63	15	0
1428	Edwin Pratt	82	11	0
1869	R Dampier Child	10	15	0
1883	Wm Henry Jacob	47	5	0
1903	Capt the Hon A G Curzon Howe	123	5	6
1971	A Knight Prescott	45	12	0
1971	W E Foster			
1990	John W Gieve	49	16	0
2016	Henry Harbor	26	5	0
2068	Geo T Bevis	42	0	0
2074	Wm Dart	63	0	0
	Richard Glasspool	10	10	0
	John Mason	105	5	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Lodge				
403	Br Joseph Hunt	53	2	6
Chapter				
404	Comp F Sumner Knyvett	21	0	0
Lodge				
409	Br Percy W Taylor	54	12	0
869	Harry A Johnson	32	0	6
1385	D Schmidt	56	1	6
1479	John Purrott	15	15	0
1580	W J Crotch	41	9	6
1580	J S Webb	11	11	0
1984	R Townsend	42	0	0
2086	Rev Geo Litting	37	17	0
	J E Dawson	31	10	0

KENT.

77	Br G T King	76	6	0
127	W Jones Lane	108	3	0
429	J O Eve	171	9	0
615	G W Mitchell	26	0	0
709 / 1656	S W Shaw	100	13	0
913	H Mason	115	10	0
1206	R Joynes Emmerson	50	8	0
1223	Wm Sparrowhawk	21	0	0
1223	W Burfoot			
1273	W Roots	105	0	0
1314	G R Bolton	114	9	0
1414	Charles Holcroft	40	10	0
1436	Richard White	52	10	6
1531	W Hollis	64	16	6
1692	J W Baldwin	26	5	0
1692	R V Harman	48	16	6
1965	G Lewis Kennaby	106	1	0

EAST LANCASHIRE.

37	Johnson Mills			
317	J Robinson	36	15	0
348	R H Phillips	10	10	0
381	John Seddon			
645	Fred Millo			
645	Harry L Lilley			
645	Charles Heywood			
1055	Robert Williamson			
1161	A H Jefferis	10	10	0
1170	Frank A Huét			
1335	R B Seddon			
1723	Matthew Fielding	10	10	0
1723	H Middleton Stavely			
1723	Miles Settle			
1723	N Nicholson	5	5	0
1723	T M Whewell	5	5	0
1723	Thos Barlow Tong	10	10	0

WEST LANCASHIRE.

155	W Goodacre	126	0	0
155	Edwd Pierpoint	10	10	0
673	W Leonard Marsden	12	10	0
730	Thos Forrester	10	10	0
1818	W Platt	90	13	0
1835	J D Murray	26	5	0
1476	W B Richardson			
	Robert Wylie	26	5	0
1505	John G Hallwood	52	10	0
1505	Robert Foot	26	5	0
1730	John Slyman	15	0	0

LEICESTER AND RUTLAND.

The Province, Bro John Metcalfe		250	0	0

MIDDLESEX.

778	E W Stanton	57	15	0
1194	Edwd Clark	26	5	0
1237	Carter Millbourn	10	10	0
1309	H. Woods	21	0	0
1326	W R Vassila	10	10	0
	J A Wilson	21	0	0
1460	Edward Y Jolliffe	37	16	0
1567	Isaac Dixon	75	4	0
1637	Charles Webster	57	9	0
1793	J Piller	10	10	0
2105	Dr Euston H Cama	10	10	0
2105	W R Palmer	28	6	0
	J Tickle	65	2	0

NORFOLK.

93	John Bridgman	151	5	0

NORTH WALES.

	Samuel Pope, Q.C.	42	0	0
597	John Lloyd Griffith	24	11	0
Chapter				
606	Comp Richard J Davids	70	0	0
Lodge				
1849	Br Sydney Platt	15	10	0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

1661	Rev F V Bussell	27	0	6

OXFORDSHIRE.

340	Capt G P Airey	56	2	6
340	W H Seary			
1515	Joe Richardson	16	16	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

261	William Adams	132	8	0

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION).

Provincial Grand Lodge		26	5	0
Bute Lodge, No. 960		10	10	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

1792	Br J R Lee	132	6	0

SUFFOLK.

555	George Jones, M.D.	52	10	0
1224	W. Inglis Mason	193	4	0
1592	J W Shepherd	173	5	0

SURREY.

416	G H Sprules	51	18	0
463	Walter J Nicholls	39	0	6
889	James Edgell	23	2	0
1638	Harry Curtis	47	10	6
1714	T J Pulley	15	15	0
1981	R E Catterson	10	10	0
2096	F T Ridpath	152	15	6
	Frederick West			
	Joseph D Langton	10	10	0

SUSSEX.

40	T W Markwick	100	0	0
1726	W H Causton	12	7	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

502	A J Lawrence	28	7	0
502	J H Simpson, M.D.			
587	Per Members of Lodge	15	15	0
739	James Taylor	31	10	0
739	A F Warrillow			

WORCESTERSHIRE.

	A F Godson, M.P.	31	10	0

YORKSHIRE (N. & E.)

312	John Stevenson	67	2	0
566	W N Cheeseman	10	10	0
1611	William Brown	15	15	0

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

	Br T W Tew P.G.M.			
139	W Daniel Allen			
139	John H Burrows			
139	Simeon Hayes			
139	John Hunt			
304	James Bedford			
304	Robert Craig			
304	C L Mason			
387	J T Last			
448	John T Simpson			
750	Rawson Kelly			
974	W C Lupton			
974	I Mossop, M.D.			
974	J R Oddy			
974	John Ambler			
974	Fdk Beanland			
974	Robt N Rhodes			
974	W H Benn	750	0	0
974	Herbert R Foster			
974	Thos Ibbetson			
974	John White			
1001	W F Smithson			
1211	John W Fournese			
1211	G F Crowe			
1311	Thos Crossley			
1513	T W Embleton			
1542	Job Harling			
1736	William Nicholl			
2069	Robert Abbott			
2069	Alf Cooke			
2069	John Redmayne			
2069	Rev T Cartwright Smyth, D.D.			
2069	Will Watson			

MARK MASONRY.

CONSECRATION OF ST. CHAD'S LODGE, No. 374.

THE Consecration of this new Mark Lodge took place on Wednesday, 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds. There was a large gathering of brethren, including the Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. C. L. Mason, Bro. Rev. W. C. Lukis D.P.G.M.M., Bros. George Althorpe Prov. G.S.W., J. H. Gration 137 Prov. G.J.W., Rev. W. Dunn 111 P.G.Chaplain, George Norminton 58 P.G.Treasurer, W. Cooke 58 G.P.S.O. of England Prov. G. Sec., W. F. Tomlinson 111 Prov. G.M.C., W. Finken 137 P.G.Org., J. W. Monckman P.P.G.W., H. France 110 P.P.S.W., Chas. Woollons 110 P.P.G.D. of Cers., F. Smith 352 P.G.D.C., Jno. Barker 59 P.G. Steward of England, Henry Smith 110 Prov. G.St.B., J. W. Bailey 111 P.P.G.J.D., Geo. Hill 111 Prov. G.J.D., G. H. Radclyff 58 P.P.G.S.O., Geo. Chapman 324 P.P.G.J.D. Notts., Thos. Bowden 110 Prov. G. Steward, G. H. Locking 111 Prov. G.Steward, A. Lotrica Org. Bradford, S. Sott Young 24, R. Hodgson 58, Jno. Green 58, W. J. Beck 58, Wm. Ackroyd 58, J. G. Lee P.M. 58, H. Oxley 110, J. A. Connor 110, W. Furse 111, C. Middleton 111, R. Craig 111, T. Myers 111, S. Barrand 111, E. Billington 127, S. Evans 352, and the Founders of the Lodge, with the Rev. T. C. Smyth, M.A., D.D., LL.D., Grand Chaplain of England, J. M. Hollingsworth, A. F. McGill, W. S. Blackburn and J. W. Fournes. The Prov. Grand Master, assisted by his Officers, opened the Lodge at 4·30. A successful ballot was taken for four brethren for advancement, namely Bros. Clayton, Clements, H. G. Blackburn and Scattergood; they being duly accepted were advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason by the Prov. G.Master, after which the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with. The Prov. Grand Secretary having stated the wishes of the brethren, handed the warrant of constitution to the Prov. G.M., who directed him to read the same, which was duly accepted by all present. The Provincial Grand Master (Bro. C. L. Mason) then addressed the brethren, as follows: It is not my intention to keep you many minutes to-day, but I deem it well on this occasion, of the inauguration of a new Mark Lodge, that some few words should be said in reference to our Order, and also as an encouragement to those who have undertaken the task of promoting its foundation. I should, however, in the first place like to say a few words of congratulation to my old friend Bro. Dr. Smyth, a Mark Mason of 35 years' standing, on the choice made in selecting him as the first Master; an honour not sought by him, and only accepted after mature consideration and

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consultation with his friends, and also that the name the new Lodge bears will for ever perpetuate, not only his sacred calling, but also the place were his ministerial work more particularly lies. We have seen in the ceremony we have this evening witnessed the peculiar teachings of the Mark Degree; the candidate going forth in the enthusiasm of his work, exercising his skill and ingenuity, carefully preparing his work and presenting it; when, to his sorrow and confusion, he finds it rejected and thrown over among the rubbish, as useless. Mark Masonry has existed for years, its friends have worked and toiled hard in its behalf; but ever it has been rejected, cast aside as useless, or as being no integral part of Masonry; yet when the time came it was found to comtain, as it were, the connecting link to compress and cement the whole fabric of Masonry in one firm and solid whole. Again, we find in our daily intercourse in life that there are some men who are steadily walking on, pursuing their way quietly, inoffensively; the world watches them, pities them, and even holds them up to ridicule; yet the time comes when some more important work is required to be done, when some true philanthropist is needed to take the lead, and he is found amongst those who previously have been held up as spending useless lives, although they may have been gradually training for the special work required of them. Mark Masonry teaches us not to be discouraged by want of success. We have all our allotted tasks to fulfil, and whatever may be our lot, whether great or insignificant, whether in the front or in the rear, we have our special work to do. Our works, words and actions may be all misunderstood, improper motives may be attributed to us, yet in steadily pursuing our way, and though we may in the moment of disappointment exclaim, "my labour is lost," yet it is not so, and in due time if we faint not we shall reap our reward, and exclaim, with the Craftsmen of old, "Thanks be to God, I have my reward." In the degree the advantages of education and refinement are forcibly impressed upon our minds, and it has not been inaptly termed the degree of uprightness. The upright man; what a flood of thought those words bring to our recollection; who can properly estimate the upright man; a man who always acts upon the square; one who always thinks of the wants of others before his own? wherever sorrow or suffering is to be found there we find him doing to others as he would have others do to him, dealing fairly with all men. In the words so well known to us, he is "one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrows, to whom distress may prefer its suit, whose head is guided by justice, and his heart expanded by benevolence." As in the Craft the square teaches us morality and justice, the level equality, and the plumb line integrity, so in Mark Masonry do the various symbols used convey to us moral lessons. The hour glass reminds us that life is quickly passing away, and teaches us to improve the remaining portions of our lives. The rope and anchor remind us of a well-spent life, and teach us to look forward to that time when we shall be safely anchored in the peaceful Haven—

"Where the wicked cease from troubling,
And the weary are at rest."

The axe teaches us to avoid the danger of indulging in deception and of attempting fraud, to act openly with our fellow men, so that, with minds conscious of right, we can walk forward void of offence toward God and man. The all-seeing eye reminds us of the vigilance and unceasing watchfulness of the G.O.O.T.W., which teaches us to take heed of our steps, to be cautious in our demeanour, to avoid offending with the tongue, and so to direct our conduct in every relation of life as to give evidence that we are conscious of the care of the G.O.O.T.W. The Lodge was then solemnly consecrated in ancient form. The P.G.M. then installed the W.M. nominate, Bro. Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, Vicar of St. Chad's, Headingley, into the chair of A., there being 17 installed Masters present. He afterwards invested Bros. Dr. Hollingsworth S.W., Dr. McGill J.W. The others officers having been appointed and invested the Lodge was duly closed.

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BRO. EDWARD DEAN DAVIS.

ON the 19th instant departed this life one of the most popular and genial Masons of the day, in the person of Bro. Edward Dean Davis. The funeral took place at Jesmond Cemetery, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 22nd instant, and it was attended by a very large gathering of the Freemasons of the Provinces of Northumberland and Durham, of both of which, for many years, deceased had been a leading Officer. The time fixed for the assemblage was 2·15, when upwards of three hundred members of the Craft had gathered in Eldon-square, near the residence of the deceased. There was also a large number of the general public, and there were many tokens of the respect in which the deceased was held. Notices had been issued to the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodges of Northumberland and of Durham by Bros. B. J. Thompson and R. Hudson, the Grand Secretaries of the two Provinces, and notices had also been sent out by Bro. W. M. Pybus, the Worshipful Master of Industry Lodge, Gateshead, of which Bro. Davis was Worshipful Master in 1852 and 1853. The brethren generally were also invited by the intimation of Bro. B. J. Thompson P.G.S. Northumberland. The late Bro. E. D. Davis was appointed an Officer of the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Chapter of England last year, in recognition of his Masonic merit and ability, and the gathering under notice was the largest that has been seen at a Masonic funeral for some years. The *cortège* left the residence of the deceased at twenty minutes to three o'clock. The coffin in which the remains were enclosed was of best polished oak, and the engraved plate bore the following inscription:—

EDWARD DEAN DAVIS,
Died 19th February 1887.
Aged 80 years.

The procession was headed by the Masonic brethren, comprising all the representative men of the district, after which followed the hearse and mourning coaches; there were also a number of private carriages. The visiting brethren of the junior Lodges walked first, then the brethren of the Northumberland Lodges, in rotation, according to their numbers; finally came the Provincial Officers of Northumberland and Durham, arranged according to rank. The procession moved at a slow pace to the cemetery in Jesmond-road. The Freemasons stood at each side of the path, and formed an avenue through which the hearse and mourning coaches passed. Among those present were Mr. Richard Younge, Tyne Theatre; Mr. Richard Fynes, Theatre Royal, Blyth; Mr. Thomas Weatherly, Blyth; Mr. Kirton, and many friends of the deceased. The *cortège* was met at the cemetery by the Rev. T. B. Nichols, of St. Oswald's College, Tynemouth, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain and Past Prov. Grand Senior Warden of Northumberland. The rev. gentleman conducted the service in the chapel and at the grave in a most impressive manner. The private friends and Freemasons gathered round the grave, and at the close of the burial service they joined in singing "Days and moments quickly flying," Brothers Whitehead and Walker, of Durham Cathedral Choir, leading the singing. The relatives of the deceased having taken their last look into the grave, the Masonic brethren passed, and each dropped a sprig of acacia into the grave. There were a number of wreaths sent by friends, which were afterwards deposited upon the grave, among those sending the same being Mr. and Mrs. F. Wyndham, of the Theatre Royal, Newcastle; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Joplin (*nee* Miss Emily Cross); a Masonic wreath from the Officers of St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676, Newcastle; and Mr. and Mrs. German Reed; Jeanie Pocock; a white floral cross, T. E. Swithinbank; and Miss Mary M. East.

The late Bro. E. D. Davis, who had been connected with the Masonic body for upwards of fifty years, was initiated in a Lodge at Taunton on 15th April 1835. He was exalted in Chapter 312, at Barnstaple, in 1836, and became attached to the Knight Templar Encampment at Tiverton in 1838. Upon his coming to the North he became a joining member of the De Loraine Lodge, at Newcastle, in 1847, and afterwards joined the Northern Counties, and was one of the founders and acted as I.P.M. of St. Peters Lodge in 1856. He joined the Industry Lodge, Gateshead, the oldest Lodge in the Province of Durham in 1851, and was the same year appointed to the Senior Warden's chair in it, the following year being elected to the chair of Master. In the year 1852 he was appointed Prov. Grand Registrar of the Province of Durham. In 1855 he was appointed Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and in 1859 Provincial Junior Grand Warden of Durham. In the Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham and Northumberland he was a Past Second Principal. In 1854 he was the First Principal of Chapter No. 97, Sunderland, and in Northumberland he had been a Past Grand Second Principal for several years, and had discharged the duties of First Principal in several Chapters of Newcastle and the Province. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland he was appointed Director of Ceremonies in 1851, and was appointed the Prov. Grand Senior Warden in 1857, and from 1866 to the time of his death he had most efficiently officiated as Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies. Up to the last he continued to take the deepest interest in Masonic affairs, and officiated upon the occasion of the installation of Sir Mat. White Ridley, Bart, M.P., as Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, on the 16th November last. In December he took part in the installation of the Principals of St. John's Chapter at Sunderland, and entertained the brethren on that occasion with one of his characteristic recitations. He had been for some years an hon. member of the Industry Lodge at Gateshead, and the Palatine Lodge of Sunderland, and other Lodges, and was held in the highest estimation by the brethren of these Lodges. As already stated, his great Masonic abilities were recognised by the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England last year, when his Masonic career was crowned by his appointment as a Grand Officer.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723.

THE monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Bros. A. Cosgrave W.M., John Barrett I.P.M., T. B. Tong S.W., W. E. Bardsley J.W., N. Nicholson Secretary, J. W. Taylor Prov. S.G.D. Director of Ceremonies, J. W. Hawksworth I.G., Thomas Higson Tyler, J. W. Naylor J.D.; P.M.'s G. P. Brookbank P.G. Standard Bearer, E. G. Harwood P. Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, J. H. Greenhalgh, W. Court, Thomas Morris; Bros. Fogg, John Mills, J. B. Goulburn, James Lever, J. E. Smith, Thomas Morris, Ashton, W. Altham. Visitors—Bros. C. B. Wingfield S.D. 146, J. J. Bentley 221, W. Siddorn J.W. 221, Henry Firth Past Provincial G.D. West Lancashire. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and then Bro. Altham was examined as to his proficiency as an E.A. This proving satisfactory, he was entrusted. Lodge proceeded to the second degree, when Bro. Altham was passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., and the working tools were explained by the S.W. Lodge closed to the first degree, and Messrs. Joshua Orrell and William Townsend, who were proposed at the last regular meeting as candidates, were balloted for and approved. They signed the requisite declaration, and were initiated into Masonry, the former by Bro. Court P.M., and the latter by the W.M. Bro. Cosgrave. The working tools of the degree were explained by Bro. W. E. Bardsley J.W., and the Charge delivered by Bro. G. P. Brookbank P.G. Standard Bearer England. It was agreed, on the motion of Bro. Jno. Barrett, seconded by Bro. E. G. Harwood P.Prov.G.Std. Bearer, that the Pro Grand Master's circular respecting the proposed Jubilee Fund be assented to, and the Grand Secretary informed thereof, as requested in the circular. The ceremonies were conducted with great care and accuracy, each Officer performing his duty in admirable manner. The choir of the Lodge, ably led by Bro. Jno. Taylor Prov. G.S.D., rendered most efficient service and acquitted themselves with great credit. Bro. John Miles presided at the organ. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the visiting brethren. A portion of the ancient rules and charges having been read by the S.W., the Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 8·15 p.m. The usual banquet followed.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—Meeting held at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Coleman Street, London, E.C., on Thursday, 17th inst. Present: Bros. F. W. Potter W.M. 1426 W.M., B. Williams S.W., Berry J.W., D. Hills S.D., A. Jardine J.D., J. Barrett I.G., James Stevens P.M. P.Z. Preceptor, W. Paddle P.M. P.Z. Treasurer, W. J. Ball Secretary; J. K. Gwyn, G. W. Robson, E. Pugh, E. Blanc, W. J. Lincoln, W. Alderson, R. F. Tomlin, H. Whitehouse, R. A. Davis, F. C. Rush, L. V. Walker, R. M. Surridge, A. Wells, C. P. McKay, and others. Apologies for non-attendance, in consequence of the severe weather, were numerous on this occasion. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the Preceptor (Bro. Stevens) delivered his Lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry, which was listened to with earnest attention, and, as opportunity offered, received many expressions of approval. The interest excited by the opening remarks of our worthy brother was maintained without diminution throughout an address which occupied more than two hours in delivery; and the points of working and diversities in connection therewith are so numerous that the lecturer himself admitted the necessity of omitting reference to many of them, from fear of exhausting the attention of his audience. A clear explanation of the ritual was, however, the result of his address, and no brother could be otherwise than instructed and improved by hearing it. A very cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens was recorded at the close of the lecture. The Lodge was then closed to the first degree, and five brethren were accepted as members. Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. P.Z. was appointed to preside at the next meeting, when the Fifteen Sections will be worked. The Worshipful Master of The Great City Lodge, on behalf of his Officers and himself, accepted the invitation of the Lodge of Instruction to occupy their respective official positions on the occasion of the rehearsal of the ceremony of installation by Bro. Stevens, on the 3rd prox. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—On Thursday, 10th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road. Present—Bros. Stroud W.M., Cochrane S.W., Williams P.M. J.W., Spiegel P.M. Secretary, Child P.M. S.D., Davis J.D., Jennings I.G., Spiegel as Preceptor; also Bros. Altman, Stonehill, Barbrook, Gilbert, Lindfield, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed; Bro. Cochrane gave the charge. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history. After routine work Lodge was closed.

On Thursday, 24th instant. Present—Brothers P. J. Davies W.M., Hardy S.W., Cross J.W., Austin Treasurer, Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Cockrane S.D., Lindfield J.D., Ullman I.G., Davies Preceptor; P.M.'s Bros. Spiegel, R. H. Williams W.M., Wood W.M., Cavers, Whittle, Marsh, Stonhill, Colville, Love, Gilbert, Head, Rogers P.M., Cotton. After preliminaries, the second section of the third lecture was worked by Bro. Davies W.M., assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a most impressive manner by Bro. Davies, the Preceptor, who gave the charge; Bro. Austin was the candidate. The first section of the second lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cotton was elected a member, and Bro. Hardy was elected W.M. for next Thursday. Lodge was then closed.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Comedy.—The new comic opera "Mynheer Jan" may be described as possessing materials sufficient to win popularity; not only is it amusing, but the music, by Mr. Edward Jakobowski, is both tuneful and catchy, though undoubtedly some of the numbers cannot be described as original. The piece is written in Messrs. Harry Paulton and Mostyn Tedde's humorous style; notwithstanding, the plot is somewhat intricate. Still Mr. Jakobowski's portion of the work is excellently done, while his pretty sestett, "Obedience," in the first act, and Miss Camille D'Arville's two solos, "Love's a King," and "Dear Country," are especially worthy of note. Again the choruses at the commencement of each act are both pretty and tuneful. The scene is laid in the Netherlands, time 1550; the characters introduced to the audience are of the usual comic opera class. The Governor of Krootsdam whose daughter Camilla is in love with a student, Karl (who is President of a society called the Daisy Guild), but whose parentage is unknown. Camilla is, however, desired to marry a certain Don Diego. The story is confusing, but much fun is caused by Don Diego being captured by Karl and the members of the Daisy Guild, by whom he is imprisoned. As it is necessary some one should appear at the castle, a friend of Karl named Hans undertakes to assume a disguise. The scene in the garden where Karl instructs Hans how to conduct himself creates great applause. In the last act Hans is again the cause of all the fun; he changes place with a scarecrow. All, however, turns out well in the end, and Karl is recognised as the son of Donna Tralara. The character of Hans is one that contains considerable humour, and this is most successfully brought out by Mr. Harry Paulton, whose peculiar method seems to be thoroughly enjoyed. His song, "Few and far between," is very amusing. The duet with Mr. Frank Wyatt bears a resemblance to that of the robbers in "Erminie." Mr. Wyatt is well fitted in the part of the high spirited Karl. Miss Camille D'Arville and Mr. Joseph Tapley, as Katrine and Francis respectively, sang with excellent judgment and precision, but M. Marius was scarcely so successful as usual. Miss Kate Munroe makes a spirited Gretchen; Miss Violet Melnotte, as Camilla, showed improvement on her previous efforts; and Madame Amadi acquitted herself well as Donna Tralara. One of the greatest successes of the evening was Miss Alice Lethbridge as Paquita; her Salterello dance in the second act was both graceful and well executed. Other parts were adequately filled. The opera is well mounted; new scenery has been painted, by Mr. T. E. Ryan. A prosperous run may be anticipated.

Olympic.—Miss Grace Hawthorne announces that only two more matinées of "Heartsease" will be given, namely, on the morning of Wednesday, 2nd March, and that of Wednesday, 9th of March. On Wednesday morning, 16th March, "From Post" will be presented, Miss Hawthorne appearing as Gilberte.

MARRIAGE.

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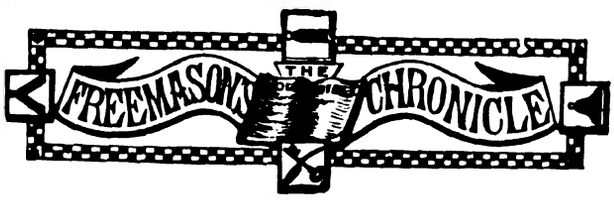
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 2nd March 1887, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st December 1886 will be read and put for confirmation.

2. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

3. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

4. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, London	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Samson Lodge, No. 1668, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 89, Dukinfield	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the John Carpenter Lodge, No. 1997, London	75	0	0
A Brother of the Bank Terrace Lodge, No. 462, Accrington	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Industry, No. 186, London ...	75	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Probity, No. 61, Halifax ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Globe Lodge, No. 23, London ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Kent Lodge, No. 15, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Oriental Lodge, No. 687, Constantinople	50	0	0
A Brother of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1588, Stretford	75	0	0
A Brother of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 985, Holbeach ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Bangalore Lodge, No. 1043, Bangalore...	60	0	0

5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of February instant, shewing a balance in the Bank of England of £4,615 14s 7d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for Library, £2 1s 3d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
15th February 1887.

6. Report of Brother John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1886.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION—

1. By Brother Charles William Meiter, W.M. Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, London.

1st. That, in order to perpetuate the memory of the Jubilee of the glorious reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and Empress of India, it be resolved that the Grand Lodge of England do prepare forthwith a foundation-stone, and the same be consecrated by our present M.W. Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., or his nominee in London. The foundation-stone to be ultimately firmly placed, if possible, upon the ground in or near the original site of King Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem, and that the rebuilding of the said Temple as a "House of Prayer for all Nations" shall be proceeded with as soon as necessary funds be provided.

2nd. That with a view of providing the funds as speedily as possible for the rebuilding of King Solomon's Temple as a "House of Prayer for all Nations," it be resolved that all present at the consecration of the foundation-stone by the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall be allowed to place contributions on the stone, the same

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to be publicly acknowledged; that the stone shall remain in London for a given time, the general public to enjoy the same privilege of subscribing and placing their subscriptions on the stone as those present at the consecration.

The foundation-stone to be then forwarded to the principal cities of the United Kingdom and other countries, and that the custodians, composed entirely of Free and Accepted Masons, to be nominated by the Grand Lodge of England, shall be responsible for the safe custody of the stone, and the amounts placed thereon or otherwise subscribed for this object at each resting station, and to forward all contributions to the Treasurer, or as may be directed by order of the Grand Lodge of England.

2. By Brother Edwin Thomas Budden P.M. Lodge of St. Cuthberga, No. 622, Wimborne, Dorsetshire.

That the new Rule No. 308 in the Book of Constitutions being at variance with, and contradictory to, the old Rule No. 288 in the same book, the said Rule 308 be forthwith repealed.

3. By Bro. William Nicholl P.M. Lodge of Affability, No. 317, Manchester.

1st. That Past Masters shall be entitled to wear a distinctive collar.

2nd. That the Board of General Purposes be and are hereby authorised and empowered to determine, and they shall so determine whether such distinction shall be silver cord in the centre, or whether it should be cord or braid or lace on the edges, and that they rearrange Article 307 accordingly, and report the same to Grand Lodge in June next.

3rd. That Past Masters, duly qualified as members on Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to wear such collar of all occasions when Craft clothing may be worn.

4th. That Masters and Wardens when visiting officially, as enjoined in Article 149, may wear their collars and jewels of office, and shall wear them in Grand and Provincial and District Grand Lodge.

5th. That, by Dispensation, full Masonic clothing may be worn by all Officers wherever they are permitted to be present.

6th. That the Board of General Purposes be requested to redraft Article 308 accordingly, and report to next Quarterly Communication.

4. By Brother James Stevens P.M. The Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, Camberwell.

That Article 153 of the General Laws and Regulations for the government of the Craft, which declares that "All Lodges held within ten miles of Freemasons' Hall, London, be London Lodges, and are to pay the London fees and dues," be repealed.

5. By Brother Joseph Clever P.M. Lodge of Amity, No. 171, Greenwich.

That One Thousand Pounds be paid from the Fund of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to the Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, to assist in placing extra annuitants on the Funds, in view of the large number (130 candidates) seeking election in May next.

6. By Brother William Nicholl P.M. Lodge of Affability, No. 317, Manchester.

That the Board of General Purposes be requested to examine into the laws relating to the Elections of all Elective Officers, Boards and Committees in Grand Lodge, and to report to next Quarterly Communication whether it is desirable or practicable to adopt some system of voting by proxy papers, or otherwise, not necessitating personal attendance of brethren from a distance.

That Article 75 Book of Constitutions be referred to Board of General Purposes for the purpose of ascertaining if it is possible to remodel and simplify and render it more workable as to the mode of recording and counting the votes in Grand Lodge.

List of Brethren nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer—

RICHARD EVE, I.P.M. No. 165, London, Provincial S.G.W. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Nominated by Brother George Alexander Vennell, W.M. No. 165, London.

AUGUSTUS FREDERICK GODSON, M.A., M.P., P.M. No. 1097, Tenbury, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire. Nominated by Brother Robert Berridge, P.M. No. 21, London.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2183.—The Royal Hampton Court Lodge, Hampton Court, Middlesex.
2184.—The Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, Tilbury, Essex.
2185.—The Ardwick Lodge, Ardwick, Lancashire (E.D.)
2186.—The Striguil Lodge, Chepstow, Monmouthshire.
2187.—The Adur Lodge, Henfield, Sussex.
2188.—The Kerala Lodge, Calicut Malabar Coast, Madras.
2189.—The Ashburton Lodge, Ashburton, Devonshire.
2190.—The Savage Club Lodge, London.
2191.—The Anglo-American Lodge, London.
2192.—The Highbury Lodge, Highbury, London.
2193.—The Queen's Jubilee Lodge, Nelson, Lancashire (E.D.)
2194.—The Golden Bay Lodge, Takaka, Nelson, N.Z.
2195.—The Military Jubilee Lodge, Dover, Kent.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1887 is now ready, and can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

N.B.—The Book of Constitutions, edition 1884, can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, in 8vo, price 1s 6d a copy, bound in cloth.

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THE GREENWOOD MEMORIAL FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A copy of your valuable journal has been forwarded to me, and I ask to be allowed to thank you for the kindly suggestion you make in reference to our dear lamented friend Bro. Greenwood. All who knew our deceased Brother intimately, and were brought into close contact with him, either in Masonry or in ordinary business, will be ready to pay tribute to his sound friendship, his ability, tact, and unswerving integrity in all matters he undertook. I happen to know somewhat of the deep personal interest he took in the "Albert Institute," of which he was for so many years the Treasurer, and also of the particularly active work he did in the way of advancing education amongst the poorer children of the Southwark district. I feel assured, therefore, that if it were possible to consult his own wishes, they would be that his memorial fund should take the form you suggest, so as to consolidate and perpetuate the laudable undertaking he so largely helped to rear. Speaking to some brethren in the Province who are constant readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, I have heard the matter commented on in a spirit favourable to the more immediate connection of Bro. Greenwood's name with the Institution which, under his fostering care, has done such a vast amount of good in the locality. From what I can gauge of the opinions of Surrey Freemasons, they would if polled vote almost to a man that whatever fund may be collected should go to the object most near the heart of him who was universally and sincerely beloved by all who knew him. It is not necessary to allude to the hearty manner in which he devoted himself to the welfare of Freemasonry in Surrey during the many years he filled the office of Provincial Grand Secretary, and in his more recent sphere of Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The steady prosperity of the Province and the harmony which pervades the whole Fraternity was in no small degree due to the energies and urbanity of our Brother, whose memory it is desired to perpetuate; and I sincerely trust that such a response will be made to the appeal of the committee as will reflect the esteem and appreciation which Bro. Greenwood so deservedly enjoyed during his well-spent life. The suggestion to alter the name of the "Albert" Institute is a good one, and I heartily hope it may receive the cordial endorsement of every subscriber to the Fund.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A WELL WISHER.

PLUNGING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There are many ways of looking at the question raised in your leading columns last week, under the above heading. You are no doubt right in cautioning Lodges against "undue prodigality" in the matter of our Masonic festivities, but I perfectly agree with you in the opinion that "it would be little short of a calamity were this element of social intercourse interdicted in the Craft." To many of us old Masons, though I will not say the "novelty has worn off," the meeting of old friends and acquaintances around the festive board is an important inducement to us to attend the meetings of our Lodges personally, and to ask our friends to accompany us. Thus a larger attendance is secured at the meetings, with the natural result that greater impetus is given to the fraternal spirit which animates the brethren, and to the benevolent impulses which are at all times appealed to. There is no greater pleasure than to ask a friend—especially if he comes up from the country, where necessarily the after proceedings are much more commonplace than in London—to join you on Lodge night. Such brethren invariably go away with a favourable impression of the working of our Lodges in the metropolis, and of the scale of hospitality which is extended to all Visitors; and, on their return home, they endeavour to communicate that impression to their own immediate brethren, with the result that their Lodges are strengthened and stimulated to greater exertion in works of practical utility. On these grounds, therefore, while entirely coinciding with your views as to the undesirability of flinging away money without discrimination, I must contend that the festivities

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which follow labour in our Masonic Lodges must be made something superior to a mere ordinary club feast or friendly society dinner, and that their accompaniments must be in accordance with the position which Masonry holds above all other Institutions in which beneficence, mutual help, and conviviality are inseparably connected. Young Masons, in the full glow of their early enthusiasm, may be content (and rightly so) with what you designate the "feast of reason," but the old hands like myself will most assuredly vote for a judicious admixture of the "flow of soul." Permit me to remain,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Very fraternally yours,

QUIZ.

PLUNGING INTO EXTRAVAGANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The rebuke administered in your leading article last week to certain prodigal sons of the Craft was not more severe perhaps than deserved, though in justice to the general body of Masons it must be said that the instance quoted of extravagance is a rarity. As a rule such plunging into excess is carefully avoided by those who have the administration of the funds of Lodges in their hands; the aim and desire of Masters and Treasurers is to conserve the money subscribed for general purposes, so that as large a proportion as possible shall be thrown into the coffers of our Charitable Institutions. We have before us another splendid example of what the brethren are prepared to do when specially called upon to lend a helping hand to the cause of Charity, and the magnificent total announced at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution affords us fresh proof of the truly charitable spirit which pervades the whole bulk of English Freemasonry. There are no doubt many items of expenditure in most of our Lodges that might be judiciously curtailed without seriously interfering with the luxury and comfort of the brethren in the "after labour" degree. But, after all, if our Lodges are to fulfil the objects they have in view, of cementing their members in fraternal amenity and social intercourse, the dry monotony of work must be varied with a due share of entertainment and hospitality, for therein lies the secret of much of the cohesion of Lodges, the happiness of the brethren, and the inducement which is provided for interchange of visits amongst the members of various Lodges. Whilst, therefore, an occasional instance may crop up of unnecessary prodigality in the matter of hotel expenses, it is nevertheless desirable that reasonable care be exercised in providing such accessories to the banquet table as shall attract a fair proportion of members to attend, and to enable them gracefully to invite Visitors to join them in the amenities of the fourth degree. For my own part, I prefer a plain, substantial supper to the heavy dinners of so many courses, embellished with flowers, gilded menus, books of words, and liberally—often too liberally—paid artistes. All these "extras" are unquestionably enjoyable, and add much to the harmony and brilliancy of Masonic banquets, provided the Lodges can afford the expense, and it does not stultify their power of doing good work in the cause of charity. Moreover, it is open to question whether a frugal repast would prove sufficient to tempt all members of Lodges to assemble at the monthly gatherings; for, however unpalatable the truth may be, there are many Masons to whom the pleasantries of the banquet table are preferable to the solid routine of work in the Lodge-room. At any rate, the gentle reminder proffered in your article as to the combination of prudence with comfort and hospitality is well timed, and it may be hoped that it will be taken duly to heart by those who are most nearly concerned in the matter.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

ARGUS.

In view of the meeting of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, when it may be expected a large number of Provincial brethren will attend to take part in the election of Grand Treasurer, we note that special arrangements for the comfort and convenience of visitors are being made by the proprietors of the Holborn Restaurant. A special table d'hôte dinner will be provided at four o'clock, instead of half-past five, the usual hour; thus ample time will be afforded the brethren to lay in a substantial basis before proceeding to Freemasons' Hall, to record their votes, and to assist in the other business of the day. This will prevent much of the inconvenience and confusion that has been experienced on some former occasions, and give our Provincial brethren more leisure to inspect many objects of interest in the locality. The Holborn Restaurant is, in itself, a sight worth seeing, with its marble and gilded salons and splendid appointments for satisfying the requirements of the inner man, and as here the luxuries of a first class table are to be secured at so cheap a rate as three shillings and sixpence, brethren cannot do better than dine at this eminently popular establishment. The Holborn Restaurant has of late years become an important head centre for Masonic gatherings, many well-known Lodges and Chapters having taken up their abode there; whilst its close proximity to Freemasons' Hall renders it a most convenient and desirable resort for the brethren who assemble on important occasions, such as that of Wednesday next is certain to prove.

A MASONIC ALPHABET.

XIII.—MERCY.

When a fallen foe,
'Neath a deadly blow,
'Fore his victor helpless lies;
With wild despair,
What a world of prayer,
He *looks* in his conqueror's eyes?

Then the flashing blade,
In its course is stay'd,
And it seeks a stronger foe;
While the wounded feels,
That his mute appeals,
Brought mercy to check the blow.

We often are apt,
In our goodness wrapt,
To press on the erring one;
To censure and blame,
With indignant flame,
An action our Brother has done.

But the culprit may
Show penitent trait;
Then crush not the struggling beam,
But give it a chance,
Its power to advance;
Our mercy will gain his esteem.

XIV.—NOBILITY.

A fine Newfoundland, trotting down the road,
Shows calm contentment in his peaceful eyes,
When, sudden from his owner's rude abode,
A pigmy, yelping cur, upon him flies.
As if unconscious of the rude assaults,
He jogs along, nor turns his shaggy head;
Until at last he on a sudden halts,
And his assailant runs, and yells with dread.
Onward he goes, and rapid now his stride,
He sees the River water just before,
And, too, an infant struggling in the tide,
He plunges in, and brings it safe to shore.

The thorough Mason, in his conscious worth,
Can well afford all jealous taunts to scorn,
And treat with silence those who give them birth;
Thus, malice dies directly it is born.
We have an *aim*, which cannot be miscast,
The target is, the good of human kind,
To draw our fellows from misguided past,
And place them where a future they can find.
Heedless of all our enemies may say—
Careless of all their envy bids them do;
We'll still press on our world enlightening way,
And bring a pure nobility to view.

WM. H. ORR, W.M. 10, Grand Bard.

REVIEWS.

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

The Life and Reign of Queen Victoria. London: Cassell and Co., La Belle Sauvage Yard.

THIS work, which opens appropriately with the Jubilee year, will form, when complete, a valuable and elegant addition to our drawing room literature. We have seen the first number, which is got up in the very best style of the typographic art, and neatly bound in blue and gold, whilst the portraits of the Queen and other members of the Royal family—especially that of our Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales—are excellent. We are pleased to observe that Bro. T. A. Alcock, who was for over fifteen years associated with the Integrity Industrial Assurance Society, has taken up the publication of this very fine work, the style of which compares favourably with any that have hitherto emanated from the eminent Ludgate-hill firm, and is issued at a price which brings it within the easy reach of all classes of her Majesty's loyal subjects.

MIND MAGIC is the title of a paper that will appear in *Cassell's Magazine* for March, on some of those curious psychological phenomena that have been vexing scientists and amateurs so much lately.

The March number of the *The Quiver* will contain a sermon preached on the accession of Queen Victoria, by the late William Jay, of Bath, a noted preacher of his generation. This is the first of a series of hitherto unpublished sermons by Mr. Jay that has fallen into the editor's hands, and will appear in the course of the Jubilee year.

To the March part of the *Magazine of Art* Sir James Linton will contribute his views on the practical education of an artist. The same number will contain a description, by Mr. Grant Allen, of Wotton House, near Woking, and the surrounding scenery, illustrated by Mr. Biscombe Gardner; and some notes on London Monuments by Mr. Francis Ford. Mr. Cosmo Monkhouse will continue his disquisition on some of the treasures of the National Gallery; and Mr. Alfred St. Johnston will describe the great progress made by Birmingham of late years in matters artistic. The frontispiece will consist of an etching of Mr. Solomon J. Solomon's picture "Cassandra."

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

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)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
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 Street, W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street

1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

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
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1435—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, 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, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street, Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 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, 1st MARCH.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
19—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 9. (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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
755—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.)
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7, (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—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 (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.15.
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)

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
153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—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.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastl
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton 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
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322—Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
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. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd 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)
73—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
238—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's 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, Bardett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—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)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 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
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
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, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Aldersgate-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. 1260—John Hervey, 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
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Worsley, Farnworth, near Bolton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1730—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, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
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
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
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, 3rd 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)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (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.

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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, 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)
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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instructio
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1436—The Great City, Masons'Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—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—Trodecar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldchurch 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)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
R.A. 3—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

34—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
51—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
58—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
61—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
80—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
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.
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge

1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
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
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
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. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 63—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th MARCH.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 9.3
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. (Inst.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
765—St. James, Greyhound Arms Tavern, Hammersmith, at 8 (I)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Gaselee, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
860—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1156—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
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 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, Stamford
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
243—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
531—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
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
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, 5th MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Stree
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
185—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Karl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
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

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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge for March was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, under the presidency of Bro. Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Master for Kent. As anticipated in our last, in consequence of this being the day for the election of Grand Treasurer, and party feeling running very high in behalf of two candidates for that office, there was an unusually large attendance of brethren, so that the Hall was most inconveniently crowded, and many suggestions were overheard that if the assemblages at Grand Lodge continued to increase as they have done of late years the provision of adequate accommodation, at some other place, will have to be taken into consideration. Bro. Lord Herschell was in his place as Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford J.G.W., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. General Brownrigg, Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, as Past Grand Master. Grand Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication confirmed, Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen moved the re-election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. In doing so he remarked that it was his pleasing duty to fulfil the pledge made at the last Grand Lodge, when he made the proposal which he was sure met the approval of the whole Craft, namely, the nomination of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. It was unnecessary to enumerate the many distinguished characteristics that had endeared his Royal Highness to the hearts of Masons, and he felt that no words of his were necessary to commend the motion to the approval of Grand Lodge. The Prince of Wales had endeared himself to the hearts of Masons throughout the world; his position as Grand Master was of no merely ornamental character, for he was always prominently active in Masonic work. Since his Royal Highness's accession to office, upwards of seven hundred Lodges had been added to the roll of Grand Lodge, and some £40,000 or £50,000 a-year contributed to the Charitable Institutions of the Craft. In addition to this, the Board of Benevolence distributed over £10,000 a-year. The geniality and kind-heartedness of the Prince of Wales had endeared him to every class, and in proposing his re-election he need only say that His Royal Highness was a most popular Grand Master. Bro. Baylis seconded the proposition, which was carried amidst great enthusiasm, and Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter) P.J.W. then proclaimed the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year. The election of Grand Treasurer was next proceeded with, Bro. Berridge proposing, and Bro. Sir E. A. Lechmere seconding, the nomination of Bro. A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire; and Bro. G. A. Vennell, W.M. 165, nominating Bro. Richard Eve. Balloting papers were collected, and scrutineers of votes appointed, and later in the evening they returned to Grand Lodge, when their report was read by Earl Amherst, as follows:—

Bro. Richard Eve	...	...	765
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Bro. Eve, who was loudly cheered on rising to acknowledge the compliment paid him, said the M.W.G.M. in the chair had given him permission to express to Grand Lodge the thanks he felt with reference to the election of that day. He assured them he felt the honour the brethren of Grand Lodge had heaped upon his shoulders; whatever his services to the Craft had been in the past, he knew the double duty was imposed upon him to still further discharge those duties to the benefit of the Craft and to the good of Freemasonry in all parts of the world. He felt a deep debt of gratitude to those brethren who had come 100 miles, and more, to vote for him on this occasion. To those brethren who had attended, at great inconvenience, he expressed his deep obligation for their kindness, and for the great honour they had done him that night. The grants recommended by the Board of Benevolence, as given in our issue of last week, were confirmed, and Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D., who was appointed at the last Quarterly Communication as President of the Board of Benevolence, was invested with the insignia of his office. In connection with the grants referred to, it may be mentioned that on the motion of Brother James Stevens, seconded by Bro. F. W. Potter, W.M. of The Great City Lodge, the recommendations of the Board were taken *en bloc*, and not moved and seconded separately, Earl Amherst stating that it met with his entire approval; he thought the suggestion an excellent one. The report of the General Purposes Committee, as it appeared in our columns last week, was adopted; and the report of Brother John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1886, was read and received. The motion of Bro. C. W. Meiter, W.M. of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, to the effect that a foundation-stone of a "House of Prayer for all Nations," to be erected on or near the site of King Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem (to which subject we directed attention in our leader columns last week) fell to the ground for want of a seconder. Bro. W. Nicholl P.M. 317, Manchester, then moved "That Past Masters shall be entitled to wear a distinctive collar," contending that the collar was an insignia of rank and distinction. The resolution was seconded by Bro. George Hunt W.M. 1009, and supported by Bro. Brackstone Baker P.G.D., and carried by an overwhelming majority. Bro. Nicholl next moved, and Bro. George Hunt seconded—

That the Board of General Purposes be, and are hereby authorised and empowered to determine, and they shall so determine, whether such distinction shall be silver cord in the centre, or whether it should be cord or braid or lace on the edges, and that they re-arrange Article 307 accordingly, and report the same to Grand Lodge in June next.

This, after some discussion of a personal nature, was carried by 282 against 117, Brother Nicholl having previously agreed to except the last part of it, as to reporting to Grand Lodge in June next. Brother Nicholl moved and Bro. Canon Portal P.G.C. seconded

That Past Masters, duly qualified as members of Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to wear such collar on all occasions when Craft clothing may be worn,

this was agreed to. The other motions, as to collars and jewels to be worn when "officially visiting," were withdrawn. The motion

That the Board of General Purposes be requested to re-draft Article 308,

was carried without opposition. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 1216, then moved

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That Article No. 153 of the General Laws and Regulations for the government of the Craft, which declares that all Lodges held within ten miles of Freemasons' Hall, London, be London Lodges, and are to pay the London fees and dues, be repealed.

In doing so he pointed out that Brethren and Lodges in the London District were now so numerous that there was no chance of the brethren getting, however eminent their services, Grand Lodge honours, or, as he put it, "a reward for their services." Brother Nicholl heartily sympathised with Brother Stevens, the Provincials thinking it a great pity that the brethren who worked hard in a number of Lodges within the ten mile radius of London should not get any mark of favour. Brother Philbrick showed that the making of Provinces or Districts was a prerogative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge would be interfering with this prerogative if they passed this motion. Brother Stevens urged that it would not be subversive of the prerogative of the Grand Master, but subsequently withdrew the motion, the brethren showing a disposition that it should be withdrawn rather than they should be put to the trouble of dividing. The motion by Brother Joseph Clever, P.M. 171, seconded by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Standard Bearer—

That one thousand pounds be paid from the Fund of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, to assist in placing extra annuitants on the funds, in view of the large number (130 candidates) seeking election in May next,

was unanimously agreed to. One other motion by Brother Nicholl having been withdrawn, for want of a seconder, he then moved

That Article 75 Book of Constitutions be referred to Board of General Purposes for the purpose of ascertaining if it is possible to remodel and simplify and render it more workable as to the mode of recording and counting the votes in Grand Lodge.

Bro. Philbrick seconded the motion, which was carried amidst applause, and Grand Lodge was then closed in form and adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

IN our last issue we referred at length to the gratifying results attendant on the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, giving a complete list of the amounts sent up by the respective stewards, so far as they were made up to the hour of our going to press. Since then several outstanding lists have come in, raising the grand total collected for the Festival to £19,126 15s. The amount accredited to Bro. John L. Mather, "unattached," is ten guineas; whilst eight guineas must be added to the sum standing in the name of Bro. Samuel J. Fisher, of Lodge 1615, raising his total to £44 2s. Major G. Lambert also sends a welcome ten guineas, and an additional five pounds is entered on behalf of the Province of Berks and Bucks, in the name of Bro. W. Fenton, who thus raises his total to £27 16s 6d. From East Lancashire there is a new list of ten guineas, in the name of Bro. Robert Williamson, of Lodge No. 1055; and another of fifty guineas from the members of Lodge No. 1219, this to be considered as a Jubilee offering. Brother W. Platt, of Lodge 1313, remits an additional two and a half guineas, advancing his total to £93 5s 6d; and Brother Isaac Dixon, of Lodge 1567, swells his list to £85 14s, by an additional remittance of ten guineas. Surrey also sends another twenty guineas, in the name of Brother R. E. Catterson, thus bringing up his total to £31 10s. The total originally stated for Derbyshire was given erroneously as £429 14s; it should have been £387 14s, a sum of £42 having been credited to Brother George Fletcher, No. 850, and also to Bro. P. Wallis, who was a Steward for that Lodge; not "unattached," as stated in the returns. We are happy to be able to congratulate the Committee on the fact that at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday last, the motion of Brother Joseph Clever P.M. 171, that £1000 be paid to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was carried by acclamation, and without a dissentient voice. This will be a material help to the committee, and the entire result of the extra effort made this year on behalf of the "Old People's" Institution, will be equally satisfactory to every member of the Craft who is sincerely interested in the cause of Charity.

THE PREPARATION.

IN speaking of Masonic Charity it was the intention to impress the Entered Apprentice, not only with the value of Charity as an educational process in itself, but with some important truths which will fully demonstrate themselves during his Masonic career. The newly initiated will find, first, Masonry is a system of morality enforced by the necessities of man's duty to God and man; secondly, Masonry is education continuing from the moment of his admission to Light until the end of life; thirdly, that Charity is the prime factor of Masonic principles; and fourthly, that without morality—without education—and wanting charity, the individual man must fail in attaining any exalted position among men. Freemasonry—open to every man fit to accept its responsibilities—presents the means of acquiring knowledge, of correcting natural defect and elevates man in his moral and social status. In Freemasonry there is everything that adds to the dignity of manhood, but nothing that can subvert the principles of honour or religion.

The second section of the Charge in the first degree puts before the candidate some very important truths, yet their real import will not reveal itself until a later period of the Masonic career, and truths though they be, they are in reality as letters in the alphabet of that Masonic language which will be the duty of life so long as that life itself may obtain.

Our Lectures in this section teach that without a true conception of self it is utterly impossible to discharge the duties we owe to Society, but the ancient founders of Freemasonry had the true wisdom of knowledge of human nature and the charges acquire force by the reasons for them being embodied with them. In making the reasons component parts of the charges themselves, the mind of the candidate is impressed more strongly than if either were presented alone—cause and effect are shown in the closest possible relation, and it becomes impossible to bring the faculties into operation in respect to the one without the other.

There are eight reasons given for the candidate's condition at the time of being accorded the intelligence of Masonic Mystery, and the sequential order in which they occur is sufficiently convincing of their value as educating influences. The importance of truly apprehending the Spirit of the Charge on Charity acquires confirmation from the reasons set forth in each of the clauses of the charges in this second section, inasmuch as we are presented with an operation of the mental faculties in regard to the condition of man under two very distinct and adverse conditions. Whilst the Charge on Charity covers the area of all humanity, and teaches the young Mason the value of living and thinking beyond the limits of self, the reasons and the Charges in this second section bring him into communion with self and symbolically present the entity of self under the conditions of the actual fact of his existence. The desire to attain the bright intelligence of Masonic mystery can only be recognised as under circumstances which act as a security to both the aspirant and the Order—the security to the aspirant lies in the fact that those who have been admitted to light have in their turn been approved worthy the honour and confidence; the security to the Order lies in the fact that the aspirant has arrived at the age of maturity, is free born, and has his worthiness vouched for.

The surprise of the candidate upon his admission at finding a perfect system of morality cannot be very much greater than what his surprise will be upon finding that his preparation for initiation into Masonic life is based upon a recognition of his humanity and all the circumstances incidental to his existence.

The preparation which is commenced with the awakening of a desire to join Freemasonry is truly the *internal*; the value of that preparation can only be estimated by those brethren who will be acquainted with the individual life after admission; to the individual himself it can only be of value as the means to attain the end. The preparation for the practical realisation of the desire as the first great lesson in the study of self, and however much the symbolism of the ceremony may impress the candidate, the facts attending the demonstration of the symbols must impress him still more.

Freemasonry and Religion, that is the Religion of God, run parallel with each other—each accepts man in his primitive state as exactly under the same conditions—each

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system teaches certain laws for the guidance of man in his social relations, and each has the same ultimate hope of the future life expressed throughout. The darkness of the uninitiated is to the system of Masonry what the ignorance of spiritual life is to the unregenerate man, but that darkness does not mean to the Mason the same state of moral degradation which the religious bigot ascribes to the man who has not his light or who shares not his belief. Masonry concedes the fact that worth not only may, but does, exist beyond the limits of the Craft, but it claims as a fact that its teachings make men better men by means enforced through the recognition of the Supreme Being as the One God; enforced by the performance of man's duty to man, and by appealing to reason and honour.

The Symbol of Restraint is, of all the symbols of the initiation ceremony the one which probably affords the candidate the most comprehensive idea of the teaching underlying the system of Masonry. The bondage of ignorance and the disabilities which exist therewith are restraints in the social existence, accepting the subject as passive, although it is when in the active mood that the reason for the preparation becomes most apparent and the operation of the Charge most effectual.

The reasons for the charges upon Fidelity and Sincerity are so self-evident that they must be accepted without hesitation as absolute necessities in the interest of social wellbeing. The candidate's obligation is brought forward in the reason given for the Charge on Fidelity; the reason for the charge upon Sincerity is an implied rather than a clearly defined one, so far as the future career is concerned. The power of Sincerity as an element of peace is presented in a twofold character, each affording evidence that our principles cannot countenance strife, and the value of the Charge derives its confirmation from the harmony and brotherly feeling which our Lodge meetings exhibit.

The humility of man in the presence of the Almighty is presented as another condition of existence, and displays to the candidate the necessity of avoiding the errors of pride and arrogance.

To this point six conditions of his existence as a member of the human family are presented for the candidate's consideration, and from this point his Masonic career may be said to start.

In the seventh clause we have presented an example of Democracy, most perfect in conception and complete in its operations. The equality of mankind and the brotherhood of the human race is nowhere else more beautifully defined or more practically demonstrated than in the principles and practice of Freemasonry. The Masonic Lodge is the home of Democracy, as the principles of Masonry are the foundations of it. Masonry cannot become operative without presenting us with Democracy in its abstract form. Every true Mason must be a true Democrat, and his Lodge the home of his Democracy. The fact that the hour finds the man, is applicable to every class of society, to every nation, and to every combination of circumstances, but there is under the system of Masonry a greater number of men ready and capable of adapting themselves to the exigencies of the hour than under perhaps any other system in existence. There is little difficulty in arriving at the reasons why such is the case; they are self-evident to Masons, and those reasons are in themselves so excellent that as they become better understood, the higher will be the position of the Order in the estimation of men whose opinion is worthy of consideration.

The democracy of politics as we understand the word now-a-days must not be confounded with the democracy of Freemasonry, no two quantities can be more diametrically opposed to each other. The modern democracy of politics has become a howling assertion of self by unscrupulous demagogues—an outrage upon all the laws of decency and the license of speech. Masonic democracy is honour to worth, and so long as Masonry endures its democracy will be preserved in the abstract.

It is necessary again to recur to the terms of the obligation taken upon initiation to appreciate the abstract democracy which it embodies. The obligation itself, as an obligation, does not express any principle of democratic tendency; we have to look to the terms of it, and then consider what the active operation of these terms will produce. The outcome of a true and active operation is not really in itself so quantitive as qualitative, nor does it present itself as a positive factor, it is the results of it which are the expression and the evidence of the involved democratic element. Nowhere can a man's true worth find room for fuller scope than within the lines of Freemasonry; nor can there be any truer convincing ground of individual excellence than the floor of the Masonic Lodge. The educating influence of Masonry cannot be over estimated—the honours won in the Masonic arena stamp the individual excellence of both worth and intellect—indeed among men they may pass as hall-marks of character tested and approved under the stringent laws of a government absolutely democratic in principle and practice.

The last symbol—that which ratifies the obligation and completes the contract, as between candidate and Freemasonry, has an importance which goes far beyond the mere contract itself. Life, the whole individual career, is typified, and in rendering an account we render it as an abstract entity, a token of fulfilled duty to God and man, the price at which Masonic knowledge has been purchased.

The education of a Mason cannot be completed without a careful study of the duties the lectures enforce, but if for no other reason the lectures should be studied that the beauty of their diction be appreciated and their poetry understood. Knowledge is power, and the power of knowledge will find so true a recognition among his brethren that his pleasure will prove the profit of Masonry to the Mason.—*Sydney Freemason.*

VISIT YOUR MASONIC HOMES.

IN generalizing upon Masonic duties and neglects, a Brother classes, strikingly, among the latter, "neglecting to visit our Masonic Homes." This gives rise to pregnant thought, upon which an essay, a lecture, a book might be written. To visit our homes, in the general sense, is a duty inherent in the noblest manhood, in the foremost filial reverence, in the highest human love. The prodigal son was welcomed back and forgiven for all his grievous faults, and his example made a parable in Holy Writ for our admonition and guidance—because his thoughts, his recollections, his affections, his fullest awakened love, turned his step backward toward the home he had regarded as without attractions when he turned his face toward the shallow vanities, the uncertain and evanescent pleasures and gauds of the special world of vice and dissipation. The lesson of his foregiveness and restoration to happiness is none the less pertinent, because suffering and selfishness directed his thoughts back to home. The fact that he returned was accepted as an evidence of repentance worthy the forgiveness he received. Oceans may separate the exile from his home, but distance only increases his longing to return. The man whose dearest worldly interests lead him far from his early home, and compel him to form almost inseparable connections from which have grown the highest prosperity and the noblest friendships, seizes upon reluctant time, and tears himself from all of these to return to the scenes of his youth and the surroundings of his earliest manhood.

If a Mason has not at some time loved his Masonic home—his Lodge or his Chapter, or both—if he has not formed cherished, fraternal associations, and had awakened in newly-found places in his heart the purest of social and brotherly sentiments, he has not fulfilled the promise implied when he placed his maturedly-considered petition in the hands of his friends or his Brother.

How, then, can he forget all these? If he does this for a time, and no sentiment of awakened affection leads him, prodigal-like, to return to the scenes of his former love, some lingering sense of duty should turn his steps to the well-remembered halls; some freshly-considered sentiment of the heart, some timely admonition of the mind, springing from an appreciation of the general proprieties to be observed by every one according to his surroundings and the obligations he owes to his fellows, more especially to his friends, should move him as with an irresistible force, to visit, again and again, his Lodge, his Brethren, his Chapter, his Companions.

O, luke-warm Mason! give these thoughts an occasional place in your mind; do not drive them away when they come; for come they will if you are a good and a true man. Renew your once happy associations! Restore your once cherished friendships! Call back your sacred sentiments in behalf of the universal Brotherhood of man.—*Comp. Thos. B. Long, of Indiana.*

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THE PHILADELPHIA MASONIC "MOTHER" BUBBLE.

By Brother Jacob Norton.

IT is proverbial that a Philadelphia lawyer cannot easily bs puzzled, hence I can account as to why our good brother MacCalla, of Philadelphia, who there adorns the legal profession, was never puzzled with any doubts about Philadelphia being the legitimate mother of American Masonry. His peculiar mode of reasoning, however, not only convinced the Pennsylvanians, that Daniel Coxe established Masonry in Philadelphia in 1731; not only convinced Dr. Mackey, who indeed expressed regret, in 1874, that Brother MacCalla's discoveries were not made before the publication of his Cyclopœdia; he not only took captive some of our oratorical Grand Masters, and the American Masonic Press generally, but our English Brothers Hughan, Woodford and others also rushed into the melée, and zealously acknowledged and upheld Brother MacCalla's discovery as an important event. Brother Woodford, in his Cyclopœdia in 1878 said:—

"The early history of Freemasonry in America has lately had to be re-written, consequent upon the discovery of documents which prove that Philadelphic Pennsylvania is, as Brother Hughan styles it, 'the premier Masonic City,' and Pennsylvania 'the first Provincial Grand Lodge in America,' instead of Boston, Massachusetts, as formerly stated," &c.

A writer in the Freemason's Chronicle also gave us more than one article in behalf of Philadelphia Masonic Premiership. Time, however, has served to change public opinion, and it is curious to see how one by one yield, sooner or later, to reason and common sense. Here in America, outside of Pennsylvania, I know not whether even one intelligent Mason believes now in the Philadelphia mother thory; in England, the writer in this Journal, previously referred to, showed decided symptoms of change of opinion on the question; and in 1881, when I met Brother Woodford, in company with Brother Gould, in London, both of these distinguished brethren confessed the Philadelphia "Mother theory" was a failure; indeed, Brother Gould had already manifested that opinion in the Freemason's Chronicle, and I suppose Bro. Woodford only refrained from expressing his opinion in print on account of his friendship to Brother Hughan. After reading an article in the *Freemason* of 15th January, on the Philadelphia question, I expected to see in the next issue a sledge hammer remonstrance to it from Brother Hughan. However, here is an extract:—

"We anticipate that the claim made by Brother Meyer, of Philadelphia, respecting the Premier Masonic City in America, will not be generally received either in that country or with us, for we are not aware that 'it is established beyond doubt that Daniel Coxe authorised the establishment of a Lodge in Philadelphia.' The evidence is not quite satisfactory, depending as it does on the 'Bell Letter,' which has not yet been accepted as reliable. Unfortunately, this letter has been lost, and cannot now be produced as a witness [Query, when? and by whom was the Bell Letter lost?] We have no reason to doubt the genuineness of the epistle, but the accuracy of Bell's assertion may fairly be questioned, when there is not a scrap of information in existence respecting Coxe's connection with the old St. John's Lodge referred to. We know [so do I] that Brother Hughan has done his best to clear up the difficulty, and so have other well known students of the Craft. But we entirely share Brother Gould's view of the subject, so far as respects the present indefinite character of the evidence submitted; and whilst cheerfully acknowledging that the notable No. 79 [English Register] may have been chartered for Philadelphia, though never used, we are not in a position just now to decide the matter authoritatively one way or the other."

Now I confess that I cannot see a particle of evidence in the Dublin Pocket Companion of 1735 to justify the supposition that a charter "may have been sent" to Philadelphia in 1731. But yet the way it is here expressed is a decided improvement on Brother Lane's statement; for according to the *Freemason* it is very doubtful whether the charter was sent at all to Philadelphia. But if it was ever sent, it is very certain that it was never used, but Bro. Lane seems to be positive that the charter was sent from England, and his doubt rests as to whether it was used by the Philadelphians or not.

I have already intimated that I was curious to know what my good Bro. Hughan would say in response to the *Freemason's* editorial of 15th January, and I must add that I was even more curious to learn Bro. MacCalla's opinion about it. I thought, however, that while Bro. Hughan might perhaps be satisfied with the soothing syrup of "may have been," generously offered by the editor of the *Freemason*, as a kind of peace offering or compromise, yet it seemed to me that to my ardent Philadelphia opponent who, through thick and thin, for near thirteen years persistently maintained that Philadelphia was "undoubtedly" the legitimate mother of American Masonry, the applied phrase "may have been" must therefore have sounded grossly outrageous; hence, I was prepared for a four column outburst of indignation in the next issue of the *Keystone*, together with a notice "To be continued." I expected to read Bro. Calla's appeal to the opinions upon the question at issue of the learned Dr. Mackey, of numerous American Masonic Grand Masters and Masonic editors, and of the most distinguished English Masonic writers, viz., Bros. Woodford, Hughan, &c. I expected to see a re-hash, for the fiftieth time at least, of the whole series of his arguments, with some new additions. I imagined seeing the paper begin with:—

"May have been! Indeed! Why! did not Benjamin Franklin state, in December 1730, that there were several Lodges in the Province?" Bro. Franklin's statement is undoubtedly true, because nobody has ever contradicted it. Again, Coxe undoubtedly got a Deputation, dated 24th June 1730, from the Grand Master of England. "Now Coxe, under this Deputation, undoubtedly—as Provincial G. M. of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania—warranted the first Lodges in Philadelphia in the same year in which the Deputation was granted, and these Lodges were the ones which Franklin's paper of December 1730 asserts were then in existence," &c. (See *Masonic Magazine*, vol. 2, p 9.) Again, "Coxe visited the G.L. of England 29th January 1731, and was greeted as Provincial G.M. of North America." [The last argument is Bro. C. E. Meyer's.]

Next would come the "Bell Letter," the Dublin Pocket Companion of 1735, with the additional inference drawn from Bro. Lane's book, viz., his unqualified admission that a Lodge was "warranted for America." "True," Bro. Lane adds, "but probably warrant never used." This, however, our learned Philadelphia Brother puts aside, as in his opinion it was undoubtedly used. Besides which, his late discovered Philadelphia Lodge record or ledger of 1731 would itself be shown to be overwhelming proof that there is no "may have been" about it. Yes, all this and a great deal more I was prepared to read in the next issue of the *Keystone*. I was therefore agreeably surprised when the said issue of the London *Freemason* and the Philadelphia *Keystone* reached me to find that neither the English nor the American champions of the Philadelphia mother theory mentioned a word against the *anti* Philadelphian editorial in the *Freemason* of 15th January. The inference therefore is a virtual confession on the part of my esteemed opponents that the Philadelphian Mother Masonry theory can no longer be rationally maintained. In short our Philadelphia lawyer is puzzled at last.

Boston, U.S., 9th February 1887.

MARK MASONRY.

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BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 48.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hobart-street, Stonehouse, on Wednesday, 10th ultimo, to instal Bro. C. Marshall J.W., Past Grand Organist, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was impressively rendered by Bro. F. Binckes Grand Secretary of England. Among the Installed Masters present were Bros. T. W. Lemon P.M. 55 P.G. Chaplain England P.P.G. Chaplain Devon, F. Crouch P.M. 76 G.J.D. England P.G.A. Secretary, J. H. Stevens P.M. 48 P.P.G.S.O., R. Lose P.M. 48 P.P.G.S.O., H. Millar P.M. 76 P.P.G.D.C., J. Lavers P.M. 76 P.P.G.A.D.C., and J. Bartlett P.M. 48. The board of Installed Masters being closed, the Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. R. Lose jun. I.P.M., G. Ellery S.W., F. Webber J.W., F. Price Treasurer, J. Davis Secretary, S. Chubb M.O., T. Worledge S.O., T. Geach J.O., A. R. Lethbridge P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Chaplain, C. E. Wingate Registrar of Marks, W. H. Williams S.D., W. Austin J.D., C. P. Sutton I.G., and James Bartlett P.M. Tyler. Among the Visitors were Bros. Brickwood 16, H. C. T. Tucker 169, and Curno.

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ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to thank most heartily the brethren who so kindly and warmly supported me on Wednesday last, at the Election of Grand Treasurer, more especially those from the Provinces who at great personal inconvenience and expense recorded their votes in my favour.

Yours fraternally,

2 Pump-Court, E.C. A. F. GODSON.

ANOTHER SCHEME UTOPIAN.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Were it not for the "sorter ironical like" manner—as Artemus Ward would put it—in which you treated Bro. Meiter's proposal last week, I intended to submit to you, and probably to Grand Lodge as well, a scheme which I venture to think is quite as feasible, if not quite as "Utopian." And now, Sir, at the risk of arousing your editorial ire—or irony, which you please—I may state that I have for some time been cogitating upon a scheme which in my humble view would fitly commemorate the Jubilee year of her Majesty's glorious reign, and redound to the credit of the Craft in the event of its object being accomplished! To be brief, Sir, my suggestion is to erect a Masonic Observatory on the North Pole, to be called the "Franklin Jubilee Folly." My grounds for advocating this scheme are manifold. In the first place, that ancient and honourable institution the North Pole has existed from time immemorial—though nobody ever seems yet to have reached its precise site, but that does not matter. Secondly, there would be no fear of any conclave held at the North Pole being intruded upon by cowans or eavesdroppers, curious to learn our secrets; it would be a rallying point for Masons of "every nation and kindred and tribe" who chose to hazard the journey to it; and so the stately and superb edifice would be essentially and to all intents and purposes of a cosmopolitan description. Converging upon the Observatory should be telephonic communication from every Lodge in the known world, and a faithful and true record kept of all their doings. See you not what a field of employment would be opened up for industrious scribes who are willing to work, but who cannot find suitable occupation in these "sunnier climes" and more civilized spheres? This, in my humble way of thinking, would save, not only this country, but others, a vast amount of money that is from time to time expended in fitting out expeditions in the forlorn hope of discovering the fate of that great and illustrious Mason, Bro. Sir John Franklin. Now, don't you catch the interest, my Dear Sir and Brother? Those enormous sums, which may just as well have been pitched into Hudson's Bay, or any other bay for that matter, could be devoted to the liberal remuneration of the aforesaid industrious scribes, who, like myself, have a chronic fit of *cacoethes scribendi*. The surplus, if any, might be devoted to the furtherance of Masonic Charity amongst the Esquimaux and other neighbouring tribes. Grand Lodge and every other Lodge should be invited to make a pilgrimage to that frigid Mecca at least once a year, which would be a nice—no pun, I assure you—variation of our "sometimes monotonous work in Lodge." The picture of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, seated on "The Pole," casting a benign smile of royalty over the whole of his domain, upon which the "sun never sets"—by the way, I fancy I am rather weak in that point, for the explorers tell us the sun is not always in its meridian at the North Pole—though that is an item of little consequence in the discussion of this subject—would be an "interesting and pathetic" one. Spread out around him on the glassy fields of ice, what a galaxy of Masonic brilliancy could be concentrated. Why, Sir, the proposed Jubilee at the Olympia or the Albert Hall would sink into insignificance before such an assemblage! If I had the temerity of some folks I would propose to the Grand Lodge that a *fac simile* of the North Pole—supposing any worthy Brother could design one—should be carried through all the principal cities and towns in this and other countries, after remaining a certain period in London, and all loyal and frigidly disposed Masons should be afforded the privilege of pouring forth their offerings into the coffers of the idol of which I humbly claim the inception. There, Sir, what do you think of *my* scheme? You may call it "Utopian," but after all it is not much more a "castle in the air," as you term it, than sticking up a "House of Prayer for all nations" on the site of King Solomon's Temple. I have now, to use your own phraseology, drawn around myself a web of my own construction, which may involve me in the position of a laughing-stock amongst all staid and rationally-minded Masons. But what care I? Have I not the courage of my own convictions? Thus, like Bombastes Furioso, I nail my colours to the North Pole, and exclaim,—

Whoe'er this pair of boots displace
Must meet Bombastes face to face;
Thus do I challenge all the human race!

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours ironically and fraternally,

SLIGHTLY GONE OFF.

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REVIEWS.

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Wiltshire Masonic Calendar. Edited by Bro. W. Nott P.M. 668 P.P.G.S.W. Wilts, and Prov. Charity Secretary. Devizes: W. H. Bush, Wine-street.

WE have before us the seventh annual issue of the Wiltshire Masonic Calendar, and Official Directory of the Province, which is published with the sanction of Lord Methuen Prov. Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Nott, whose reputation as a thorough working Mason extends very far beyond his own immediate circle, has laboured successfully in developing and improving this handy little work, which has proved so useful, and been so much appreciated by brethren in the Province, and it is now one of the most complete and well-arranged of all the Provincial Calendars that we have seen. The issue appears rather late, in consequence of accidental circumstances which the editor explains, but it will be none the less acceptable, seeing that all the information up to date has been collated and is here supplied in its entirety. Besides the Calendar proper, in which are given the dates of all the principal events wherein the Wiltshire brethren are especially interested, lists are given of the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge Present and Past, with a record of the dates and places of meetings of Prov. Grand Lodge during the last decade, followed by a list of Craft Lodges, with the dates at which their warrants were granted; the places and dates of the meetings of the various Lodges, whose Present and Past Officers are enumerated. The same remarks apply to the Royal Arch Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Province; and lists are appended of the Wiltshire Stewards for Masonic Charities from the year 1870, and the amounts taken up by each respectively. Interesting information is given respecting the Provincial Benevolent Fund and Charity Organisation Committee, and the number of votes belonging to the various Lodges in the Province and to voters connected therewith. The little work is got up in excellent style, bound in blue and gold, and is of handy size for the pocket. The editor desires to tender his thanks to the editors of various Provincial Calendars who have sent him copies thereof, and to say that he will be pleased to receive copies of any other such Calendars that may be issued, and to reciprocate the compliment.

The Problem Art. A Treatise on how to Compose and how to Solve Chess Problems. By T. B. and F. F. Rowland. Dublin: 9 Victoria Terrace, Clontarf. London: W. W. Morgan jun., 17 Medina-road, Holloway.

IN this neatly got up little book Messrs Rowland have strung together in handy form a series of articles contributed by them to the *Illustrated Science Monthly* and other publications, the chief aim of the work being to impart to beginners, in as clear and comprehensive a manner as possible, primary instruction on how to compose and how to solve Chess Problems. The compilers are stimulated to this effort by the hope that young chess players may be induced, by a perusal of the articles, to cultivate the problem art, and so sustain one of the most ennobling, intellectual, and attractive branches of chess. It not unfrequently happens that students of this fascinating game are precluded from spending an enjoyable hour or two by the absence of an antagonist of sufficient calibre to save the play from being altogether one-sided, in which case the game soons become wearisome and uninteresting. At such a moment a work like that before us serves the purpose of a clever, though invisible opponent; and supplies all that is necessary for intellectual enjoyment and instruction. The articles are carefully written, and give the reader a vast amount of matter for reflection and working out, the various sides of different questions being enlarged upon in a way that must prove of interest as well as value to all students of this scientific and favourite game. The authors have also ventured to decide, for the benefit of adepts, several moot points, and have laid down rules for their guidance in the art of composing. In doing so they admit having trodden "an unbeaten path," and express the hope that they have not "ventured too far." In that modest hope they may rest assured that, in reaching forward beyond the ordinary scope and grasp of the players with whom they deal, they do but incite men to study and inquire, thus promoting an interchange of thoughts and ideas which must prove favourable to all who feel an interest in the game. The little work is admirably got up and should find its way extensively into the hands of both young and old chess players.

"Society Types, drawn by Pen and Pencil," will form the subject of a series of articles in "The Lady's World." The first paper, "The Parisienne," appears in the March number.

An article, giving directions to children about the making of paper dolls, with illustrations of historical dresses, will appear in "Little Folks" magazine for March. The same number will also contain the second of the series of papers on "Some Curious School Customs."

Some further "Reminiscences of John Hullah, LL.D.," will be contributed to the March number of "Cassell's Magazine," by one who knew him well.

The Stock Exchange is the subject of an article that, under the title of "'Bulls' and 'Bears' on 'Change," will appear in the March number of "Cassell's Magazine," with an illustration of "The House," by Mr. Sydney G. Hall.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 221.

THE monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 16th ult., at 6·30 p.m., at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Present—Bros. J. Walker W.M., Chas. Crompton I.P.M., W. H. Chambers S.W., W. Siddorn J.W., J. W. Draycott Secretary, G. P. Brookbank Treasurer, R. Cuerden S.D., W. Forrest J.D., J. W. Taylor Dir. of Cers., E. Halliwell I.G., J. R. Haslam Organist, J. Higson Tyler; also Bros. Critchley, R. Marginson, D. W. Stevenson, C. Howarth, Peter Bradburne P.M., James Sutcliffe, John Seddon, J. Entwisle, J. J. Bentley, T. Morris P.M. Visitors—W. Long 1509, F. Skelton P.M. 146, J. T. Vise S.W. 146, J. Duckworth 381. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of former meeting confirmed, proceeded to the second degree, when Bro. Sutcliffe having passed a satisfactory examination in the degree of F.C. retired. Lodge was opened upon the third, and the candidate raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Chas. Crompton I.P.M., who also presented the working tools and delivered the customary lecture. Closed to the first degree. Balloted for Mr. John Rushton, who being unanimously elected was initiated into Masonry by the W.M., Bro. John Walker, the working tools being explained by the J.W. (Bro. Siddorn) and the charge delivered by Bro. Geo. P. Brookbank P.G. Standard Bearer. The proceedings throughout were choral, under the charge of the Director of ceremonies, Bro. J. W. Taylor Prov.G.S.D., ably assisted by Bros. Draycott, Howarth and J. R. Haslam, Bro. Peter Staton presiding at the organ. It was agreed to reply to the Pro G. Master's circular, assenting to the proposals therein. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren. A portion of the ancient rules and charges were read by the S.W., and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, 10th February. Bros. Oliver Bryant W.M., Tongue S.W., Apsey J.W., Nowakowski J.D., Dr. Renner I.G.; P.M.'s Dr. Jagielski, Dr. Jackson, Nowakowski Treasurer, Lancaster Secretary. Rev. Whittaker Oxford and Bro. Whitcomb were examined and entrusted. Lodge was advanced to third degree, and the ceremony carefully performed by the W.M. It was proposed by the Secretary, Bro. Lancaster, in accordance with the Bye-laws, that the W.M. and Bro. Tongue S.W. should be presented with the special distinguishing jewel known as the Polish Eagle. This was unanimously carried by the brethren. Other business having been transacted, Lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room. On the cloth being removed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts received attention. Bro. Bieling proposed the health of the W.M., which was cordially received. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the manner they had received him, and assured them of his constant interest in all belonging to the Lodge. He was intensely gratified to know he was to receive the special decoration. The toast of the Visitors, viz., Bros. Saegert 548, Maidment 1681, Hempsted 180, Pangbourne 1288 followed next. Bro. Hempstead thanked the W.M., and alluded to the manner in which the work had been done. Bro. Saegert said he could not add much to what had already been stated. His being present at the meetings of the Polish Lodge was part of the sunshine of his life. Freemasonry had hitherto resisted attacks to destroy it, and he felt sure it always would do so so long as its password Charity was relied on. Charity was a virtue which vaunted not itself, but shed a glory and lustre on all around it; it was the true path to virtue and science. Bro. Maidment also thanked the W.M.; by the invite of Bro. Jackson he had been present, and as he was seeking advancement in his own Lodge he could not do better than take a lesson from the working he had seen that evening. Several brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, and a pleasant meeting was concluded with the Tyler's toast.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—At the meeting held at Masons' Hall, Basingball-street, on the 24th February, at 6·30 p.m., the working of the evening was the Fifteen Sections. In the unavoidable absence of the Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., the chair was filled by Bro. T. Poore P.M. P.Z.; Bros. H. G. Gush and R. Larchin filled the Wardens' chairs. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the working being simply perfect. The sections were taken by the following, viz.:—First lecture—Bros. Gaskin, O'Connell, Hills, Gush, Gregory, Larchin and Jenkins. Second lecture—Bros. Pitt, Margetts, Fox, Sharpe and Watts. Third lecture—Bros. Munday, O'Connell and Poore. In addition to the brethren whose names are mentioned there were present Bros. Williams, Barrett, Pugh, Eisenmann, Mayo, Lye, Reed, Harriss, Allen, White, Whitehouse, Pratt, Alderson, Bertram, Woodin, Pellett, Tidmarsh, Hills, Self, Galloway, Hill, March, Jardine, Cooke, Amsden, Berry, Snashall, Taylor, Cross, Hall, Parkins, Ball Sec., Paddle Treasurer. Stimulated by the great success attending its recent efforts The Great City Lodge of Instruction intends holding a smoking concert at the Masons' Hall on Thursday, 24th March (not limited to Masons); the price for admission will be one shilling. The Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens, will preside, and the assistance of several professional friends has been promised. On 3rd March, at 6·30 p.m., the installation ceremony was rehearsed; the W.M. and Officers of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, taking their respective positions.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—On Thursday, 3rd March, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, there were present Bros. Hardy W.M., Cochrane S.W., Cross J.W., Austin Treasurer, Spiegel Secretary, Sims S.D., P. J. Davies J.D., Jennings I.G., J. Davies Preceptor; Cubitt, Stroud, Von Dyck, Ridgley, Cavers, Benton, Cotton, Head, Higginson, Lindfield. After preliminaries, Bro. Stroud, as candidate for passing, answered the questions; Lodge opened in second degree and the ceremony was rehearsed. The Fellow Craft Lodge was closed, and Bros. Higginson and Cotton, both initiates of the mother Lodge, answered the questions for passing. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Higginson candidate. The seventh section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Davies Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Higginson was elected a member. Bro. Cochrane was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. J. Davies proposed a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, to the W.M., this being the first time of his presiding. Lodge then closed.

ROYAL ARCH.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 221.

A MEETING of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, 2nd March, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, the Companions assembling at 6 o'clock in the evening. Present—J. Boothroyd Z., E. G. Harwood H., W. Duncan J., D. B. Tong E., J. Barrett N., Jno. Higson Janitor; also Comps. G. P. Brockbank P.G.A.D.C., E. A. Mort P.Z., Thos. Morris P.Z., J. H. Greenhalgh P.Z. P.Prov.G.Treas., Jas. Dickinson, W. H. Brown, A. Cosgrave. Visitors—Comps. Jas. Jackson P.Z. 148, C. E. Hindley Z. 148, Alex Wier 178. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for four candidates, who were all unanimously elected; two brethren, Bros. Peter Bradburn P.M. 221, and William Siddorn J.W. 221, being in attendance, were exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason by the M.E.Z., the part of P. Soj. being taken by Comp. Duncan, who performed his duty with great care and precision. The historical lecture was also rendered by Comp. Duncan. The symbolical lecture was delivered by the M.E.Z., and the mystical lecture by Comp. G. A. Mort P.Z. Each of the addresses was given with impressiveness and accuracy. Comp. E. E. Harwood was elected Z. for the ensuing year, Comp. Duncan H. and Comp. Barrett J. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting Companions, and the Chapter closed in peace and harmony at 8·30 p.m.

UNITED SERVICE CHAPTER, No. 1428.

THIS Chapter held its meeting on Friday, the 18th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, when the following Principals were installed:—Comps. J. Laverty Z., J. Jackson H., J. G. Mason J. The First Principal then invested his Officers, as under:—Comps. J. Lind P.Z. Treasurer, W. Miller S.E., F. W. Woodrow S.N., J. Mitchell P.S., H. Kinshett 1st Assistant S., W. Blackadar 2nd Assistant S., J. Johns P.Z. as Dir. of Cers., G. Young and M. Wyatt Stewards, George Sylvester Organist. The installation ceremony was ably and efficiently performed by Comp. J. Johns, eliciting the unanimous approbation of the Companions. The Companions afterwards adjourned to the banquet hall, and did ample justice to the good things provided by Comp. Maybour. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts an enjoyable evening was spent, interspersed with songs by Comps. Sylvester, Mitchell and Wyatt. Among those present were Companions C. S. Lancaster, J.P., P.Z. 487, G. F. Lancester P.Z. 342 P.P.G.J., Askew, Dart P.Z. 804, Marsh 804. It was the pleasing duty of the First Principal (Comp. Laverty) to present a P.Z.'s jewel (which was subscribed for by the Companions of the Chapter both at home and abroad) to Comp. Strick I.P.Z., in recognition of the kindly, genial, and efficient manner in which he carried out the duties of his year of office. Companion Strick acknowledged the present in suitable terms.

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YORK COLLEGE.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., the annual obligatory meeting of this College was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, by permission of the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611. The M.C. was formed, and there were present the following:—Fratres Major Moore IV. Celebraut, W. H. Cowper II. Deputy, J. M. Meek V. Treas., Wm. Brown I. Sec., Col. J. Monks II. P.A., S. Middleton IV. S.A., J. J. Wilkes II. T.A., W. Tomlinson I. Q.A., J. L. Atherton II. Precentor, J. W. Monckman I. Conductor of Novices, Dr. C. D. H. Drury I. Torch Bearer, R. Craig I. Herald, G. H. Locking I. Medallist; together with Fratres J. Todd, Geo. Althorpe, W. B. Dyson, H. Maddison, C. R. Fry, F. Smith, Rev. W. C. Lukis, S. Wilson, Major McGachen, W. H. B. Atkinson, S. Chadwick, and S. W. Fisher. There were also present Fratres T. B. Whytehead Hon. IX. Chief Adept, and T. Trevor III. Suffragan. Successful ballots were taken for Bro. A. W. Tomlinson P.M. 200, and Bro. R. H. Scotheran P.M. 1337, and Bros. Blenkin and Tomlinson were admitted as aspirants to the grade of Zelator. The election of Celebrant then took place, and Frater Tomlinson was declared elected, and was installed in the chair of Father Rosenkrentz by the Chief Adept. The accounts of the Treasurer showed a substantial balance in hand, and the report of the Auditors was adopted. Frater J. M. Meek was re-elected Treasurer. The Chief Adept announced that he should appoint Frater Major Moore as Suffragan,

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and Frater William Brown as Provincial Secretary. Frater Charle Rutter Fry was elected Provincial Treasurer. The Chief Adept then gave his annual address to the fratres, in the course of which he made some remarks upon the significance of the ancient emblem of the triangle and the traditions in connection with the legend of the lost word. He also congratulated the fratres upon the progress of the Society and the York College. Nearly all of the members have been brethren of position in the Craft and men of intelligence, and their meetings were yearly growing in interest. Letters and telegrams were read from 31 members, and the roll having been called it was found that only six fratres had not complied with the obligatory rule. These were ordered to be communicated with at once. The following candidates were proposed: Bros. J. H. Pattison P.M. 1545, J. R. Welsman P.M. 600, T. M. Watson P.M., T. J. Armstrong P.M., T. M. Wilkinson P.M. 297, and H. H. Jekyll 297. The place of the next meeting was left to the decision of the Chief Adept and Celebrant, it having been suggested by the latter to make a tour to Howden, Hemingbro, and Wressel, at all of which places there were antiquities of great interest. A vote of thanks was passed to the Eboracum Lodge for the use of their premises, after which the M.C. was dissolved and the fratres met at tea in the banqueting room.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Gaiety.—Ever thoughtful for that portion of its audience that comes early to the theatre, the management at this house has lately produced a new farce, from the pen of Mr. Malcolm C. Salaman, entitled "Dimity's Dilemma." Mr. Salaman has treated a humorous idea with skill, and has produced some cleverly sketched characters, with the additional advantage of some bright and telling dialogue. The plot is simple, and may thus be described. A widower, Samuel Johnson Dimity, is much interested in a certain Miss Winifred Pendleton; this young lady, however, has an aversion to widowers. Dimity, knowing this, whilst paying his addresses to her contrives to pass himself off as a bachelor. He is successful in his courtship, but is naturally at his wits' end when a certain Professor Huddlesby endeavours to secure consent for Dimity's son to marry Laura, a young lady upon whom Dimity jun. has set his heart. The father, however, will not entertain the idea, and having sworn Huddlesby to secrecy with regard to his past life, proposes to Miss Pendleton, who at once gives her consent. Still her happiness is but short-lived, for Laura comes in, and desires to know where her husband, Samuel Dimity, is. Naturally, Miss Pendleton thinks Laura is the wife of the man who has just proposed to her. Confusion follows; Miss Pendleton breaks off her engagement, while Laura is led to believe her husband is false. In due course, however, matters are cleared up; the consent of Miss Pendleton to marry Dimity in his true colours being the medium for his sanction to his son's wedding. Mr. George Stone gives a forcible rendering of Dimity sen.; while Mr. George Honey's is an amusing embodiment of Dimity jun. Mr. W. Guise is excellent as the Professor. Miss Billie Barlow renders the part of Miss Pendleton prettily and effectively; her acting is perfect. Miss Florence Beale is sympathetic as Laura, and Miss Rayson amusing as Evelina Smart. Several additions have been made to the burlesque "Monte Cristo jun." The comic business has been effectively worked up by Miss Nellie Farren, Mr. Fred Leslie, and Mr. E. J. Lonnen. A new exponent has been found for Mercedes; Miss Marion Hood now takes the part. This lady's acting and singing are delightful; a new ballad being exceptionally well rendered by her. Amongst the fresh items in the piece is a medley composed of snatches, from what may be described as Miss Farren's previous successes, and a humorous song with chorus for Mr. Lonnen, entitled "Ballyhooley." All concerned work with a will, and "Monte Cristo jun." is undoubtedly one of the greatest successes ever achieved at the Gaiety.

Opera Comique.—The second revival by the Vaughan Comedy Company, at this theatre, took place last Saturday, when Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" was produced. The general ability displayed by this company was referred to in our notice of "The Rivals," and on the occasion now under review the same care and precision was brought to bear. However, the performance as a whole was not so satisfactory as might have been expected; some of those engaged were not seen to such advantage as we had been led to expect. Take for example the Mr. and Mrs. Hardcastle of Mr. James Fernandez and Mrs. John Billington. Both artists were earnest, but fire was lacking where it should have been displayed, and altogether the portrayal was somewhat harsh. Then again Mr. Forbes Robertson was too grave, both in look and style, for Young Marlow; while his protestations to the supposed barmaid did not seem to be given with any sincerity. Still we do not wish it to be assumed that the rendering of these several parts was pointless; far from it; what we wish to convey is, that the latest revival of this old comedy must not be taken as a perfect all-round performance. It is to us more pleasant to be able to praise than to condemn. Mr. Lionel Brough's Tony Lumpkin is far and away the best assumption of the revival, his rendering of the part causes roars of laughter. Mr. Brough would, however, be better if he were not quite so boisterous; his hilarity when his mother finds the jewels have been stolen slightly over-stepped the mark. The Miss Hardcastle of Miss Kate Vaughan is characteristic of the grace this lady bestows on all she undertakes. Her scenes with Young Marlow were given in a spirited and winning manner. Mr. Forbes Dawson was passable as Hastings; Miss Julia Gwynne made a charming Miss Neville; and Mr. Sydney Brough a capital Diggory. The piece seemed to be heartily enjoyed by a crowded audience. A jovial and amusing farce, entitled "A Merry Meeting," preceded the more important business of the evening, Mr. Forbes Dawson, Mr. Sydney Brough and Miss Susie Vaughan extracting a considerable amount of humour from the smartly written dialogue of Mr. Lestooq, who was announced as the author.

Olympia.—The Paris Hippodrome will return to the French Capital in the course of a few weeks, when their marvellously successful performances at Olympia will terminate. 369,654 people passed the turnstiles up to Saturday last. We understand that several important fixtures have been made for shows immediately to follow the Hippodrome. A National Gymnastic Competition of gigantic proportions, in which 2,000 members of the athletic clubs of the Kingdom will compete for a great amount in prizes, and a 200-guinea challenge shield, under the auspices of the National Physical Recreation Society. This will be followed by the Sportsman's Exhibition, in conjunction with which, for the first time in London, there will be held a show of exclusively sporting dogs. In May, the great London Horse Show will take place at Olympia, to be followed by an Army Horse Show, and for both of these events a great amount of patronage is already secured. Olympia will also be the scene of the great society event, the Mediæval Tournament and the Kennel Club Show, and a grand Historical Pageant, and other shows and sales, which will carry the Olympian programme well into the summer.

"THE GRAND BUMPER DEGREE."

"Say, are you a Mason or a nodfellow, or anything?" asked the bad boy of the grocery man." "Why, yes; of course I am." "Well, do the goats bunt when you nishiate a fresh candidate?" "No; of course not. The goats are cheap ones, that have no life, and we muzzle them and put pillows over their heads, so they can't hurt anybody," says the grocery man, as he winked at a fellow nodfellow, who was seated on a sugar barrel, looking mysterious. "But why do you ask?" "O nuthin, only I wish me and my chum had muzzled our goat with a pilow. Pa would have enjoyed his becoming a member of our lodge better. You see, pa had been telling how much good the Masons and Oddfellows did and said we ought to try and grow up good so as we could jine the lodges when we got big, and I asked pa if it would do any hurt for us to have a play lodge in my room and pretend to nishiate, and pa said it wouldn't do any hurt. He said it would improve our minds and learn us to be men. So my chum and me borried a goat that lives in the livery stables. You see, my chum and me had to carry the goat up to my room when pa and ma was out riding, and he blatted so we had to tie a handkerchief around his nose, and his feet made so much noise on the floor that we put some baby's socks on its feet. Gosh, how frowsy a goat smells, don't it? I should think you Masons must have strong stummix. Well, sir, my chum and me practised with that goat until he could bunt a picture of a goat every time. We borried a book beer sign from a saloon man, and hung it on the back of a chair, and the goat would hit it every time. That night pa wanted to know what we were doing up in my room, and I told him we were playing lodge and improving our minds, and pa said that was right, there was nothing that did boys half so much good as to imitate men and store by useful knowledge. Then my chum asked pa if he didn't want to come up and take the grand bumper degree, and pa laffed and said he didn't care if he did, just to encourage the boys in innocent pastime that was so improving to our intellect. We had shut the goat up in a closet in my room, and he had got over blatting, so we took off the handkerchief, and he was eating some of my paper collars and skate straps. We went upstairs and told pa to come up pretty soon and give three distinct raps, and when we ask him who was there he must say, "A pilgaric who wants to join your Ancient Order and ride the goat." "Well, we got all fixed, and pa rapped, and we let him in, and told him he must be blindfolded, and he got on his knees a-laffing, and I tied a towel around his eyes, and then I turned him round and made him get down on his hands also, and then his back was right towards the closet door, and I put the bockbeer sign right against pa's clothes. He was laffin' all the time, and said we boys were as full of fun as they made 'em, and we told him it was a solemn occasion, and we wouldn't permit no levity, and if he didn't stop laughing we couldn't give him the grand bumper degree. Then everything was ready, and my chum had his hand on the closet door, and some kyan pepper in his other hand, and I asked pa in low bass tones if he felt as though he wanted to turn back, or if he had nerve enough to go ahead and take the degree. I warned him that it was full of dangers, as the goat was loaded with beer, and told him he yet had time to retrace his steps if he wanted to. He said he wanted the whole business, and we could go on with the menagerie. Then I said to pa that if he had decided to go ahead, and not blame us for the consequences, to repeat after me the following:—"Bring forth the royal bumper and let him bump!" Pa repeated the words, and my chum sprinkled the kyan pepper on the goat's moustache, and he sneezed once and looked sassy, and then he sees the lager beer rearing up, and he started for it just like a cowcatcher and blatted. Pa is real fat, but he knew he got hit and grunted, and said, "Hell's fire! what you boys doin'?" and then the goat gave him another degree, and pa pulled off the towel and got up and started for the stairs, and so did the goat, and ma was at the bottom of the stairs listening, and when I looked over the bannisters pa and ma and the goat were all in a heap, and pa was yelling murder, and ma was screaming fire, and the goat was blatting and sneezing and bunting; and the hired girl came into the hall, and the goat took after her, and she crossed herself just as the goat struck her, and said, "Howly Mother, protect me!" and went down stairs the way we boys slide down hill, with hands on herself, and the goat reared up and blatted, and pa and ma went into their room and shut the door, and then my chum and me opened the front door and drove the goat out.

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On WEDNESDAY, the 11th MAY next,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

Sir OFFLEY WAKEMAN, Bart.

R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire,

*** Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward are *very urgently needed*; they will much oblige by forwarding their names as *early as possible* to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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APRIL ELECTION, 1887.

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JOHN FAWCETT,

AGED NINE YEARS.

Whose Father, Bro. JOHN GASCOIGNE FAWCETT, late of the "Limes," Herne, Kent, was initiated in the "St. Augustine's Lodge," No. 972, on the 18th of May 1881, and continued a subscribing member until February 1886. He was one of the Founders of the Ethelbert Lodge, No. 2099, and was Senior Deacon of that Lodge up to the time of his death, which took place (after a protracted and severe illness) on the 6th of August 1886. He was always ready to help in the cause of charity and his fellow creatures. He has left a widow and six children almost totally unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the following Lodges:—
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Also by the undermentioned brethren:—

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THE GREAT PYRAMID AND FREEMASONRY.

A VERY interesting Lecture on the above subject was delivered on 21st January, in the Masonic Hall, Shanklin, by Bro. John. Chapman, under the aspices of the Chine Lodge, No. 1884. The W.M., Bro. Alfred Greenham, presided on the occasion, and in a few complimentary remarks introduced the Lecturer, who said:—

In connection with the rare and valuable collection of Masonic exhibits that were lately placed before the public in Shanklin, the diligent student would be able to gather some very interesting information with regard to the antiquity of Freemasonry, and it would be deeply interesting and instructive no doubt to such in trying to find out the important link that connects Freemasonry with the events of the remote past. But I am sure it will not be exceeding the bounds of truth or propriety if we affirm that there was nothing in the whole of that choice collection of Masonic curiosities at the Shanklin Exhibition that would so satisfactorily establish the great antiqnity of the Order as the Great Pyramid is capable of doing when properly understood. We may, therefore, Mr. Chairman, regard the lecture this evening as being a supplementary effort to that very laudable undertaking you so successfully inaugurated on the 9th day of September last.

The topic for our consideration is the Great Pyramid, and its wonderful construction in connection with Freemasonry.

In treating upon the Great Pyramid and its inimitable masonry, we propose to deal with the important truths it delineates, rather than with the links that connect it with the present system of speculative Masonry.

In dealing, therefore, with the deductions that may be drawn from the proportions of this huge piles of masonry, it must be distinctly understood that it is not our intention to try and prove that Freemasonry is inseparably connected with the Great Pyramid. If, however, it is found that the sacred truths it teaches have been inspired by "the Great Architect of the Universe," and that the architect of the Great Pyramid has tabulated those eternal truths in a Masonic form in this unique building, then the inference is that it is left for us to apply the connection that exists between the two.

It will also be well to observe another important feature intimately associated with both parts of the subject, namely, that "the Great Pyramid and Freemasonry" are alike illustrated by *symbol*, and that while we recognise in Freemasonry "a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbol," we also regard the Great Pyramid as a standard of cosmic and ethical truths delineated by the same characteristic.

Symbolism reaches back into the far past, long before language had developed into a science, and has ever impressed the mind of man with facts, before the light of science was discovered.

In the symbolism, therefore, of the Great Pyramid we are led, as Freemasons, to acknowledge the antiquity of this building. This noble pile of Masonry not only reveals to us scientific truths in general, but truths that are intended for the advantage of man in particular; and such is its severe accuracy that the most ripened mathematical skill stands wonder-struck at its marvellous perfection.

In presenting for your "most serious contemplation" the sacred truths that the Great Pyramid sets forth, it is not my intention to adopt any new-fangled theory or crotchet by following the gyrations of the fanatical enthusiast, who, like the moon-struck astronomer, regards the building merely as an observatory; the Egyptologist, as a mausoleum for the mummied remains of the builder; the Egyptian priest, as a place for the culture of religion; the ancient philosopher, as a sacred ark, in which the great mysteries were revealed; or as the thoughtless but enthusiastic Freemasons, who would fain believe it was used as a Masonic temple, in which the secrets of our sublime Order were taught; but I will rather confine myself to a brief analysis of the truths actually embodied in the Great Pyramid. In dealing with this subject, however, it will be expected that some statement will be advanced as to who was

THE BUILDER OF THE GREAT PYRAMID.

This is a point open to controversy, as there are no authentic records that can establish the matter, or place the fact beyond the region of doubt.

Herodotus, "the father of history," informs us "that it was believed to be the work of Philitis, a *hyksos* (or shepherd king), who by supernatural power invaded Egypt, and subdued it without a battle, and eventually quitted it by capitulation."

Whether the information gleaned by Herodotus from the Egyptian priests is worthy of our acceptance we will not here decide.

Others contend that this *hyksos* was none other than Melchisedec, who is called King of Salem, or Jerusalem. The settlement of the question as to who was the builder of the Great Pyramid will not, however, effect the grand truths it indicates. Any one who has studied the construction of the Great Pyramid will not dispute the fact that it was the work of "the Grand Master Masons" of the old times, as stated by Charles Casey in his work on "Philitis."

Leaving, therefore, the question of the builder of the Great Pyramid for subsequent reference, let us direct our attention to the building itself, seeing that there are those who through ignorance of its matchless proportions would place this grand structure on a level with the other Pyramids, to which (except somewhat in outward shape) there is not the slightest resemblance. They say, "Why this above the rest? It was only a mausoleum for the remains of old King Cheops."

Unmistakable evidence now proves that such was not the case, and nothing can possibly be more remote from truth, or more difficult for the intelligent Pyramid student to accept, than this foolish theory. It is true the Great Pyramid is in Egypt; but it is not *of* Egypt. Its exquisitely worked stones, although unlettered, speak in most unmistakable and unequivocal language, and by their measurements point to certain sacred and scientific truths which cannot in the slightest degree be traced in any of the other Pyramids.

In "the volume of the sacred law" we are informed that the magicians of Egypt essayed to work the miracles that Moses performed, and in some instances they appeared to succeed in their efforts; but that did not disprove the source from whence Moses derived his power; neither do the other Pyramids, by their apparent similarity, reduce the Great Pyramid to the same worthless and unmeaning level as the rest. The other Pyramids, by their construction, cannot yield one single ray of cosmic light, although the builders had the Great Pyramid before their eyes as a pattern or model to work by.

Another remarkable feature connected with the erection of the Great Pyramid is the fact that *the truths taught by it were concealed from those who had to supply the labour*. This will partially explain why there is such a startling dissimilarity between the Great Pyramid and those that were subsequently erected. It was an abomination to the Egyptians, they understood not its "witnessing" power, still they perfected those splendid stone slabs in a manner that will be the wonder and admiration of the most accomplished "*stone squarer*" until the end of time. The question that naturally suggests itself to the mind with regard to this matchless workmanship is, how is it that there never was, before or since, such a splendid specimen of masonry?

We cannot do better than supply the answer that the Egyptian priests gave to Herodotus, viz., that "a supernatural power" compelled them to work.

In briefly closing our remarks bearing upon the builder and his workmanship, allow me, to ask you to try and forget a great deal that you may have heard or read about the erection of the Great Pyramid, in order that you may be better able to grapple with the important details as they appear in the course of our researches.

The historian, the artist, and the philosopher have each alike contributed to the mystification of the subject, and established prejudices that militate against the formation of a true estimate of this marvellous building.

In Herodotus we shall find much that is unreliable; and that which applies to Herodotus is likewise applicable to Manetho, Diodorus, Pliny, and others. The traditions of Egyptian priests cannot be regarded as a very safe channel for the transmission of such important truths, seeing that 1,725 years stood between the erection of the Great Pyramid and "the father of history."

While attempting to read the revelations of the Great Pyramid, let us, with cautious and tentative steps, tread the paths that have already been opened out for us, and by so following up these discoveries be able to establish some of the truths that such deductions set forth. If we are successful, then we shall find no difficulty in recognising in the Great Pyramid the prophetic finger post that appears in Isaiah, chapter xix. verse 20, viz., "a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of Hosts in the land of Egypt."

Let us proceed then first to examine

THE GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION OF THE GREAT PYRAMID

as indicated in the volume of the sacred law; "in the midst of the land of Egypt, and at the border thereof." The sceptic may curl his lip at the quotation, and, in fact, we have heard it used years ago as a proof against the sacred and inspired character of the book, by this class of wise critics; but the inspired volume is perfectly correct; there rests the Great Pyramid on the apex of the Delta-land of the Pharaohs, which forms the sector of a circle, so that if we draw a line due north and south through the centre of the delta of Egypt it will cut through the Great Pyramid, thus testifying to the severe beauty of Isaiah's statement.

In addition to this fact, is it not very singular, to say the least of it, that this, the largest pile of Masonry in the world, should be erected not only in the centre of the habitable land portion of the globe, but in a meridian where there is more land surface and less sea than in any other?

It is, therefore, not to be wondered at that this site should be regarded "as essentially marked by nature as a prime meridian for all nations measuring their longitude form, or for that modern cynosure the nullification of longitude." This happy choice, therefore, of the Inspired Architect in his selection of a site of this great monument on the northern edge of the Gheeza Hill, on the border of the Lybian Desert, is peculiarly interesting and appropriate.

The amount of labour required to reduce some hundred acres of the crest of the hill in order to obtain a solid rock-bed foundation for such an immense building, that covers of itself some thirteen and a half acres, and is computed to weigh over five million tons, will indicate the magnitude of this stupendous work.

Having noted the position of the building, let us now examine

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GREAT PYRAMID.

But, before doing so, let me premise for your information, that in all the measurements that will be indicated (unless otherwise stated) the Great Pyramid inch will be the factor or unit used in computing the various distances, and which differs only half a hair's-breadth from the British standard inch, or *one-thousandth part longer* than our inch unit.

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This difference may appear a very unimportant quantity, but it would be a serious figure in calculating the distance of the sun from the earth. The manner in which the Pyramid Inch is registered in the building is very remarkable. There is on the wall of the ante-chamber a projecting "boss," a flat bas-relief, which is one inch thick and five inches broad; but the Inspired Architect, in order to remove any doubt, again confirmed the proof by fixing the "boss" on the granite leaf *just one inch out of the centre.*

This repetition of evidence, we should here remark, is constantly applied in every important feature of the building, and to such an extent, that if the student cannot find a duplicate for any new discovery, that would be a sufficient reason, *per se*, why we should reject it, for there is ample proof in the building that every important sacred and scientific truth embodied in the Great Pyramid is established by repeated manifestations.

However, to resume our examination of the construction of the Pyramid. The horizontal courses of limestone, measuring from three to nine feet in length, and which rise within each other, form the great feature that strikes the eye as it first rests upon the building.

The first course of stone is carefully cemented to the live rock, which has been excavated to form the basement or first course in the building, and is counted as the first of the steps or courses, of which there probably were originally about 209, or 210, without the "head-stone of the corner, which would constitute the topmost casing stone. In cementing the various blocks in horizontal courses we find the first three rise to a height of 135 inches, the last of which touches the elbow of the ascending passage.

The basal course and its first cemented block measure together 79 inches, while the third is the most massive course in the whole building, being not less than 56 inches, the nearest in bulk being the thirty-sixth, which is 50 inches.

Caliph Al Mamoun, in the ninth century, successfully entered the building, by forcing an entrance in the north angle of the Pyramid. He quarried a large hole, about 300 inches west from the mouth of the entrance passage, in the centre of the north side of the building. He pierced the fifth course of Masonry, and, in a very irregular form, forced his way down to the third course, and, eventually reached as high as the seventh. It was between these two last named courses that he discovered the intersection of the entrance and ascending passages, and thus effected an entrance into the building.

The sixteenth course, which is 30 inches in thickness, forms the mouth of the entrance passage, and gives it an elevation of 599 inches. The courses of stone vary in their thickness, ranging from 20 inches to 56 inches. Some have supposed that these courses of stone rise above each other in something like uniform order from a massive foundation course up to one of very small dimensions for the summit. This, however, is not the case, for while the third course is composed of blocks 56 inches in thickness, the fifteenth course is only 28 inches, and ascending up to the twentieth we find it measures 38 inches. The thirty-fifth course is only 24 inches, whereas (as before stated) the thirty-sixth is 50 inches; the remainder, however, of the upper part of the structure is not so variable, the several courses ranging from 42 down to 20 inches.

Having noticed the form in which the several courses of Masonry are arranged in the erection of the Great Pyramid, let us also note the manner in which the whole structure was closed in when complete. This was effected by cementing massive blocks of soft white limestone, which when taken from the quarries on the east side of the river Nile, were of a very soft nature, and therefore easy to manipulate. They certainly do not bear that character now, for they are not only very hard and durable, but they appear to be cauterised by a film as hard as iron, and as firm as the cement by which they are attached.

The removal of these stones make it very difficult now to ascertain their original dimensions; still, one or two have been discovered among the *debris*, and from these we are able to take the true angle of inclination, and so determine to the greatest nicety the exact height of the building.

Having completed the inspection of the outward construction of the Great Pyramid, we will now proceed to deduce the various

SCIENTIFIC LESSONS

that it teaches.

We would draw your attention then, first, to the ground plan of the Great Pyramid, with its square base, giving four truly oriented sides, facing due north, south, east and west, which is specially interesting to us, as Freemasons, from the fact that our lodges "*are so situated, for which we assign three several Masonic reasons.*"

The Orientation of this delta-shaped building is not an accidental pointing marked by the uncertainty of the magnetic needle, but is fixed with astronomical certainty. It has been tested by the most advanced mathematical instruments, and pronounced to be *the nearest Masonified approach to exact orientation extant.*

The next object of interest is the manner in which the building registers THE LENGTH OF OUR SOLAR YEAR. This is gathered from the measurement of the base-side length, which is 9131·05 inches; this, divided by 25, reduces the length into 365·242 cubits, which will faithfully represent the number of days in a solar year, and by adding together the fractional parts we shall obtain the extra day in what is generally known as "leap year."

The "SQUARING OF THE CIRCLE" is a mathematical problem solved in a definite form, and in oft-repeated instances, by the Great Pyramid.

The discovery was first made by Mr John Taylor, who proved mathematically that when the sides of the Great Pyramid (in its original condition) were continued "to the summit in a point, that its central vertical height then was to twice the breadth of its square base (as nearly as can be expressed by good monumental work), as the (diameter to the circumference of a circle." The solution of the celebrated problem is not to be found in any other building in the world. To confirm the fact, the architect duplicated the evidence by the construction of the "area" form, the problem in the several compartments of the interior, which in every case gives, to the greatest nicety, the same result.

Another most important scientific truth revealed by this wonderful building is, that it supplies A CORRECT STANDARD OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Metrology is a vexed question that has often taxed the skill of the learned in all ages; and, in the present day, the efforts of some to reduce it to a scientific nicety is not, in our opinion, the least interesting.

That Holy Book that we are charged "ever to consider as the unerring standard of truth and justice" most forcibly declares that, "*Just balances, just weights, a just Epha, and a just Hin, shall ye have.*"

With all due deference to the would-be philosophers of the first French Revolution, or their modern disciples, the sacred standard of weights and measures cannot, and never will be abolished for such a foreign invention as that which is offered to the world under the questionable guise of "the French Metrical System."

The divinely-appointed standard of measures of the Great Pyramid will make man's works harmonious with the scale upon which God created the earth, and will elucidate facts in the various branches of science, while the fickle and uncertain (not to say incorrect) scheme of the French system only leads to error and confusion.

The Great Pyramid determines most accurately CAPACITY, WEIGHT, LINEAR AND SURFACE MEASURES. The King's Chamber, by its position in the building, is specially adapted for registering the standard of measures, seeing that it is free from atmospheric change, and has a mean temperature of 50° Pyramid—688 Fahr., which is the mean temperature of all the man-inhabited parts of the earth's surface, and the most suitable for human development.

(To be continued.)

ANCIENT TAVERNS.—"THE WHITE HART," DRURY LANE.

A COMPLIMENTARY Supper was given on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, by Bro. G. Moy, of the King's Cross Lodge, the occasion being the transference of the business of the above old established house, which he had successfully conducted during the past seven years, to Mr. Warren. The chair was occupied by Bro. H. Dickey, W.M. of the Royal Savoy Lodge, the duties of the vice-chair being ably discharged by the incoming host of the White Hart. Amongst the company present were:—Messrs. G. C. Banks, G. Gardner, R. Rose, J. Chipp, J. Haynes, Harper jun., Hollick, Green, Davis, F. Cribb, Bower, W. Martin, G. Cheale, G. Parker, T. Dodson, Walden, Banister, Quick, Bowen, Letts, Joiner, Sharp, Peddle, T. Bathard, W. W. Morgan, &c. At the conclusion of a substantial and well-served repast the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed from the chair and duly honoured, after which Mr. Warren gave, in complimentary terms, the health of Mr. Moy, as the "founder of the feast," and as the genial host who, during the last seven years, had so successfully presided over the business of the White Hart. The toast was drank in a bumper, and Bro. Moy, in briefly acknowledging the compliment, said it afforded him much pleasure to see so many esteemed friends around him on the occasion; amongst them he recognised several who had given him great and valuable support during the time he held the reins of management at the White Hart. Their relationship had always been of the most friendly and gratifying character, and he trusted the same support would be accorded to his successor. Bro. Banks, I.P.M. of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, next proposed the health of the Chairman, and in doing so observed that Bro. Dickey was a sincere and genuine friend to all present, and especially to the host of the evening, who he might state was his (the speaker's) son-in-law. He referred in eulogistic terms to the Chairman, both as regards his private and Masonic capacities, and wished him long life to enjoy the respect and esteem in which he is held by a very wide circle of friends. Bro. Dickey, in the course of his response, said he was in the chair on that auspicious occasion in consequence of the natural modesty of their entertainer, who considered he (the speaker) could discharge the honours of the table better than himself. He did not agree with him in that respect; however, Bro. Moy was at his elbow and could render him any support he needed in carrying out the proceedings of the evening. He reciprocated the kindly feelings which had been expressed towards himself, and trusted they might all be privileged to meet again on many such festive occasions. Bro. W. W. Morgan, in proposing the health of the incoming host of the White Hart, paraphrased the remarks of the preceding speakers, and said from what he could gather Bro. Moy, being a young and enterprising man, had been prospecting a field in which there was a considerable amount of gold to be worked. Still he thought he could advantageously extend his operations; he was, in fact, in search of a bigger claim. He sincerely hoped Bro. Moy would be as successful—even more so—in his future undertaking as he had been in the past; and that his successor at the White Hart might receive the respect and esteem of all those friends who had in past years rallied around Bro. Moy. The toast was loudly applauded, and Mr. Warren, after returning thanks for the kindly manner in which his name had been received, related his experiences as a gold digger, in Australia. In the first place he took a claim and worked it to a depth of thirty feet, but after all his toil he found nothing. He then took a claim which had been sunk to the depth of a hundred feet without much prospect of success, but on going just below the hundredth foot he was rewarded by coming across a substantial nugget. From these experiences he drew a lesson of industry and perseverance, which he trusted would be ultimately rewarded with success. The next toast was prosperity to the firm of Messrs. Combe and Co., the eminent brewers who had been in the habit hitherto of supplying the White Hart, and the

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Chairman after speaking in the highest terms of the firm, associated with the toast the names of Messrs. Green and Davis, who both responded. Mr. Green spoke in terms of unqualified praise of the honourable and straightforward system on which Bro. Moy had conducted the business of the White Hart, and while they regretted that the incoming tenant had decided to effect a change in the house which should supply him, he trusted Mr. Warren might be better served, though he doubted whether that were possible. The firm of Combe and Co. had always exerted itself to study the interests of its customers, and had received abundant proofs of their success in that respect. Several other complimentary toasts followed, and the proceedings, which were of the most harmonious and agreeable description throughout, were interspersed with some capital songs and recitations. Mr. Richard Bower, a particular friend of Bro. Moy, was very successful in his rendering of a well-known ballad, "Sally in Our Alley," and was loudly applauded. In conclusion we may remark, that this old tavern boasts a record that dates its establishment as far back as the 13th century.

Obituary.

BRO. F. BAYLIS.

AMONGST the brethren who have been removed from us by the hand of death recently we may mention Bro. F. Baylis, who expired last week, after a comparatively short illness, deeply regretted by a numerous circle of friends. Brother Baylis was initiated into Freemasonry in the year 1868, and last year occupied the Master's chair of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, at Stepney. The brethren of that Lodge, at the close of Bro. Baylis's term of office, voted him a Past Master's jewel, as a token of their esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered during his year. That jewel should have been presented to him at the last meeting, but the matter was deferred, in consequence of the intended recipient being prevented by indisposition from attending. The jewel is now in the hands of Bro. J. J. Berry, who will doubtless convey it to the relatives of the deceased, to be preserved by them as a memento of the affectionate regard in which he was held by his brethren in the Craft, and of their sorrow at the loss of so valuable and active a helpmate. The funeral took place on Wednesday, at Bow Cemetery, in the presence of a sorrowing circle of relatives and friends, amongst whom were a number of brethren, who attended to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased. These latter included Bros. G. Ward Verry, J. J. Berry, Hugh Cotter, John Taylor, G. Price, Linneker, Symes, Hawes, &c. &c.

The Highbury Lodge, No. 2192, will be consecrated by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, G. Registrar, as S.W.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D., as J.W.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., as Chaplain; and Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.G. Standard Bearer, as D.C.; on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Railway Station. The Lodge will be opened at half-past three o'clock punctually. Bro. Edgar Bowyer is the W.M. designate, Alderman Joseph Savory S.W. designate, T. Hastings Miller J.W. designate, and Bro. Chas. Fred. Hogard, P.M. 205, acting Secretary.

Noticeable amongst the dresses worn by ladies at Her Majesty's Drawing-room, held on Thursday, at Buckingham Palace, were those of Mrs. Shadwell Clerke, and Miss Henrietta Clerke (wife and daughter of our worthy Grand Secretary, Brother Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke), the latter of whom was presented to the Queen by her mother. The Court train worn by Mrs. Clerke (who was presented by Lady Muncaster) was of dark grey Lyons velvet, bodice and train lined with grey satin merveilleux to match, trimmed with bunches of daffodils, and grey ribbon; petticoat consisting of an exquisite piece of Carrack-Ma-Cross lace, mounted on daffodil merveilleux draped with same, and bunches of daffodils, head-dress, plume and veil. Miss Henrietta Clerke wore a train and bodice of white Sicilienne, lined with satin, with ruche of tulle, bunches of daisies, ferns, clover, and white satin ribbon; petticoat of white tulle, edged with fringe of daises, caught up with bunches of same, and white satin ribbon; head-dress, plume and veil. The costumes were made by the Misses Eadon, Stormont-road, Clapham-common.

DEATH.

STEVENS.—On the 26th ult., Harriet Paulyn Stevens, of Clapham, S.W., aged 69, eldest daughter of the late Mr. James Stevens, of Plymouth, and sister of Bro. James Stevens, of Clapham.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 5th MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Stree
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)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1304—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Rothill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 7th MARCH.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Lowlenha'l-street
22—Loughborough, Garden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Roperaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Garden 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.)
1545—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.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, at 8. (Inst)
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
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street, Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
2098—Harlesden, National School, Harlesden
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
134—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
230—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
702—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
707—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
981—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
982—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Fric'd'p'l, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1015—Stanford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1051—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Leicester
1077—Witton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1146—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1279—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1340—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1344—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1539—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Leopoldian, Masonic Hall, Carlisle-street, Castleford
1574—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Clare-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Clive Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Road, Pontypridd, South Wales
1670—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1708—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 109—Sun, Royal Clarence Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 349—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. Oswald, Masonic Temple, Hollins-road, Darwen
R.A. 871—Hollingdean, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 2—Plymouth, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

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TUESDAY, 8th MARCH.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
85—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions 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—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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—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.
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
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1685—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, 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. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
129—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
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
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
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
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1021—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1280—Walton, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Beckenham
1314—Academy, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1485—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1513—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
1739—Arnold, Portland Hotel, Walton on the Naze
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beach Street, Herne Bay, Kent

R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St. John's, Bayshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 321—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street, Stylbridge
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 540—Stuart, Retford
R.A. 666—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Retford Street, Oneetham, Lancashire.
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 9th MARCH.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
[illegible]15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Canonbury Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford

173—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Ballard Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barlow-road, E.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
[illegible]—Wellington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
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. 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. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
R.A. 1900—Montague Gaest, Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn
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
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
666—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—Lewisea, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1312—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
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.
1552—Llandilos, Trewythen Arms, Llandilos
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
R.A. 257—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 402—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop'sStortford
R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, 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 MARCH.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.)
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, Pleasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Barnett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 5.30 (Inst)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.
1598—Loy Spring, Red Lion, Leyton-stone
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—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Eow, E., at 7.30. (In)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldwych Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 7 (In.
1705—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, Bouton Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)

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1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
2168—Derby Allcroft, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

35—Modina, 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)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
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
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Chatburn-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newsgate Arms, Nuneaton
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Stafford
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1065—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Belford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
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1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
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FRIDAY, 11th 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
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
705—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, at 8. (In)
706—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction.)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2000—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Fort and Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 880—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)
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, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Shadoxhurst
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Sutton Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
458—Ark and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse Street, Goole
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, New Mills, near Stockport
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
816—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1091—Harrogate and Clare, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1034—Ecclesall, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesall
1097—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leyburn Bazzard
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 991—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 12th 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)
188—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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. (Inst)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1748—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
2042—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
2089—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
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MASONIC FANCIES AND FOIBLES.

IT may seem Paganini-like, playing on the one string too frequently, to repeat the rebuke so often administered in the columns of our own and other journals with regard to the foibles—we will hardly call them vices—which ever and anon present themselves amongst certain sections of the Craft. But it cannot be borne too forcibly in mind that except for some such reminders and admonitions the circumstances we regret may assume a deeper and more wide-spread character, leading to more flagrant abuses of the fundamental principles of the Order. We have on many previous occasions pointed out the evil effects, morally and practically, of that trading spirit which has of late years appeared on the outward guise of Freemasonry. It is by no means to be conceded that because a man displays Masonic emblems on his shop-front, or upon his trade cards and circulars, he is therefore bound to secure a larger amount of support, especially from the brethren of the Craft, than if he exhibited no such symbols at all. On the contrary, we firmly believe that such decorations, instead of presenting a magnetic attraction to the members of the Fraternity appealed to, act in a manner quite the reverse, and tend rather to repel even those who under other circumstances may have been disposed to patronise the establishment. At any rate we have known many instances of the kind where young Masons, in their early enthusiasm, having adopted this mistaken idea of advertising, have been glad enough, after a brief experience, to revert to the old and more legitimate mode of carrying on their businesses, having discovered that good Masons are too wise to be gulled by such deceptions, whilst indifferent Masons are not likely to be warmed into newness of life by any such artifices. The flash man of business, the traveller, the canvasser, or the "commercial representative," who sports the emblems of the Craft on his cravat, watch chain, and finger, and who talks loudly in company of the advantages which accrue from his connections with the Order, is not likely to succeed so well as his quiet, solid, and persevering counterpart, who makes no such pyrotechnic display of his Masonic "virtues!" It may be that these ornamental announcements are sometimes dictated by a spirit other than that of trading, for we know how prevalent amongst certain classes of men is the love of show—of the glitter and glare of personal adornment. Yet that does not alter the fact, to which we feel bound once more to refer namely that it betrays a reprehensible weakness on the part of those who resort to such devices, either through personal conceit or in the matter of trade, and that it is to all intents and purposes contrary to the spirit of those principles which are inculcated by Freemasonry. The deduction, therefore, to be drawn is, that those men should be avoided who prostitute the emblems of the Craft to their own personal or interested objects, and if it could be made apparent to such individuals that the display of Masonic signs on shop fronts or trade advertisements tends only to evoke a feeling of disgust, we should speedily find there would be a sensible diminution of such questionable practices. Of course, when competition is so keen in all branches of trading and commercial life, when every clever artifice and "dodge" is employed to attract custom and to outpace your rivals in the field, one must expect that at times there will be shady actions and dishonest advantages taken. Nor is there any great room for surprise that Masonry has not altogether escaped from the grovelling vices of the age. How frequently we hear men in conversation speculating on the benefits to be derived, or supposed to be derived, from a connection with the Craft. The general idea seems to be that such an association with the Order is to secure at once an "open, Sesame" to a better class of society than would be possible under any other circumstances, that it is a passport to increase of trade by reason of such extended circumference of friends, and that it inevitably secures a speedy recuperation of the dreaded "first cost" of joining a Lodge. It is hardly worth while to waste ink in pointing out the ridiculous absurdity of such notions as commonly prevail in the outside world respecting the *uses* to which Freemasonry may be applied. The "mercenary and other unworthy motives" against which every novitiate is cautioned on his entrance to a Lodge appear to be the stimulating power which actuate many men in their expressed desire to be admitted to a participation in the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. And how often do we see cases when material advantage being the motive power of joining the Order, the man who thus undertakes the responsibility of such a position, but who fails immediately to realise his mercenary hopes, lapses into the ranks of the disappointed and dissatisfied ones, who "see nothing in Freemasonry" only from a social or club-like point of view? It has been often suggested to us by people who are prone to be continually pecking at the hem of the Masonic garment that there are by a long way too many publicans associated with the Craft, that huge emblems of Freemasonry stare at us from the gilded and gaudy façades of gin palaces and restaurants, and that the landlords wield their Masonic influence merely for the purpose of increasing business. There may be some truth in this supposition, though we are by no means prepared to go the length of such an imputation. We overheard the other day snatches of conversation amongst a group of "Brother Bungs," how that a certain member of their trade had joined a Masonic Lodge, and how that by stirring up a number of his "pals" to start a Lodge of Instruction at his house, he had materially enhanced his custom, and consequently the value of his business. It has always been a moot point whether a public-house is the most appropriate place of meeting for a Lodge of Instruction, but we have failed as yet to see any remedial proposition placed before the Craft. It must be admitted that, as sociality is an essential feature of Freemasonry, it can be more readily and conveniently supplied in the private rooms of a tavern or hotel than anywhere else; and if the publican, for the accommodation he thus places at the disposal of the brethren, reaps a certain amount of pecuniary benefit, there are few who will begrudge him that reward, or tax him with abusing his Masonic principles. Whilst, therefore, decrying the use of Masonic emblems in a general sense as a means of trade advertising and "puff," we can scarcely bend to the opinion often expressed that publicans form an undesirable element of our Lodges. As a rule "mine host" is of a genial temperament, cutting a better figure, perhaps, at the banquet table than in the rites and ceremonies of the Lodge room; but we have substantial reason for knowing that he is not far in the back ground when an appeal is made for assistance towards any of the charitable institutions of the Craft. It is against the trading spirit imported into Masonry by the many grades of professional and commercial life that the arrow of reprehension should be pointed. Does any sane man seriously

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believe that in the event of two or more applications being made for a situation advertised by an employer who is a member of the Order, preference would be given to the applicant who might happen to be a Mason—simply on the ground of his being "one of us," and irrespective altogether of his qualifications for the work? The idea so erroneously entertained in outside quarters is too palpably absurd to need any denial. Would a grocer or a draper, or any other tradesman, buy more largely of a commercial traveller with a glib tongue and a plentiful array of Masonic bullion about him, than he would of a less pretentious non-Mason, who offered him a superior article at the same price? It is ludicrous to entertain such a notion, and he who supports that argument must be either a knave or a fool. There is yet another phase of this trading propensity amongst some Masons which cannot be too severely deprecated, inasmuch as it has a tendency to trench upon individual interests and to "whip the willing horse." For instance, an illuminated vellum may be in request for presentation to a worthy Brother, "as a token of esteem," &c. There are men ready at once to suggest that Brother So-and-So, being a member of the Lodge, will surely undertake the execution of the address free of charge, he being by profession a lithographic artist! Might it not with equal propriety be expected that if under parallel circumstances it is deemed expedient to present a Brother with a gold watch and chain or a jewel, such members of a Lodge as may be goldsmiths should provide the testimonial at their own expense, without the ordinary contributions on the part of the other members? We mention these probabilities because cases nearly approaching them have come under our own personal observation, and have elicited comments not altogether conducive to harmony and good-feeling in the circles most directly concerned. If such self-sacrifices were exacted, why in the name of goodness should not members of Lodges who are greengrocers be required to furnish the potatoes and the sprouts, the celery and the fruits, needed for our Masonic banquets; those who are florists the decorations for the table and the button-hole; those who are printers the menus, the programmes, and the books of words? One proposition is as reasonable—or rather as unreasonable—as the other, and all such vagaries are to be emphatically deprecated. This is "trading on Masonry," of course, in a far different way from that to which we referred earlier in this article, but it is none the less to be discouraged because less prevalent. It is these paltry and pettifogging panderings to private interests, which militate against the true progress of our Institution, and prevents it from developing those elements of stability and usefulness which are the mainspring of all the good that Freemasonry does in the world. Whilst, therefore, we are at all times prepared to receive honest criticism or condemnation of Masonic principles, we cannot do better than now and then point to the mote that is in our own eye, and by plucking out those beams of a want of integrity and purpose which we ourselves detect in our system, less room will be left for adverse remark and ridicule by those outside, who are ever ready to hurl their unmeaning shafts of contempt against the bulwarks of our Institution, the real value of which they know so little.

SOURCES OF MASONRY'S POWER AND GLORY.

THE Roman empire in the zenith of its power dominated the world. However we may criticise its methods, or its men, we cannot but admire the tremendous outcome of the leaders' genius. There may have been little poetry in their work, and no faith, but there was amazing power. Mighty Carthage civilised Egypt, refined Greece, holy Judea, and distant Britain, all became Roman provinces. Rome was mistress of the world. She unmade nations, and one Roman emperor even destroyed the memorials of his predecessor, when Caracalla murdered Geta, and then had his name effaced from the Arch of Severus at Rome, and from the portico of the Temple of Esneh, far away up the Nile. These conquerors of the world left their name impressed upon one of the most admired styles of architecture known to civilisation—the Romanesque; and even to-day remains may be examined in Great Britain of the once famous Watling-street, which ran from Dover through Canterbury and London, to Chester—that well-nigh imperishable Roman road, in which can still be seen the ruts made by chariot wheels where no wheels have run for fourteen hundred years! Which things are to us an allegory. Rome once ruled the world with a rod of iron, and decayed when the iron corroded, but Masonry rules its votaries with the evergreen of peace and goodwill towards men, and its sway will never end.

Masonry has but one coadjutor as a peace maker, and that is in the religion of the Prince of Peace. Masonry is the handmaid of religion. If religion and morality were cast out of Masonry, it would be emptied of its glory and its power. Our trust as Masons is in God, our prayers in the Lodge are offered to Him, and His Holy Word is the greatest of great Lights on our Altar. These are the powers behind the throne of Masonry which exalt and glorify it, which give it its authority, which ensure its perpetuity. The Roman Empire was born and is dead, and we can name the day of its birth and the day of its death, for history has recorded them, but who can say when Masonry had its origin, or shall have its end? Its origin is the puzzle of the ages, and its end has never been foretold by prophet or seer.

What is that which looms up so majestically through the night as the mariner approaches a rock-bound coast, warning him of the perils that environ one who comes too near its fastness? It flashes like a diamond, it seems a star pendant from the sky, and, as more nearly approached, like a sun rising above the horizon. Ah, the light-house marks a spot of light and of blessing, as if the very finger of Deity pointed the way of safety.

What is a Masonic Lodge but a centre of Light and a fountain of blessing? The Tyler's sword commands away impostors and the profane, but it returns to its scabbard when a Son of Light seeks admittance to the Lodge. Within is light, ineffable light. Within is a threefold blessing to all who cross the mystic threshold. Within is a peace which passeth the understanding of the profane. Within are Masons only, who are obligated to love each other, to aid each other in distress, to disseminate to their Brother Masons all of the Light of Masonry. And what is the result? A Mystic Tie which runs round the world, linking Lodge with Lodge, and Brother with Brother; a practical religion of earnest work, joined to a theoretical religion of sound faith. The Romans lived and died, and their empire is a thing of the past, but Freemasons have been a power in the world from the remotest ages, and promise to rule the Brethren with the evergreen symbol of Truth, Brotherly Love and Immortality, until time shall be no more.

One of the glories of Masonry is its non-proselyting character. We do not seek to add to our numbers, and we do not argue with those who oppose our principles. The best of religions has suffered from forgetfulness of that golden rule—mind your own business! The martyrs in all the Christian Ages, from that of the heathen Diocletian to that of the Christian Philip the Second, owed their doom to the misguided advocates of religious intolerance. Freemasons more than tolerate, for they say, Go your own way, for if you come ours you must submit to a most rigid examination, both of your motives and of your lives. You must *seek us*, for we cannot and will not seek you. You must pass the ordeal to which all good men and true before you have submitted, that of special preliminary scrutiny, and afterwards of a rigid ballot. We give not Light and blessing to the unworthy—if we know it, and if you prove your unworthiness after you have come among us, you may find that there is a way out of as well as into the Fraternity! It is strong to receive, strong to welcome, and, if need be, strong to expel. Its greatest strength is not in its Constitution, or its By-Laws, but in its inherent principles. These are the reasons for its being, these guarantee its justice, and these ensure its perpetuity.—*The Keystone.*

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has accepted the invitation of Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Past Provincial Grand Treasurer West Yorkshire, and W.M. of Prudence Lodge, No. 2069, to deliver his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry," at the Masonic Hall, Leeds, on this Saturday, 12th inst. The Lodge will be opened at three o'clock, and the lecture will commence at four. A large gathering of brethren is anticipated. We are pleased also to be in a position to announce that on Monday, 18th April, Bro. James Stevens will attend, on invitation, at the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, where he has been requested to repeat the above lecture.

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GLEANINGS FROM PHILADELPHIA LODGE LEDGER OF 1731.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

In February 1884 Bro. MacCalla discovered a Ledger of the earliest Lodge in Philadelphia, with dates ranging between 1731 and 1738. Extracts from it appeared in several issues of the *Keystone*. Ten pages thereof were phototyped, and the whole of the said Ledger was published, under the supervision of Bro. C. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, together with a preface and winding up remarks about Philadelphia being the mother of chartered American Masonry, &c.

On looking over this printed copy I find there is neither the name of Daniel Coxe nor of Henry Bell, nor do I find among the pounds, shillings and pence any indication of £2 2s having been paid for a charter. But that is not all. Our Philadelphians since 1874 have argued very plausibly that, whereas Daniel Coxe's Deputation as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania expired on the 24th June 1732, and whereas, after the expiration of Coxe's Grand Mastership his Provincial American Grand Lodge was allowed to elect his successor (all this unquestionably true), "hence," said they, "the Philadelphia Grand Master elected on 24th of June 1732 was undoubtedly the legal successor of Daniel Coxe." The newly-discovered Ledger, however, revealed the fact that the Philadelphians had a Grand Master a year before the term of expiration of Coxe's appointment. Hence Bro. Drummond, of Maine, very justly concludes that the Philadelphia Masons of 1731 could have had no knowledge of Daniel Coxe's Deputation, that is, the Philadelphia Grand Master could not have derived his power from Coxe, nor could he have derived his title direct from the Grand Lodge of England.*

The said Lodge Ledger furnishes some other historic facts. True, some of these are unimportant, but when delving as it were into pre-historic epochs even unimportant facts are not without some value; for instance, the record shows that in January 1731 eleven members organised the Lodge. Now, on 7th December 1730 Franklin stated in his paper that there were then "several Lodges in the Province." It is very probable that some of the eleven were not Masonised until after Franklin made that statement; but assuming that the whole eleven were Masons in 1730, and even adding to them the mythical Henry Bell, there were no more than twelve Masons in the Province when Franklin made his assertion (for there is certainly no evidence of there having been any more), and such being the case Franklin's "several Lodges" was a mere newspaper exaggeration.

Again, William Button was Master, and Thos. Hart was Warden, before 24th June 1731. Bro. Meyer calls Hart "one of the Wardens," but who knows whether the Lodge had another Warden before June 1731?

Furthermore, the earliest regulations seem to have been: first, that each member should pay sixpence per month; and second, that the entrance or initiation fee should be £3. Franklin, and two others were initiated in January 1731. Button left Philadelphia for Newfoundland in May, consequently, on 24th June 1731 the Lodge consisted of thirteen members. It is very doubtful whether any Lodge meeting was held between January and June, for every one of the members, including the Master (Button), owed four months' dues before the Lodge met in June.

At the meeting in June 1731 but nine members were present. This seems to have induced the Lodge to pass a law of fining every member one shilling each time he absented himself from the Lodge. This, however, does not seem to have mended matters; for in July no more than nine members were present at the meeting. In August, including a new initiate, only eight persons were present, and in September the attendance was reduced to six only.

The said Ledger reveals another curious fact, viz., that in June 1731 Wm. Pringle was "Deputy-Master," and as such an office and officer was not authorized by the English Constitution, the inference is that the Philadelphia Masons of 1731 had no connection with the Grand Lodge of England.

On first opening Bro. Meyer's printed copy of the said Ledger, I was surprised to find it beginning, not in 1731, but in 1736, a kind of "putting the cart before the horse." The first entry is as follows:

"Messrs. Shippen and Pratt, Wardens for the year 1736."

After giving three items of cash received, the sum total being £44 14s 7½d, the next entry begins with,

"Messrs Pratt and Sing, Wardens for the year 1737."

After a few more cash items, the amount is summed up, viz., £35 1 17 (probably 11s 7d). The next entry begins,

"Messrs. Thos. Cadwallader and Tho. Boude, Wardens for the year 1737,"

&c., &c. Four of the printed pages are devoted to the transactions of 1736 and 1737. In these pages I find that £5 9s 5d was paid for charity and funeral expenses of a widow or wife of a Mason, and under date of June 1737 thirty members' names are given. On comparing these names with the original names of June 1731 I find six of the old ones missing. The main part of the next page has been phototyped, and I have already referred to it. It begins on the Debtor side with,

"A.D. 1731. June 24th. To Wm. Allen, Esq., Grand Master." On this page the accounts are wound up monthly. The Creditor side of the Ledger acknowledges the payment of 2s for "Wm. Button, Late Master." Under date August 2nd, is recorded "To this book, when blanck, 16s." This system of Ledger keeping, that is, to state the names of the members who attended the Lodge Meetings, with the money received and paid summed up monthly, was continued from 24th June 1731 to 4th October following; after which a new system was adopted, viz., a page or pages was devoted to each member's account separately, and each of these was headed with a Number, thus the first page, headed "Ledger of St. John's Lodge," goes on as follows:

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"Wm. Button, late Master, to Stock, Dr.

Anno Dom. 1731, June 24th. To 4 Lodge days at 6d per Diem, due before you sailed to Newfoundland, £0 2s 0d."

The next page is marked thus (2), and also begins with June 24th 1731, and is wholly devoted to William Allen Esq., Grand Master. The first entry is 2s 6d, for five meetings, viz., from February to June inclusive. Allen's account continues till 3rd June 1734. I was, however, surprised to perceive that Grand Master Allen was absent from the Lodge from 5th July 1731 to 4th June 1733 inclusive. During that time, instead of paying 6s a-year, he paid 18s per annum. From June 1733 to June 1734, he paid only 6d per month, thus proving that he attended regularly every meeting after June 1733.

The twelve names succeeding that of Allen, that is up to No. (14), begin with 24th June 1731, thus proving that on the last named date the Lodge consisted of thirteen members, and their respective accounts terminate in different years. After the first thirteen old members, the new members' accounts begin with later dates, of these I counted twenty-nine names, or up to No. (33), that is beginning with Wm. Button as No. (1). Here again the accounts of the old members are resumed, each account beginning where the former left off.

But here is another fact which has escaped notice thus far, viz., from January 1731 to May 1734 the initiation fee was £3; but in June 1734, £5 was paid for initiation. This rise in the Philadelphia Masonic Stock Market was probably due to the influence of Benjamin Franklin, who was elected Master or G.M. that year; and before 2nd October following, seven or eight other gentlemen were Masonized, at £5 each. This forced inflation, like other inflations in Stock Markets, produced a reaction. It seems to have produced a feeling of indignation among the would be Masons, somewhat akin to that of the London "O.P. riots." They had a regular "Knights of Labour Strike," or more properly speaking, the Lodge sustained for a long time a rigorous process of Irish Boycotting. At last the Lodge managers had to yield, the old price was restored, and on 6th June 1737 several were initiated at £3 each, and others were received at the same price in subsequent

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* The *Keystone* for 5th September 1885 has a later discovery, viz., Resolutions recommended 5th June 1732, by Franklin and ten other members. The 5th thereof says,

* * * "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 who is not, and we should never in such cases disoblige a brother to oblige a stranger."

It is evident from the above that the Committee of eleven had never seen Anderson's Constitution, otherwise they would have appealed to Article IV. thereof.

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monthly meetings; thenceforth I suppose things went on O.K.

From the beginning of the Record, in 1731 to its close in 1738, thirty-two gentlemen were initiated in the Lodge, and three joined it by paying £2 each; and if all the debts on the Record in June 1738 were afterwards paid up, the Lodge must have had in 1738 thirty-seven members. As to why they stopped using the Ledger in 1738 (more especially as there were then enough of empty pages in the book sufficient to have lasted for years to come) is more than I can tell.

The next question is, as the items in the Ledger seem to have been copied from a minute book, and whereas the Ledger is marked "Liber B.," there must have also been a "Liber A." Now, what became of that book? Bro. Meyer intimates, first, that he knows not whether the Lodge had such a book; and second, that he knows that the Lodge did have such a book. Bro. Meyer says:

"It will be noted that this book is 'Liber B.' We are of opinion that inasmuch as the several clubs of that day (1720) of which Franklin was a member, more especially the 'Junts,' which we believe kept no minutes of their proceedings, so this first Lodge, and other early Lodges, kept none."

The above is, however, continued immediately as follows: "And we feel sure that 'Liber A.' will not contain anything save commercial accounts. In fact, we have creditable knowledge that our surmises are correct, that *Liber A. is in existence*, and contains nothing but mercantile and business accounts."

Now, I ask, in the name of common sense, what kind of mercantile business did the Philadelphia Lodge carry on? Indeed, who ever heard of a Masonic Lodge devoting a whole record book to "mercantile business accounts?" I entertain a strong feeling of friendship towards Bro. Meyer, and am always pleased to meet him, but nevertheless I do not like to be mystified even by my best friend. If it was my case, if I knew of the existence of a Massachusetts Lodge or Grand Lodge Record that would enable me to throw some new new light on our history, or that would serve to dispel an old established error, I would not only try to do my best to acquire all the information from it or about it, but I would consider it my Masonic duty to make that information known, without caring whether I pleased or displeased the jurisdictional pride of all the Masons in Massachusetts. I, therefore, hope and trust that Bro. Meyer will yet take second thoughts, by publishing candidly all he knows about that mystified record Liber A. of the Philadelphia St. John's Lodge of 1731.

BOSTON, U.S., 18th February 1887.

The Report of the Directors of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company for the half-year ending 31st December last, has been issued, and will be presented to the proprietors at the ordinary general meeting, to be held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Friday next. The mild weather during nearly the whole of the last half-year, the reduction of gas to 2s 9d per thousand cubic feet, and the heavy and continued fall in the selling prices of coke and tar, have produced a result on the revenue account not quite so satisfactory as usual. The works and plant have been maintained in a thorough state of repair, and the carbonizing and other departments have been worked in a satisfactory manner. A call on the "New Ordinary Seven Per Cent. Shares" of 1 in 5 on the unpaid shares has been made; payments on account of the call will be received at the City Bank until the 25th inst. Mr. F. L. Linging and Mr. C. L. Wilson, the retiring directors, and Mr. A. T. Layton, the retiring auditor, all offer themselves for re-election. A dividend is recommended at the following rates:—6 per cent. on the preference stock; 7 per cent. on the ordinary 7 per cent. stock; 10 per cent. on the ordinary 10 per cent. stock; and 7 per cent. on new ordinary 7 per cent. shares; amounting to £12,794 18s, less income-tax £426 10s. The general balance sheet shows that the sum of £7,737 9s 10d is at bankers' and on deposit; amount invested to £56,577 16s 8d; stock, £15,574 19s 1d; amount due for private rental and rent of meters, and arrears, £28,724 4s 9d; public rental and arrears, £1,915 18s 3d; coke and other residuals, £645 6s 5d; and sundry accounts, £642 10s 5d; total, £111,718 5s 5d.

REVIEWS.

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Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland. Compiled by Bro. Ben. A. Smith, P.M. 523, P.P.G. St. B.

IN presenting the fifteenth annual issue of this compendious and useful publication, Bro. Smith shares with the brethren of the Province the regret they all must feel that the Deputy G. Master, Bro. Partridge, has been compelled, by the increasingly numerous calls upon his time, to withdraw from the editorship of the Calendar, a work which he created, and for fourteen years compiled, sparing no pains to render it as perfect and interesting as possible. It is evident, however, from the little work before us that the mantle of this able and zealous compiler has fallen upon Bro. Ben. Smith, by whom very few, if indeed any, details of information necessary to the brethren of the Province have been overlooked. As a frontispiece is given an excellent portrait of the "Father of the Province," Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Soc., together with a brief outline of his Masonic career and the services he has rendered to the Craft, abridged from "Masonic Portraits," published some time ago in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and subsequently in two volumes. All the information necessary is given in the Calendar as to the dates of meetings of Lodges, Chapters, &c., and principal events of the Masonic year, with space left on the opposite pages for entering engagements; and amongst the other contents are the names of the Officers of United Grand Lodge, the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee of General Purposes, and the Charity Committee; the roll of Craft Lodges, with the dates of their foundation; the Officers and members of the various Lodges, with the dates and places of meeting, installation, &c. Similar information is given respecting the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Provincial Grand Chapter, and roll of Royal Arch Chapters, and also of the Mark Lodges in the Province. Interesting Masonic notes are contributed by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.M. 1560, P.P.G.C., and a brief outline is also appended of the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Charity Association. These, and a variety of other matters of use and interest to the brethren of the Province, are bound in handy form in a cover of blue and gold, and of convenient size for the pocket. The compiler concludes his preface by observing that every effort has been made to render the Calendar as useful as possible, but it is not intended to run in any settled groove; any suggestions, therefore, for improvement will be gladly received.

Masonic Calendar of Mark Lodges, Councils, &c., meeting a 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C., with a List of Mark Lodges in and near London. Published by authority of the General Board.

HERE we have an addition to the number of those little handbooks that have become essential to Brethren associated with the various sections into which Freemasonry is divided. In the Calendar at the opening of the book are enumerated the various Mark Lodges, and Lodges of Instruction within the metropolitan area, with the dates of meeting, the General Board Mark, the educational Branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and election of annuitants; Grand Stewards Mark, Grand Lodge of M.M.M., with all other events of importance relating to the Degree. Then follow the names of the present Officers of Grand Mark Lodge; the meetings of the Grand Masters' Lodge of Instruction for Mark Masons; the Grand Council of the Allied Masonry Degrees; Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; Craft Lodges and Chapters meeting at Red Lion-square; with the various Mark Lodges in and near London, the dates of their warrants of confirmation, and a variety of other useful information. It must be gratifying to all who are interested in Mark Masonry to have noticed the rapid progress made in this branch of the science of recent years, and to know that every facility is given for frequent intercourse amongst members of the several Lodges. The production of this Calendar will be a material assistance in that respect, showing at a glance the dates and places of meetings, festivals, and special events, thus forming a useful, and in fact an essential, book of reference. A brief, but gratifying statement is appended of the Mark Benevolent Fund, the Nineteenth Festival of which will be held in July next, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, M.W. Past Grand Master of M.M.M. The Fund is divided into the Benevolent, Educational, and Annuity branches, and all donations and subscriptions are apportioned equally between these three objects. Since the formation of the Fund in 1869 the sum of £1,730 has been distributed in grants of relief. Twenty-six children have reaped the advantages of the Educational Branch, at a total cost of £628; while at the last meeting of Grand Lodge it was unanimously agreed to give the annual sum of £5 to each pupil for clothing, which will necessitate this year a further expenditure of £100. The income of the Annuity Fund at present amounts to £54 12s 4d per annum, and the Board will gladly consider the claims of necessitous Brethren or Widows of Brethren, being empowered to grant the sum of £20 to £16 per annum respectively to accepted candidates after election. This little work is admirably compiled, and affords all the necessary information to members of the Mark Degree resident within its extensive scope.

The Cook and Housekeeper; a Journal for Every Home.

WITH the opening of this month a new journal, under the above comprehensive title, made its appearance, and, judging from the first issue, we should say it should claim attention in the quarter for which it is designed, "every home." In these days, when cookery is made

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an essential branch of technical education in our schools, in philanthropic institutions, and also in our workhouses, there is an evident tendency amongst social reformers to encourage domestic economy by every available means; and this weekly periodical will be a valuable aid to the future housewives and domestic servants of the country. The title of the work embraces an almost endless variety of subjects, which, we are promised, will be treated by thoroughly competent and experienced journalists; and every effort will be made to place before the reading public a journal full of valuable and useful information, which it is hoped will be found as amusing as it is instructive. The number before us opens with a chapter on the "History of Cookery," which is followed by a paper entitled "How to Revive the Jaded Taste of the Gourmet;" and amongst other contents are "The Cook's Handbook," alphabetically arranged, giving a vast number of recipes; "Home Decoration and Needlework;" "First Lessons in Carving;" "Woman in the Household;" "Vegetarian Cookery;" and a host of miscellaneous subjects of a useful and entertaining character. The number is plentifully illustrated with appropriate wood-cuts, and is accompanied by a pictorial supplement, showing the busy scene which may be witnessed on any Saturday night at the Metropolitan Meat Market, West Smithfield. For a penny weekly, housekeepers may secure a goodly budget and wholesome and instructive reading matter, the application of which should be productive of increased happiness, comfort, and economy in "every home."

THE LEEDS MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Tenth Annual Report of this admirable Institution has just been issued. It sets forth that not only has the capital account received a large accession, and the revenue, so far as subscriptions go, been increased, but there has been a decrease in expenditure in consequence of fewer demands. The increase to the capital has been as follows—Three Brethren have constituted themselves Patrons by the payment of ten guineas each, namely, Bros. G. W. Balfour, M.P. (Goderich), and Geo. H. Clemons and J. Corrie (Zetland). Bro. Hargreaves has become a Patron, and several brethren have become Life Governors by the payment of five guineas each. The Goderich Lodge has subscribed £21 for the endowment of the two Deacons' chairs; the Zetland Lodge £10 10s for the endowment of the Treasurer's chair; and the Excelsior £5 5s for the further endowment of the W.M.'s chair; also by a legacy bequeathed to the Institution, by the late Mrs. Lee, who during her lifetime was a zealous friend and regular subscriber, and by her will left £50 in aid of its funds, which after the payment of duty left £45, and that sum has been paid by her executors. Making in all additional capital of £148 19s, which added to previous balance makes £1,496 11s 2d. The fund is invested as follows: £1,036 11s 8d has been expended in the purchase of £1,000 four per cent. stock in the Leeds Corporation, and a further sum of £150 in the purchase of £150 Three and a Half per Cent. in the same Corporation. The remainder of the capital is in the Leeds and County Bank. The revenue account for the year is as follows: Annual subscriptions, £67; interest on investments, £43 14s 10d; bank interest £2 17s; which added to £3 18s 2d brought over from last year makes £117 10s. The payments for the education of children have amounted to £67 5s 2d; incidental expenses £11 7s 6d; leaving a balance of £38 15s 4d to carry forward to next year. There are now on the books nine boys and four girls, but in a short time the total will be reduced by four. The educational cost, as compared with the previous year, shews a reduction of £48. The President for 1887 is W. Bro. Major Moore; Vice-Presidents, W. Bro. R. Wilson and Rev. Dr. Smyth; Treasurer, Bro. Cowbrough; Hon. Sec., W. Bro. Lowrey; with Trustees and permanent and elective Committee. This report is deemed to be very satisfactory.

We have been requested to publish the Circular appended, which has been issued to the Brethren of the Province of North and East Yorkshire.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

2 Albany Terrace, Hull,
17th February 1887.

LOCAL CELEBRATION.

W. SIR AND BROTHER,—

I have the honour to inform you that the Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire purposes holding the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at York, on Thursday, 14th July, and also, with the cordial co-operation of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and Brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire, celebrating the Royal Jubilee on the same occasion.

The details of this grand and united Masonic Assembly of the entire County are not yet fully arranged, but will most probably comprise:—

The Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire.

Reception of Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, and other Provincial Grand Lodges.

Procession to and special Masonic Service at the Minster, where a Sermon will be preached by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Past Grand Chaplain of England.

A Conversazione, Masonic Exhibition, and Concert.

The Officers and Members of the Northern and Midland Provinces are fraternally invited to be present.

It is expected that the Local Celebration will be warmly taken up by the Craft in the entire County, and afford the opportunity of publicly manifesting their loyalty to the Throne and devotion to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec.

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PROVINCIAL HONOURS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—After all the discussion that has taken place both in and out of Grand Lodge on the vexed question of "the collars" it may appear somewhat inopportune to keep on harping on the same old theme. But it will have been apparent to all who attended the last Quarterly Communication that, although Bro. James Stevens's motion for the division of the metropolitan area into districts, or to be more strictly correct Provinces, remains in abeyance for awhile, it is a matter which must inevitably sooner or later come again to the front, and be dealt with in practical shape. Obviously Brethren in London are at a disadvantage compared with those in the country; for whereas the latter, by the most moderate display of Masonic activity, and zeal can make certain of acquiring Provincial rank in a few years, a Londoner may work doubly as hard and perform vastly superior service to the Craft without the most remote prospect of similar advancement. As a matter of equity, therefore, Bro. Stevens's proposal deserves careful consideration, and from the expression of sympathy on the part of Provincial Brethren at the last meeting of Grand Lodge it is evident they are of opinion that their London Brethren are somewhat unfairly handicapped in the matter involved.

It is unnecessary to refer to the vast and rapid increase that has been made during recent years in the number and strength of Masonic Lodges in London, and rules which may have applied well enough in bygone times are now altogether out of joint. *Sic transit gloria mundi.* In the good old days there may have existed a reasonable chance for a man who chose to apply himself with fervency and zeal to his work to secure the purple, which it is only laudable on the part of every Mason to aspire to. But in the multiplication of Lodges, and the consequent phalanx of London Masons, where is the ninety-ninth man out of a hundred who can cherish a dream of appearing in regalia? It is argued, and with some truth, that the ease with which Brethren in the country are able to secure the purple apron and collar tends rather to diminish the value of those appendages; but that is a matter which I do not propose to deal with now. The real question before the Craft is, the disproportionate opportunities of obtaining honours as a reward of merit in London and the Provinces; and here I agree that Bro. Stevens's motion must not much longer be shelved. Very likely had it not been for the time taken up by the election of Grand Treasurer, and the discussion of other "collar" questions, this important subject would have received a larger share of attention, and I sincerely trust it may do so on the next occasion it is brought forward.

One thing struck me as somewhat strange, if not altogether inappropriate at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, that was the large number of Provincial Brethren who appeared with their purple regalia concealed by the regulation blue which is prescribed at meetings of Grand Lodge. Is it necessary, or desirable, that so much regalia should be piled up when the outer covering of the blue hides the Provincial rank of the Brotherhood, so that we cannot distinguish "tother from which," so far as their rank is concerned. You are debarred from wearing the jewel of the Mark in Craft Lodges, and it surely seems preposterous to hide under the "bushel" of the blue, the "talents" of purple won by sheer hard work in the Provinces. To cut the matter short, it is scarcely fair or equitable that Brethren who have done good suit and service to the Craft should not receive their due, and I am sure our Brethren in the Provinces will not begrudge them the advantages which Brother James Stevens is endeavouring to secure for them,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A YOUNG MASON.

YET ANOTHER JUBILEE SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It has occurred to me, as a humble member of society, that amidst the multitude of well-intentioned schemes propounded for the celebration of the Royal Jubilee, many of which may be characterised of a "wild goose" character, some little attention might be directed to the army of poor struggling brethren who, in consequence of the fluctuations of trade, are reduced to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress. I presumably am in that position. I met a country brother who at one time was the proprietor of a flourishing business in the north of London. He was a most popular and highly respected brother of one of our oldest Lodges. He had passed the chair, not only in Craft Masonry, but in the Mark, Arch, and other degrees to which I have not yet had the opportunity of aspiring. I met that brother the other day in Guildhall-yard, feeding the cosmopolitan pigeons with crumbs which fell from his scanty breakfast. We recognised each other, and although times are bad with me, as I presume they have been with most of us of late, we entered a modest restaurant, and discussed our reminiscences. It was a sad story. The inflation of trade some years ago had subsided; my poor friend's business had fallen off; and like many other brethren he had come up to London, expecting to find the streets paved with the proverbial gold. But there was no

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Aladdin's lamp in the great metropolis ready to his grasp. There was no sign of complaint or maudlin grievance about the man I had known in comparative affluence, with his wife and children about him; but I could see he was driven almost to "death's door" by privation. He would not go to any Lodge to crave assistance, which he might well have deservedly claimed. He was able and willing to work, but to "beg he was ashamed." Is there any use in prolonging a domestic drama such as true Masons regard as an every-day and inevitable occurrence? One has no need to look around for means whereby to confer alms which may be of untold benefit temporarily, and perhaps be the raising of new hopes, even of life; but it does occur to me that if any celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee be necessary, and would reflect more credit on the Craft than any other, it would be to help those brethren who in the period of temporary struggling misfortune are heart-sick and weary, ashamed to look askance at the hand of Charity, yet bearing, Spartan-like, the terrible privations which have overtaken them like "the wolf on the fold," through circumstances over which they have no control. Whilst the goblet is flashing at the banquet table, and the ruddy firelight glistens upon countenances lit up with festive glee, there are pale faces who once participated in scenes quite as joyous, but which now, through a "sea of trouble," unknown to anybody but themselves, are bound to stand aloof, and for honour and decency sake will not ask for aid.

In this vagrant note, suggested by a tale of woe, which if published, would melt a heart of stone, but which for reasons of delicacy shall not be mentioned further in detail, I urge those who are seriously interested in commemorating the Jubilee of the Queen's glorious reign to turn a passing glance upon the poorer brethren of our Order, and see what can be done to render this "memorable" era one of grateful recollection in the hearts of many an afflicted one who, if assisted in even the smallest degree, might love to call the year of grace eighteen hundred and eighty-seven "blessed" by reason of some recognition of the principles which are at the very foundation of the Grand Institution of Freemasonry.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

CHARITY.

FREEMASONRY IN SEAPORT TOWNS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can any of your readers offer an explanation why Freemasonry is so popular in our seaport towns requiring the formation of so large a number of Lodges and Chapters? On reference to the official list, I find that in Liverpool and Birkenhead there are no fewer than 37 Lodges; in Bristol 8; in Hull 5; Plymouth and Devonport 10; Portsmouth 5; Southampton 5; Brighton 8; Newcastle 10; and so on. Taking the number of the population proportionately of these and some of our inland centres, there seems to be a preponderance of Masonic feeling amongst the dwellers by the sea, and it may be interesting to "ascertain the cause."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

SEAWEED.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37.

THE monthly meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Swan Hotel, Bolton, at six o'clock p.m. Present—Bros. John Hardcastle W.M., W. H. Lomax S.W., Jas. Naylor J.W., G. P. Brockbank P.G.Std.B. Secretary, Rob. Nightingale S.D., W. Forrest I.G., Thos. Higson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. R. K. Freeman, Jas. Walker P. Prov. G.J.W., E. G. Horwood P. Prov.G.Std.B., Rev. W. R. Clayton P. Prov. G. Chaplain; Bros. F. W. Brockbank, Thos. Murphy Steward, J. W. Thompson Steward, Thos. Barnes, H. L. Hinnell, F. W. Broadbent, G. E. Greenhalgh, G. W. Crowther, F. W. Isherwood, Jas. Simkin. After minutes of last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. Broadbent, Crowther, Greenhalgh and Isherwood passed a satisfactory examination as Entered Apprentices, and were entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when the candidates were re-admitted and passed by Bro. J. W. Poyntz P.M.; they were instructed in the working tools by Bro. W. H. Lomax S.W. Bro. Rev. W. R. Clayton was appointed by the W.M. to the office of Chaplain to the Lodge. A portion of the ancient rules and charges were read by the S.W., and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 8.30.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

A REGULAR meeting was held on Monday last, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, when there were present Bros. Lewis Wall W.M., George M. Lion S.W., I. Botibol J.W., James L. Lyons Treasurer, Lewis Lazarus Secretary, W. Gardner S.D., M. M. Lenzberg J.D., H. Lazarus and A. Jonas Stewards, P.M.'s Israel Abraham, M. Spiegel, H. Berkowitz, L. Alexander, A. Martin, Obed Roberts; Bros. S. C. Alexander, H. Saqui, L. Davis, B. Blaiberg, M. Siegenberg, L. Isaacs, J. Mitchell, J. Myers, S. Heilbruth, N. Isaacson, A. Botibol, B. Weigel, Jacques Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitors—Bros. Dr. Yusoof Ali Khan Lodge 1422, of Punjaub, W. S. Lyons 185, J. Blaiberg 1551, H. Beedell 1580, W. Silverthorne 1007, S. Pardoe 1585, A. Benato 212, B. Chard 1816, P. H. Davis 239 and 259 I.C. Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. and his Officers, when the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. proceeded to initiate the following gentlemen:—Messrs. N. S. Lyons, proposed by Bro. J. Lyons, seconded by P.M. Lazarus; F. J. Lowrie, proposed by H. Saqui, seconded by Bro. P.M. Lazarus; M. B. Rosenberg, proposed by Bro. H. Saqui, seconded by Bro. H. Lazarus Steward; H. M. Bernstein, proposed by Bro. L. Meyers P.M., seconded by Bro. T. Meyer; Charles H. Waller, proposed by Bro. Wall, seconded by Bro. Dodson P.M. Afterwards Bro. T. Mitchell was advanced to the Fellow Craft degree. The ceremonies were carefully and impressively performed. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of ten guineas be handed to the I.P.M., Bro. Dewsnap, who will represent the Joppa Lodge at the Boys' School Festival this year. Some minor matters of business having been transacted, and the visiting brethren having expressed their good wishes, the Lodge was closed till the first Monday in May. An excellent supper followed, served under the superintendence of Bro. Bertler. The cloth being removed, the usual loyal toasts received attention. Bro. Dewsnap I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., which was cordially received and acknowledged. The W.M. proposed the health of the Past Masters, and those present severally replied. The Treasurer, Brother L. Lyons, and the Secretary, Brother L. Lazarus, were next complimented, and with this toast was coupled the name of a very old member, viz., Bro. Heilbron P.M., Treasurer of the Joppa Benevolent Fund, who was initiated in 1847. Bro. Heilbron replied, and drank to the health and future prosperity of the Lodge and its Benevolent Fund. Bro. Lazarus Secretary and Bro. Lyons Treasurer replied, in their usual able manner; Bro. Lazarus had much pleasure in informing the W.M. that the five candidates had each given one guinea towards the Benevolent Fund. The W.M. next proceeded to toast the Initiates, and this was appropriately acknowledged. The W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, extended a cordial welcome to their Visitors. Bro. Dr. Yusoof Ali Khan, who was initiated in Lodge 1422, Punjaub (Egypt), and raised a few years ago in the Lodge of Joppa, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hearty reception they had given him, with the other Visitors. The recollection of his visit will ever be a sweet remembrance to him; he could tell his brethren over in the Punjaub of the excellent working he had seen done by the W.M. Some capital singing was provided by Bros. Davis, Beedell, Dodson, Saqui, and others. Bro. Isaacson kindly presided at the pianoforte.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

A REGULAR meeting of the members of this Lodge was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. F. T. Bennett, was supported by Bros. A. Dickson S.W., H. Lindfield J.W., A. Green P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe Secretary, P. King J.D., Captain Challen I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Usher Back, F. T. Hentsch, T. H. Peirce, W. W. Morgan; and a goodly muster of brethren. It seems, however, that the work of the Lodge had been somewhat thrown out of gear, inasmuch as circumstances prevented the installation meeting last month being held on the proper day; to meet this exigency the brethren had to fortify themselves by a dispensation to hold the Lodge on Wednesday instead of Tuesday. Consequently, although there were five candidates then initiated, sufficient time had not elapsed to warrant the Lodge conferring the advanced degree. Therefore there was but little work before the Lodge on Tuesday last, and the chief matter of attention was the consideration of the Circular issued by the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, respecting the commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. This was fully gone into, and the Lodge cordially approved of the suggestion to present a congratulatory address to the Queen on the auspicious event; but with regard to the subscription towards the Imperial Institute a diversity of opinion prevailed, and in the end it was considered the matter had better stand over, the Lodge scarcely feeling justified in subscribing in its corporate capacity, and the brethren, however willing to conform to the wishes of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the matter, deemed it desirable that a detailed scheme of what shape the Imperial Institute was to take should be submitted before they promised their subscriptions. It was ultimately decided to convey an expression to that effect to the Grand Secretary, and the subject was on that ground deferred. The best means of assisting in the perpetuation of the memory of the late Bro. Charles Greenwood, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, and Treasurer of St. Michael's Lodge, with which he had been associated for upwards of thirty years, was next considered, and several practical suggestions were acted upon. At the close of the Lodge the brethren partook of refreshments and a pleasant evening was spent. At the Emergency Meeting, on Thursday evening, the Worshipful Master again presided, supported by Bros. John Laver P.M. in the Senior Warden's chair, Lindfield J.W., Goodall S.D., W. Radcliffe P.M. Sec., Challen I.G.; Past Masters—Alfred Green, Usher Back, Hentsch, Peirce; Bros. Arthur Cooper, Bagley, Hancock, Horscroft W. J. Dyer, Hartley, &c; Visitors—Bros. Geo. King P.M. 172' Bates 704, Burford and Collings. Lodge having been opened with the customary rites, was advanced to the third, when Brother Frederick Henry Horscroft was raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M., assisted by his Officers. Resuming in the second, Bros. Horace Henry Hunt, Arthur Henry Hancock, Edmund Thomas Bagley, and William John Dyer were passed, the working in this degree being also most efficiently executed. This was the whole of the business before the Lodge, and the brethren then adjourned to supper, after which the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In the course of the proceedings it was mentioned, by Bro. Usher Back P.M., that a gentleman had volunteered to subscribe a thousand pounds towards the funds of the Albert Institute, at Southwark, a scheme in which the late Bro. Greenwood was deeply interested, and to which many of the brethren of the St. Michael's Lodge had promised to contribute. The toasts were interspersed by the usual harmony, and an agreeable evening was passed.

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GODERICH LODGE, No. 1211.

THE usual meeting of this Lodge took place on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, and proved the most successful that has been held under the gavel of the genial Worshipful Master Bro. Youings. The Officers present were Bros. Bradford S.W., H. Smith J.W., Eddison P.M. Secretary, Fourness P.M. Treasurer, Ward S.D., Craistor J.D., Jacques P.M. I.G., Rev. A. B. Coombe as Chaplain, Winn P.M. P.P.G.Supt.Wks. Dir. of Cers., Spinks Steward. The other brethren included Bros. Crowe P.P.G.D., Townsend P.G. Organist, W. F. Smithson P.P.G.D., C. Scriven I.P.M., Stansfield, T. G. Teale, W. Warren, R. Smith, Tasker, Y. Smith, Scattergood, Gwillam, Irwin, W. Higgins, C. Blagbro, Morton. The visitors included Bros. Herbert Green P.M. Prov. G. Secretary, C. L. Mason W.M. 2069, J. Brownfoot W.M. 304, Hollis W.M. 1311, Scarth W.M. 269, Watson P.M. 2069, Foster P.M. 289, Armistead S.W. 289, McQuat, Parkin and Musgrave 306, Bingham S.W. 1042, Carter J.W. 1042, Myers P.M. 304, Dayson 458, Rev. L. Coleman, Ohio, U.S.A., Carbon Lodge, Carr P.M. Derby, Taylor P.M. 129 P.P.G.D. Cumberland, L. Hoppe 289, and many others. The Lodge was opened in due form, after which the W.M. initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry Mr. Albert Smith Green, surgeon, North-street, Leeds, the ceremony being performed with that impressiveness and accuracy which is one of the characteristics of the working of this Lodge. Bro. Eddison then proposed that Bro. Youings be presented by the Lodge with a P.M.'s jewel, to mark the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties appertaining to the chair of K.S. This was seconded by Bro. Y. Smith, supported by Bro. Winn P.M P.P.G.Supt.Wks., and carried with acclamation. The scrolling for W.M. was then proceeded with, and was unanimously in favour of Bro. W. H. Bradford S.W. Bro. Fourness P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and S. Barraud Tyler. Bro. Jacques gave notice of a resolution increasing the initiation fees of this Lodge. It was stated that the P.G.M. Bro. T. W. Tew had signified his intention of investing Bro. Townsend P.M. P.G. Organist with the clothing and jewel which had been subscribed by the Leeds brethren, as a token of their appreciation of services rendered on behalf of the Leeds Benevolent Institution. Upwards of 50 brethren were present at the supper, and the evening was one of the happiest in the history of the Lodge, speech and song providing an enjoyable variety. It should be stated that Bro. Balfour, M.P., was detained by his parliamentary duties in London.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1885.

A MEETING was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Bros. Collick W.M., Williams S.W., Strong J.W., Watkins Treasurer, Robinson P.M. Secretary, Wing S.D., Wright acting J.D., Oliver Steward, Sandalls I.G., Bowler Tyler; Pardoe I.P.M., P.M.'s Collings Dir. of Cers., Page, Mansell, Whitley. Visitors—Bros. Maples 141, Johnson Asaph, Bond Wolsey, Beard Temple, Stokes Alfred Lodge, and 19 other members of this Lodge. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. Munslow, Warlow and Moore were balloted for and initiated. Bros. Saville, Bosworth, Tildersley and Fayers were passed. After the Bye-laws had been read the brethren proceeded to ballot for a W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Williams having expressed a desire not to stand, Bro. Strong was unanimously elected to the chair of K.S. After Bro. Strong had suitably thanked the brethren, Bro. Watkins, who has been Treasurer since the consecration of the Lodge, was unanimously re-elected. Bro. Walkley, the Tyler, was also re-elected. Bros. Bosworth, Cannon and Coombe were elected Auditors. Later on it was unanimously resolved that the sum of 25 guineas be voted to Bro. P.M. Whitley, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; also that the usual P.M.'s jewel be given to the Worshipful Master. Five gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and after hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed according to ancient custom. At 8 p.m. the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, served in the splendid style characteristic of the worthy host, Bro. P.M. Page, and after the somewhat protracted labours of the evening it was naturally done full justice to. The toasts of the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Pro, the Deputy Grand Master, and Officers Past and Present, were enthusiastically received and heartily drank. The I.P.M., in felicitous terms, proposed the health of the W.M., congratulating him on his successful year of office, and complimenting him on his correct rendering of the ritual. Bro. Page sang "Simon the Cellarer;" then the W.M. responded. By request Bro. Price recited "The Two Scars," by G. R. Sims. The next toast was that of the Initiates, in proposing which the W.M. expressed the satisfaction he had felt in having so much work to perform. After a song by Bro. Coleman, Bros. Munslow, Warlow and Moore suitably returned thanks. The health of the Visitors followed, coupled with the names of Bros. Bond, Maples and Stokes. P.M. Whitley sang "A Fresh Water Trip," and the Visitors replied, Bro. Maples remarking that as a Putney man he was surprised to find such a prosperous Lodge as the Commemoration existing without its being more patronised by Putney brethren. The next toast was the Past Masters. The W.M. sang "The Tempest of the Heart." P.M.'s Pardoe, Robinson, Collings and Whitley responded, the remarks of the latter, being couched in his usual witty strain, caused considerable amusement. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was followed by a song from P.M. Page, and the Secretary responded, apologising for the Treasurer, who had been compelled to leave early. In proposing the health of the W.M. elect, the W.M. congratulated Bro. Strong on his attaining the chair a year earlier than had been anticipated. Brother Strong, in reply, remarked that he thought he was to be pitied rather than congratulated, as he would otherwise have had another year wherein to study, and so have been better able to carry out the duties in a manner more nearly to follow the splendid example of the present W.M. To the Officers, Bros. Strong, Wing, Collings and Oliver replied, and the Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable meeting.

CHINE LODGE, No. 1884.

A MEETING was held on Thursday, 24th February, at the Masonic Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight. Present—Alfred Greenham W.M., F. Rayner S.W., J. H. McQueen P.M. J.W., F. Cooper P.M. Treasurer, Lewis Colenutt Secretary, A. F. Swayne S.D., W. Decks and W. Thompson Dirs. of Cers., R. Young and G. H. Matthews Stewards, W. J. Mew Tyler; Bro. J. Bailey I.P.M. P.G.A.D.C.; Bros. J. W. Cantelow, Davey, Lisle, &c. Visitors—Bros. John Chapman P.M. P.P.G.D. Devon, V.W. Rev. J. R. Palmer Grand Chaplain, Conner P.M. J.W. 1869, Capt. Menzie P.M. 698, Monckton, A. F. Firth I.P.M 1869, Izod 1869, Auslee Secretary 551, Williams 551, G. Pack P.M. 175 P.P.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, Charles Carter W.M. 175, Tennison Smith P.M. 175, James Stevens P.M. 1214, Cluett 1869, &c. Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Harry Lisle proved his proficiency in the first degree, and was duly passed by the W.M. Bro. Alfred Greenham then rose and briefly introduced Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., who had been invited to deliver his well-known lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry 1813-1886." Bro. Stevens proceeded to explain, in a very clear and lucid manner, the working of the Ritual from 1813, and the innovations which had been introduced, more especially during the last twenty-five years, many of which he did not agree with. For fully two hours the brethren listened with the greatest attention to Bro. Stevens in the delivery of his interesting lecture. Many points in the working of the three degrees were alluded to. Some might be considered of small matter, but if Officers of Lodges paid greater attention to them the working would go smoother and the ceremonial be made far more impressive than was often the case. At the end of the lecture several questions were asked and replied to, and Bro. Stevens received the congratulations of the brethren present for the treat he had afforded them. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed, which Bro. Stevens suitably acknowledged. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where they passed a very pleasant evening.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—A meeting was held at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., on Thursday, 3rd inst. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the installation ceremony; the W.M. elect, Bro. F. Potter, was ably inducted into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master, Bro. Benj. Williams, and the addresses ably given by Bro. Paddle. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Potter occupying the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. Williams, Potter, Pitt, Rush, Paddle, Jardine, Whitehouse, Tattersall, Walker, Pugh, Gaskin, Ball Secretary. We are asked to mention that the smoking concert, to be given on 24th March, will have the support of a large number of professional brethren, who have kindly volunteered their assistance. A large gathering and a very enjoyable evening may be anticipated.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. This Lodge of Instruction will not meet on Monday next, the 14th instant. On Monday, 21st instant, at 8 30 p.m., Bro. R. P. Forge, W.M. 1693, P.M. 619, 1950, will rehearse the ceremonies of Passing and Raising. This being the third Monday in March, the day appointed in the Bye-Laws for Election of Preceptor, Treasurer, Secretary and Auditors, the Brethren are respectfully invited to attend early. The sixth annual supper will be held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Monday 28th March, Bro. R. P. Forge in the Chair, and Bro. G. F. Snook Vice-Chair.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—A meeting was held on 10th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road. Present—Bros. Cochrane W.M., Sims P.M. S.W., Davies J.W., Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Craggs S.D., Purdue P.M. J.D., Jennings I.G., J. Davies Preceptor; P.M.'s Spiegel, Child; Bros. Hardy, Marsh, Smith, Stonhill, Head. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Stonhill candidate. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by Bro. Purdue P.M. The third section of the first lecture was also worked, the Preceptor being assisted by Bro. Davies. Bro. Smyth was accepted as a member. Bro. Sims W.M. was elected W.M. for next Thursday.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, at its new quarters, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday, 3rd inst., Comp. Brasted was the M.E.Z., Jenkins H., Barnet J., Sheffield S.E., Dean S.N., Radcliffe P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed, and a profitable evening was spent by those present.

A complimentary dinner, followed by a smoking concert, was given on Tuesday, the 1st inst., to Bro. J. D. Langton, Past G. M. Surrey, the occasion being his resignation of the secretaryship of the Lancaster Club, Savoy. The President of the Club, the Rev. H. White, Chaplian of the Savoy, made the presentation, and the proceedings were of an unusually harmonious and agreeable character.

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From the King's Chamber we also obtain THE EARTH'S MEAN DENSITY AND TEMPERATURE. The Great Pyramid being erected in a latitude of 30 degrees, and in a temperature of one-fifth, it was essentially necessary that it should have the elevation which the Inspired Architect selected, so that, taking the barometrical pressure of the King's Chamber at 30 Pyramid inches, and the temperature as stated, we shall find that if the "Coffer" (which contains 71,250 cubic Pyramid inches) be filled with pure water, it will give the earth-commensurable weight standard of the Great Pyramid.

THE MEAN DISTANCE OF THE SUN FROM THE EARTH is also typified by the height of the Great Pyramid; for if we multiply it by its own factor, the ninth power of ten, we obtain a distance of ninety-one million eight hundred and forty thousand British miles. The process by which this fact is brought out establishes it upon a much firmer basis than the newly-computed results of the astronomical *savants*, who, with the powerful aid of their several national resources and the highest scientific skill were commissioned to observe the late transit of Venus in order to secure the sun's mean distance. The results of their efforts were, as prognosticated, *uncertain*!

The sceptic may object that the fact of the theorems of the Pyramid student, "working by an accidental set of figures, which gives a certain result, is no proof that the architect had a design in fixing the erection in harmony with these stated facts." The answer to this objection (which is applicable to all the objections that have been urged against every important discovery) is, that the design observable, and in late years observed again distinctly and accurately with exceedingly severe scientific preciseness, in every angle and measurement of each and every part of the building, goes to prove such a continued and connected series of truths, of an order which was far above the power of man to ascertain for himself in that day, and for nearly 4,056 years afterwards, that infinitely remove it from the chapter of single accidents to which the sceptic would consign it.

Having pointed out the peculiar geographical position of the Great Pyramid, and having noticed some of the leading features presented to our view in the scientific revelations of its inspired stones, I think we cannot but come to the conclusion that this is *the Pillar to the Lord of Hosts in the midst of the land of Egypt, and at the border thereof*, which is mentioned by Isaiah, and which is now in these latter days being fully opened out by the examination of the diligent student. But for what purpose? For the mere pleasure of gathering the lessons it teaches? Not unless the first purpose in such research is to promote the glory of God as it is beautifully set forth in the charge of the first degree, viz.: "Thereby enabling you to exercise those talents wherewith God has blessed you, as well to His glory as the welfare of your fellow-creatures." If, therefore, we are to believe the Prophet Isaiah, the real purpose of the Great Pyramid was, and is, to testify to the Lord of Hosts in these latter days. It may be asked in what manner does it testify? For

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to that question we must refer to the Great Pyramid itself.

It will not be out of place if we preface that inquiry by noting an important and very interesting feature that bears directly upon the history of the United States of America. I mean the DESIGN AND INSCRIPTION THAT APPEAR UPON THE REVERSE OF THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES. Upon it we observe the Great Pyramid (though not in true geometrical form) in an unfinished or incomplete state, surmounted by "the headstone of the corner," and forming a triangle which contains the All-seeing Eye, giving forth its rays of light or glory. The strength and duration of the New Order of Centuries ("NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM"), which the grand old Pilgrim Fathers went over in the *Mayflower* to establish, under the signal interposition of Divine Providence, and which is beautifully set forth in the inscription "ANNUIT CEPTIS" (He has been favourable to our undertakings). Thus the Great Seal of the United States very appropriately recognises the divine guidance and marks the birth of that great nation, a nation that should be peopled by the overflow of "the multitudinous race" adopting the sacred laws those Pilgrim Fathers cherished as dearer to them than life itself.

However, to resume; as before stated we must examine the Great Pyramid itself for answers to the historical portion of our inquiries.

The computing of Bible dates, according to the efforts of even the most distinguished chronologers, indicates very great uncertainty. It is true that the last researches in this interesting field of labour have proved highly satisfactory, but the chain of evidence is yet far from complete. The Assyrian explorations have revealed facts that have corrected some of the fallacious dates that have been given. A careful examination, however, of several of these charts (by able authors) will lead us to the conclusion that they have not yet obtained satisfactory data on which to establish a perfect chronology.

The monumental records of both Egypt and Assyria have been carefully placed before the student, to enable him, as far as they go, to work out the facts of biblical history. Mr. W. Rowbottom has contributed a very interesting work on this subject, entitled, "The Mystery of the Bible dates solved by the Great Pyramid." The work is well worth perusal. Mr. Rowbottom states: "What must be proved is this. That the Pyramid, which gives dates without events, agrees exactly with the Bible, which gives events and periods without dates." This is a true statement of the case, and one that we will now endeavour to prove.

The historical data embodied in the Great Pyramid are clearly defined. We will not seek for dates prior to the Deluge, which may be regarded as being recorded near the mouth of the entrance passage, but we will rather confine our observation to the first date that is recorded, and which points to the birth of Abram; for all beyond that period was, at the time of the erection of the Great Pyramid, purely prophetic.

While not wishing to seek for deductions from data previous to the Deluge, or for anything that bears upon the history of the antediluvian world, yet it would not be very difficult for us to imagine a period of 1,919 year prior to the erection of the Great Pyramid; for if we add that number of years to the number of inches which form the history-recording passages from the Messianic Lines or birth of Abram, 2170 B.C. (which is the date of the erection of the Grea Pyramid, and which we shall presently examine in *extenso*), to the termination of the Grand Gallery, we then obtain a total of 6,000 years.

My intention, however, is to bring out the historic data that formed the prophetic pointing at the time of the building of the Great Pyramid; and I would draw your attention to the fact that the pointing was strictly prophetic at the date of its erection, and it is only the lapse of time that has brought it within the range of history. If, therefore, the great events that have marked the history of the Hebrew family during the past 4,056 years, can be found monumentalized in the true time-recording passages of the Great Pyramid, then I maintain there is undoubted evidence upon which to rest for the unfulfilled portions of that prophecy that marks the future.

We must now ask you (in imagination) to ascend the mound of rubbish that has been accumulating for forty centuries at the mouth of the entrance passage on the north side of the building, and to follow us as we carefully go over the measurements that have been taken by the Astronomer-Royal for Scotland (Prof. C. Piazzi Smyth), who, with "the very best instruments that the most advanced skill could produce," devoted his able efforts to gauging, with the most severe mathematical precision, the various angles and passages in the building.

The passage angle of inclination is the first feature that strikes the mind upon entering the mouth of the descending passage, being 26° 18'. If we roll back the events of the past 4,056 years, and carefully make our way down the inclined plane of this entrance passage on a fine clear night in the month of August, 2170 B.C., and direct our attention up the passage, we shall be able to observe with the naked eye the then polar star a Draconis below the pole. This date astronomically determines the date of erection. The confirmation of it may be found by taking the measuring rod and gauging the distance between the north end of the Grand Gallery and the Messianic Lines, which yields the same result, 2,170 inches. Having already observed the position of the the polar star (*a* Draconis), let us also note the remarkable position of another important constellation, the Pleiades group. While *a* Draconis in that same year (2170 B.C.) in the northern meridian was crossing below the pole, at the same instant the Pleiades in the southern meridian was crossing above the pole. This event will not be again repeated for 25,827 years. Professor Smyth gives us this remarkable event in very correct and choice terms. He states that "when *a* Draconis was so looking down the entrance passage in the north, then Tauri, the chief star in the Pleiades group, was crossing the local terrestrial meridian towards the south, in the vertical plane of direction of the Grand Gallery, but at a point high up in the sky, near the Equator. At the same moment of that year (2170 B.C.) the celestial meridian of the vernal equinox also coincided with that same Tauri star, and gave it for the time extraordinary chronological super-eminence over all others."

Taking then for granted that the date of erection is indicated by this extraordinary astronomical occurrence, we may conclude that these star pointings had a closer connection with the chronological scale of the Great Pyramid than is generally understood, and is an additional confirmation of the measured area that is given between the north end of the Grand Gallery and the Messianic Lines, viz., 2,170 inches.

Having previously alluded to the MESSIANIC LINES, and considering their importance, we would explain their position and nature, by stating that they are two lines exquisitely cut in each side of the wall of the entrance passage, 357 inches from the opening, or mouth, of the passage; and in dealing with these lines let us also note the fact that this part of the wall from the mouth or entrance is composed of blocks of stone constructed in two rows, that naturally suggests the idea of doubling the history-measuring record. Let us, however, leave this until more light is evolved, and creeping down the passage take our measurements from these lines.

The mean height of this passage being only some 47 inches, and the breadth 41 inches, you will recognise the fact that there is not too much space in which to adjust the instruments, and compute with accuracy the various angles and distances; but with due care and the exercise of a little patience, the circumscribed area will undoubtedly yield its time-recording scale. Having, therefore disposed for the present of the indications of the first 357 inches of the entrance of this passage, we now come to the important lines known or designated as Messianic, at which we fix the date of the birth of Abram. As already stated, these lines are of very fine execution, as though they had been cut or engraved by a very sharp instrument. They are preceded by a vertical block of stone, the joints of which appear to point to the important date of erection, and which is also the date of the birth of the Patriarch to whom the promise was first given that in him and his seed should all the families of the earth be blessed; hence the propriety of the term "Messianic Lines." Previous to the discovery of these important deductions, they were known as the "uninterpreted sign." Regarding, therefore, the birth of Abram as indicated by these lines, 2170 B.C., let us now take the measuring rod down the passage, along the floor-line, for a distance of 628 inches, and we then come to the ascending passage. The space that intervenes will have in point of time changed the name of Abram into Abraham; the promises of the Most High have been vouchsafed to the Patriarch, his son Isaac has been born, and the terrible test given to Abraham's faith which nevertheless proves the stability of the Patriarch. After this we have the birth of Jacob, and also a succession of very remarkable events, such as the purchase of the birthright, the supplanting of the elder brother Esau, the obtaining (through fraud) of the parental blessing, and a most eventful career, in which Jacob receives the Divine confirmation of the promises given to Abraham. Among these events we might also refer to the midnight struggle, after which the name of Jacob was changed into Israel, also the sojourn in Egypt, and the various incidents that are so beautifully delineated in the First Tracing Board in Freemasonry.

As we near the ascending passage we arrive at the date when Moses was born. Here we recognise a new epoch in the history of the

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Hebrew family. It is a question whether we should lay down the measuring rod and continue the downward course for the remaining 3,461 inches beyond the junction of the ascending passage, or proceed up that passage in the direction of the Grand Gallery, and so into the interior of the building. The only reason for not continuing the course of the downward passage is, that up to the present no satisfactory time-recording dates have been established. From the intersection of the two passages downwards the only interpretation offered with regard to its pointing is, that "it is held to symbolise man's departure from God and righteousness, down to the pit of perdition," this subterranean chamber having a finished roof and walls, but an unfinished floor.

Holding ourselves free from any theory as to its true meaning, on account of being unable to spell out its historic pointing, let us direct our attention to the junction of the two passages that gives the date of the birth of Moses, regarding the point of intersection of the ascending passage as the space that covers the thirty-three years when "he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter."

The floor plane of the ascending passage yields 1,542 inches and a fraction before it opens out into the Grand Gallery. The important events in the history of the children of Israel, from the time that Moses led his people out of Egypt up to the time of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, are marked by fourteen vertical blocks of stone, that form the sides of this ascending passage. Their various lengths register the following dates: B.C. 1268; 1230; 1191; 1152; 1115; 1072; 1047; 989; 831; 799; 625; 592; 417; 385. Leaving these important dates that are recorded without "any letter, character, or figure," but only by the joints of the blocks of stone in the ascending passage, let us with reverence approach that GRAND GALLERY which marks the birth of our Lord.

The relief experienced on the sudden transition from the confined area of the ascending passage is very palpable. With form erect, and while standing to gaze upon the noble proportions of that wonderful Gallery with its glorious dispensation records, it is no wonder that we should feel inspired with "solemn awe and reverence" at the sight. The first object that attracts our attention on our approach to the Grand Gallery is a dislodged Rampstone close within the north-west corner of the Gallery, and which discloses what is called the "well" mouth that leads down to the subterranean vault.

The "well" not having any time-recording powers we will not follow its course, but only allude to the fact that it is regarded as a symbol of the grave and resurrection of our Blessed Saviour. That it accords with the date of our Lord's death is evident from the fact that from the opening of the Gallery, thirty-three inches brings us immediately over the centre of the mouth of the well. Mr. Casey very graphically describes this feature of the Gallery: he says that "on entering the Grand Gallery we come upon a square sepulchral aperture, partly in its floor, from the bottom of which a passage leads westerly for a short space to the edge of a dark, almost perpendicular abysmal shaft, which leads down—down—down into the deep and dismal subterranean descending passage just before it falls into the Hades Chamber or pit, which lies some 180 feet down in the living rock. Now at an inch to a year along the line of the floor of the Grand Gallery, the sepulchral chamber shows the date of Calvary in our Lord's life.

Mr. Robert Menzies is still more explicit in his deductions from the Messianic symbolism of the entrance of the Grand Gallery and the well mouth. He states that "thirty-three inch years brings us right over against the mouth of the well, the type of His death, and His glorious resurrection too, while the long, lofty Grand Gallery shows the domination rule in the world of the blessed religion which He established thereby, overspanned above by the thirty-six roof stones of His months of ministry on earth, and defined by the floor length inches as to its exact period to be."

We will now just give a passing glance at the horizontal passage that starts to the south from the Grand Gallery, and which leads to the Queen's Chamber. This is 1,517·9 inches in length and is upon a level with the well mouth. It is believed to typify the Divine institution of the Sabbath, from the fact that one-seventh portion of its length is one-half greater in depth than the rest. The Sabbatical indication in this passage is duplicated in the Queen's Chamber, and appears to form the principal teaching of its interior. This passage and chamber are regarded by some as typical of the Jewish dispensation, and as bearing upon the history of the House of Judah; but as we fail to define those features we will return to the Grand Gallery, and there try to gather the important lessons which this grand dispensation-recording passage places before our wondering eyes.

For a moment let us take our stand upon the threshold of the north end, or beginning of the Grand Gallery, which we will suppose to have been illuminated for the occasion, and looking up a distance of 339 inches we are then able to count the thirty-six roof stones, that not only point to the months of our Lord's ministry, but also to the cubical commensurability of the Grand Gallery. The walls of white limestone, with there seven overlappings and beautifully executed masonry, at once rivet the attention and impress the mind with the thought that they set forth that Sabbatic sign which the G.A.O.T.U. declared should be "the sign" between Himself and His people Israel "throughout all their generations."

Another important feature that strikes the eye is the finely worked blocks of stone called "RAMPS." These ramps flank the wall up each side of the floor plane of the Grand Gallery; but as it is not within our province to inquire as to the use or meaning of these Rampstones, let us proceed to take the measure of the Gallery, along the floor plane, from the north end to the GREAT STEP. This yields exactly 1,813 inches. We then come to the Step, which is 36 inches, or one British yard, in height and is perpendicular, while the top of it reaches forward towards the south in the direction of the Antechamber and the King's Chamber, and passes beyond the end of the Grand Gallery. The top of this step is 61 inches, or the British yard and the sacred cubit united, an identity of the Pyramid with the British standard measure. The question has been asked whether this Great Step unfolds any particular event in the Israelitish history; and if the identity of the Anglo-Saxon people with Ephraim Israel is admitted, what does this thirty-six inch step point to? One answer to this question is, that in that year (A.D. 1813) the British Government passed an Act of Parliament, brought forward by Wilberforce, which opened "the gates of India" for the spread of the Gospel, so that from that date is marked the great missionary enterprise of this country. Doubtless this was a great step towards the final termination of the Gospel dispensation, but it would not be a very difficult matter to prove, in addition to this fact, that the national policy of Great Britian was, at this period, being placed on a higher platform, both in the sight of heaven and the various nations of the world, thereby duplicating the testimony of this important step, if such should be its teaching.

Our primary object is to gauge the length of the Grand Gallery, and the difficulty raised by this Step is, whether we should take the floor-line through the Step, or measure up to the front of it, and along the top, to the end of the Gallery. We cannot settle this question with any amount of certainty at present, therefore we propose leaving it to be solved by the events of the near future.

As there is an amount of uncertainty about the floor-line measurement of the Gallery, let us take that of the base of the walls, and see what it yields. The angle of the Gallery floor-line, carried through to the intersection of the impending wall at the south end of the Grand Gallery, gives 1,881·4 inches. This has been computed by the most diligent and careful observation. The historical conclusion to be drawn from this fact goes to prove that the surface "Great Step" measurement is an important factor in computing the time-recording area of the Grand Gallery, ere we retire from beneath the impending wall that symbolically closes the present dispensation.

The ominous character of this wall is, that it is an impending wall, being out of the perpendicular four inches. The late Mr. Menzies says that "the Bible, fully studied, shows that he (Jehovah) intended that this dispensation is only to last for a time; a time, too, which may terminate much sooner than most men expect, and is shown by the southern wall impending." It certainly will not be considered a stretch of the imagination if we claim for the impending wall the finger-post that points to a gradual change in the closing of dispensation. If such be its true indication, and the four years being the period for the final termination of the dispensation, then we cannot be too careful in trying to understand the true meaning of the history-recording space of this wonderful part of the Great Pyramid. Failing to recognise, however, the exact meaning of the dispensation record of the Grand Gallery (as to its duration), let us direct our attention to the narrowest passage of the building, which is only 44 inches in height, and, therefore, is the most excruciating portion of the whole structure. Is this the symbol of Daniel's "time of trouble such as never was since the beginning of the world," and referred to by our Lord in St. Matthew, and subsequently confirmed by the Apocalyptic statement as to the events of the latter-day trouble? If so, the duration of that awful period is indicated by 52 inches. Some have foolishly regarded this period referred to as "the end of the world," while others have marked it as the harbinger of the Millennium. I think we shall be justified in regarding it as "the time of the end," so far as the present dispensation is concerned.

Leaving the passage with its straitened area, we come to THE ANTE-CHAMBER, which is replete with interest in the various branches of cosmic and ethical truth, but which we shall not have time at present to examine.

The only time-recording passage we have not yet reached is the one that connects the Ante-Chamber with the King's Chamber. This last-named passage is exactly four cubits, or 100 inches in length. The confined area teaches us that in approaching the grand central, or King's Chamber, with its sacred standard of weights and measures, and other important truths, "that the head and knee must bend with submission while approaching with reverential awe" that magnificent apartment which contains so much that elucidates the intention of the Inspired Architect, and that also proves the exquisite skill of the wonderful craftsmen of those days, under the direction of "The Grand Master Masons."

Having endeavoured to establish the inspired character of the Great Pyramid, with regard to the triple testimony it renders to SCIENCE, HISTORY AND PROPHECY, may we not commend it to your notice as a divinely-erected monument, as "A WITNESS TO THE LORD OF HOSTS" IN THESE LATTER DAYS. Let us therefore accept its teaching as an important link that connects us with the Builders of the remote past, seeing that the lessons we gather from its inspired truths are in perfect harmony with the known plans of the G.A.O.T.U.

May we, therefore, strive to emulate the efforts of the Inspired Architect of the Great Pyramid by developing the sacred truths he tabulated, and so erecting a lasting monument to the glory of the Most High; in order that our works may be appreciated by future generations, and that the voice of thanksgiving may ascend from every lip, swelling into one universal song of praise, that shall reach to the utmost bounds of the human family, proclaiming that "THE LORD GOD OMNIPONENT REIGNETH."

The Lecturer resumed his seat amidst applause and a vote of thanks was unanimously given.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2 12, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, on this (Saturday) evening, opening at 7·30 p.m., Brother Preceptor E. Ayling, P.M. 975, as the Worshipful Master. The attendance of Craftsmen is respectfuly requested. Masonic clothing will be worn.

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The results of the Cambridge Local Examinations in December last have been issued, and from them we learn that of the twenty girls entered, nineteen are returned as successful, the only failure having been caused by the illness of the candidate. In the senior examination two ex-pupils, Miss S. M. Morrish and Miss A. W. Cecil, pupil teachers, passed in Class III. honours; in the junior examination Jane M. Taylor and Ellen Senior obtained Class II. honours, both being distinguished in religious knowledge. Class III. honours were conferred upon F. Oberdoerffer (distinguished in religious knowledge and French), Ada C. Crow, Grace Bartrum, and Emily Mabel Osmond. The following passed:—Juliet Priestley and Josephine March (both distinguished in religious knowledge), Susannah Tippler, Ada Ellen Ashton, Frances J. New, Sophia Riley, Helen Foxall, Clara E. Coales, Emily A. Cecil, Beatrice King, and Mary E. Spalding

The Head Master of the Boys' School, Bro. the Rev. R. Morris, has presented a report of the Cambridge Local Examination last Christmas, which is satisfactory, seven boys having received honours and two passed, whilst there was no single instance of failure. In the First Class (II. Division) honours were gained by A. D. Ashdown, distinguished for Mathematics, and A. J. Kennedy, distinguished for Mathematics and Latin. In the Second Class honours were obtained by C. R. Fairman, J. P. Templeman, C. P. O'Doherty, and W. R. Watson; and in the Third Class G. S. Jones, distinguished for Mathematics. The remaining two candidates, A. G. Aspden and R. F. Reynolds, satisfied the examiners.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, the 5th inst., when Bro. Raynham W. Stewart presided. After the formal reading of minutes, two petitions were submitted and received, and the names ordered to be placed on the list for the October election. The motion passed at the previous meeting, proposing an increase of £26 per annum to the salary of Mr. Reilly, Clerk in the Office, Freemasons' Hall, was unanimously confirmed, and the meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Since our last issue some of the outstanding lists in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution have come in, though the number is not yet complete. Five guineas have been added to the list of Bro. C. H. McQueen, making his total £26 15s 6d. Bro. Reginald Maples, of Lodge 574, in the Province of Berks and Bucks, has remitted another two guineas, raising his total to £18 18s. An additional five guineas has been placed to the account of Comp. Colonel J. Mead, of Chapter 723, in the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, making his total ten guineas; and Bro. John Bridgman, of Lodge 93, Norfolk, has raised his list to £155 9s, by a further contribution of four guineas. The last addition is £34, to be placed against No. 145. There are yet several lists to come in.

At the final meeting of the Board of Stewards appointed to carry out the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Freemasons' Hall, the chair was occupied by Bro. Charles Belton. The Secretary read a statement of accounts, and instructions were given for their immediate disbursement. A resolution of thanks, passed by the Committee of Management of the Institution to the Chairman and Board of Stewards, for their valuable and successful services on the occasion, was read, and received with applause. A similar vote of thanks was accorded to the officers of the Board, and suitably acknowledged. It was further agreed that a resolution of thanks be forwarded to Bro. Madell, the esteemed manager of Freemasons' Tavern, for the excellence of the arrangements made by him for the comfort and enjoyment of the unprecedented number of Brethren who attended the Festival, and that intimation of the same be conveyed to Messrs. Spiers and Pond.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of Women.—Medical science in all ages has been directed to alleviate the many maladies incident to females, but Professor Holloway, by diligent study and attentive observation, was induced to believe that nature had provided a remedy for those special diseases. He has, after vast research, succeeded in compounding these celebrated Pills and Ointment, which embody the principle naturally designed for the relief and cure of disorders peculiar to women of all ages, and constitutions, whether residing in warm or cold climates. They have repeatedly corrected disordered functions which have defied the usual drugs prescribed for such cases; and still more satisfactory is it that the malady is relieved completely and permanently.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presideney of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Standard Bearer. There was a full attendance of the members of the committee. The deaths were reported of three female annuitants, and of one male and one female accepted candidate. It was announced by the Secretary (Bro. James Terry) that the result shown at the recent Festival of the Institution, presided over by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, as £18,700 18s had been raised to a total of £19,169 17s, with seventeen lists still outstanding. Some other business having been transacted, the proceedings closed with the usual vote of thanks.

Yesterday (Friday) Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., &c., was to preside over a meeting held in the Huyshe Masonic Temple, at Plymouth, to consider the proposition to hold a Masonic Exhibition in that town, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, and in aid of the Devon Educational Fund, which is just now in great need of assistance. It is intended that the Exhibition shall be confined to members of Lodges in the counties of Devon and Cornwall, or to exhibits relating thereto, the object being to discover and describe all the varieties and curiosities in the neighbourhood, the catalogue of which will be edited by Brother Hughan. Success is confidently anticipated by the promoters of the Exhibition, and we are requested to say that intending exhibitors may communicate with Brother John B. Gover, the Hon. Secretary, of 5 Grenville Place, Plymouth. We shall probably say something further respecting the movement next week.

On the occasion of her recent marriage, a handsome presentation was made to the eldest daughter of Brother the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk. In acknowledging the compliment paid to his child (now Mrs. White-Cooper), our Rev. Brother thanks the subscribers for the present of a magnificent diamond star, and "touching" address, which she received from the Freemasons of the Province. In concluding his letter Bro. Martyn says:—

> Believe me, she will always value your kind gift, while the remembrance of your goodness will ever be to me one of the most pleasurable of all the many happy memories of my connection with the Province as its Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Once more begging you to accept our warmest thanks,
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> Believe me to be,
>
> Your faithful and grateful Friend and Brother.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Royalty.—Two more amusing pieces than are being acted at this Theatre it will be hard to find, and, judging from a recent visit we paid, theatre goers have already recognized this; not only was there a good "house," but the company seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves, and who could wonder at this, when Alice Atherton and Willie Edouin have a piece like "The Coming Clown" to create amusement with, written especially for them by Mr. Mark Melford. The work is full of clever lines, and thoroughly suited to the abilities of those it was written for. Then we have Mr. Ernest Warren's clever adaptation of "Le Bonheur Conjugal," here called "Modern Wives." Again the clever artistes mentioned above are well suited, and are well backed by Messrs. Morton Selten, Lytton Sothern, and the Misses Brunton, Olga Brandon, and Eva Wilson. Indeed, with this clever company everything goes merrily. The Royalty at the present time can boast of having "full boards" frequently out. This success is thoroughly deserved.

Grand.—The sporting drama, "A Run of Luck," has for the last fortnight been delighting the patrons of this theatre, and from all appearances will continue to do so while the present company is located here, which, by the way, is until Saturday next, the 19th instant. The scenery, with its numerous changes, is excellent, while the wonderful effects displayed at "Old Drury" are reproduced. The squire's house with the real hunt, the lawn at Goodwood, and last of all the race for the Stewards' Cup, are shown with realistic effect; in short the piece is as well staged as when it was originally produced. A more winning Daisy Copsley could not be wished for than Miss Lucy Buckstone, while Miss Mabel Coates was excellent as Mabel Selby. Mr. Fred Gould (Harry Copsley), Mr. Lawrence Gray (George Selby), and Mr. J. Dewhurst (Squire Selby), well sustain their respective impersonations. Mr. Lawrence D'Orsey as Captain Trevor was well suited, but Mr. Edward Cheesman rather overdid the part of Charlie Saudown.

In consequence of the increasing popularity of the Wednesday matinées at the Olympic they will be continued until 30th March, when "Frou-Frou" will be presented. Miss Hawthorne commences a week's engagement at Brighton on Monday, 21st March, where she will appear in a selection of characters from her extensive repertoire.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 12th 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', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Karl 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. (Inst)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
2089—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.A. 1413—Esk, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 14th MARCH.

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, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
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, 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.)
1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1683—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8.0 (Inst)
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, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street, Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
2030—Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster.
R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.
R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

46—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
2[illegible]—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
2[illegible]—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
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
509—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
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—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
1681—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1906—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 379—Tyrie, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 1254—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Papens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 15th MARCH.

30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
58—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, 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 Mansions 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,
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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)
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)
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)
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. 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

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
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
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
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, 16th MARCH.

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, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, 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, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, 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.)
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
1319—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gloucester Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington, Rye Lane and Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Standard, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Market 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.)
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

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20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
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
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Warnle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, 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
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8 30. (Instruction)
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 726—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1375—Architect, Dudsbury Hotel, Dudsbury

THURSDAY, 17th MARCH.

23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Londenhall-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)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (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)
913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
979—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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 5.30 (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1554—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, 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. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Alchurch 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.
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 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
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
623—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
668—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
695—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Leicester, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1337—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1392—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
2107—Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
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, Hastings
R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 18th MARCH.

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.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Greyhound Arms Tavern, James's Road, Birmingham, at 8. (I)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1156—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)
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
1709—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, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
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THE IDIOSYNCRASIES OF TYLERS.

THERE are few of us who are unfamiliar with the sympathetic expression respecting the "poor and distressed Masons, wherever they may be dispersed over land or sea." It is not only a sentiment that tells the brethren that for the present an end has come to their festivities, but it is one also that is wafted away over the habitable globe, a Masonic message of remembrance and hearty good wishes which possibly might strike an echo in the hearts of many who are thus kindly thought of amidst the festivities of our after Lodge proceedings. The explorer in distant lands, the traveller either for pleasure or on service, the hardy seaman battling with the forces of some boisterous wave, or lying listlessly in dead calm, all have instinctively certain periods when thoughts revert to home; and no matter in what position a man may be placed, he knows full well, who is a Mason, that these kindly words of remembrance and Godspeed are ever upon the lips of his brethren whenever a Lodge is held, and when is there a blank evening in the whole three hundred and sixty-five? Thus the brother whose circumstances have necessitated his absence either for a short or long period from the land of his birth may be assured, ere he retires from the business of the day, that he is held in remembrance by his kith and kin in the "dear old country," to which he hopes to return "some day," and that the Tyler's toast is like a peaceful message breathing to him the "hearty good wishes" he is sure to receive profusely when he lands at home. It may not be uninteresting to consider for a moment the nature of the duties that belong peculiarly and distinctively to the Tyler, and the class of men who are selected to perform those important functions at our Lodges. They are of divers sorts and conditions; have acted in various positions in life, and are possessed of different degrees of intelligence. Some we know are men who in their palmy days were fully equal in social status to any of the brethren upon whom they are now content and pleased to wait, with all the suavity and courtesy which are inseparable from early training and respectable association. It is a pleasure to meet with such a class of man, who in many instances has passed the chair, and even obtained Provincial distinction, for in him we find no menial fawning obsequiousness such as often spoils the familiarities of a "serving brother" who officiates in the outside portion of our Lodge work. He does not tout for the sale of regalia, or Masonic literature, or handbooks, with an eye to commission; he is above the practice, once common, of assisting the brethren with their hats and coats with a view to anticipating the other waiters in their share of the largesse usually bestowed by brethren at the conclusion of their meetings. He moves about quietly, but firmly, in the work of preparation for the reception of the brethren; his demeanour towards the Officers and members of his Lodge is respectful but dignified; there is no fussiness or flurry about the business he has to do in the convenient room. To this conduct on the part of the Tyler much of the comfort and orderly working of a Lodge may be attributed, for if the machinery of a ship or factory be kept constantly bright and in perfect going order there need be little apprehension of the friction or displacement of the gear. In contrast to this good and faithful servant, who so manages the needful accessories of a Lodge that the Master, Wardens, Officers, and Brethren have never a hitch to mar their labour or pleasure, is the man who, by the pomposity of his own importance, flits and flutters about the place, cutting all manner of absurd and unnecessary antics in order that the brethren may be impressed with his smartness and activity. These brethren are invariably drafted from the upper ranks of hotel waiters, and are initiated into Lodges free, in the capacity of "serving brethren." We are not about to argue the question as to the desirableness or otherwise of this mode of proceeding, or whether a Tyler who is nothing more nor less than a flunkey is preferable to an old seasoned brother who, in his altered condition of life, is content and grateful to receive a nominal sum per annum at the hands of the brethren for such services as an Outer Guard is called upon to render. But most of our readers who have studied the matter at all will agree with us that the contrasts between the two classes of men indicated are of a very marked description. A Tyler is, to all intents and purposes, an Officer of the Lodge, who has to discharge functions of a very responsible character. He is by no means to be considered as a "Jeames" in a farce, or a "Johnnie" in a gentleman's hall. Yet how often do we see them continuing to act as such? We have in our mind's eye certain Tylers whose furtive glance at the candidates proclaim more loudly than their voices could articulate the greedy reaching after patronage for the supply of aprons, calendars, and other sources of commission, not even forgetting the reminder that "repairs are neatly and promptly executed" by the best houses—through them. To the older members of the Lodge there is a display of deference which is perfectly wasted upon its objects; whilst towards the Worshipful Master, the Treasurer, and Secretary for the time being, and the other Officers, there is a positively slavish cringing which is almost intolerable. Some of these serving brethren officiate as Tylers at a large number of Lodges, and in fact make it their sole and normal profession. We know of many good and worthy men who do this, and trust that they find it sufficiently remunerative in the aggregate to maintain them in comparative comfort. But whether such a system is consistent with the comfort and dignity of our Lodges is a question that is open to discussion, and has received a considerable amount of argument on both sides. The only object of these fugitive thoughts is to sympathise with the brethren of such Lodges who are rather governed than "served" by over-bearing and officious Tylers, and to congratulate those who, on the contrary, possess the services of well-seasoned, intelligent, and courteous brethren, who while performing their duties in and out of the Lodge with all the regularity of clockwork, are cheerful, dignified and courteous, not descending to the paltry pettifoggings of others who act merely as commission agents for certain firms of Masonic regalia manufactures and other accessories of the Craft. It is a delicate point, no doubt, to make comparisons which may be odious to those concerned, but it is nevertheless a fact that amongst Tylers, as amongst other classes of people, there is as much difference as there is between chalk and cheese. To those who speak the well-known words quoted at the commencement of this article with a sympathetic and genuine heart we must pay a due tribute of respect; but in too many cases the value of the sentiment is marred, if not altogether lost, by the parrot-rote style in which the Tyler's toast is gabbled forth in the closing moments of our Masonic assemblies.

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HOW TO SECURE ATTENDANCE.

WE quote the following, by Grand Master Emerson to the Grand Lodge of Utah, with approval; it is good advice for any Masonic climate:—

"The Master of a Lodge should be a studious and thoughtful man, and, above all, a man fruitful in resources. Should the energy and zeal of the members of his Lodge begin to slacken, and their attendance become more and more reluctant and infrequent, he should be able to devise some scheme, to put into operation some plan, by which he may win them back to their allegiance. The Lodge-room should be made, next to home, the most delightful and attractive place on earth; a pleasant retreat from the cares and dividing influences of every-day, active business life. Every Mason should regard his Lodge as a perennial fountain to which he may come at all times, and have his own moral courage, and his confidence in his fellow-men, increased and strengthened. Does business annoy him, or financial disaster threaten, he here learns that no man should be regarded for his worldly wealth or honour. Is he discouraged and disheartened by the repeated instances of dishonesty and peculation in high places, in the world around him, he is here encouraged and strengthened by the fact that Masonry not only teaches, but demands of her thousands of votaries everywhere, and by a constant symbol, to walk uprightly in their several stations before God and man, and act upon the square in all their dealings. From under such teachings a reflective mind comes out, strong and self-reliant, ready to fight life's battles, and gain honour in the conflict. As means to so desirable an end, I would suggest that as often as time will permit, when the Masters make the usual inquiry, if any brother has anything to say for the good of Masonry, that it be something more than formally done. Insist upon something being said upon the subject of Masonry. If found necessary, go to some brother, before Lodge-night, and tell him that you shall call upon him, and he must be prepared if only for a five minutes talk. Invite others to express either their assent or dissent as to what has been said, and you would soon be surprised at the readiness with which your call would be answered, as well as at the general increase of knowledge upon Masonic subjects. In this connection I have one further suggestion to make. Occasionally, at least, at your regular communications, after the routine business is done, and when there are no degrees to be conferred, let the Master go through with the questions and answers constituting the lectures of the three degrees, requesting the first brother on the right, or left, to answer the first question, the next the second, and so on around the Lodge-room. Invite discussions as to the correctness or otherwise of the answers, the Master, however, for the time being the final arbiter upon the question. If no work offers, exemplification of the degrees and other modes of schooling the members may be substituted, and thus social intercourse stimulated, and attendance upon Lodge meetings made interesting and agreeable. Such a course, persisted in, although it may be against difficulties and opposition at first, cannot fail to bring work, and will inaugurate a season of great prosperity, while the simple opening, hurrying through with whatever is to be done, closing and hurrying to extinguish the light of the Lodge-room, dispersing in the quickest possible time, as is often the case, will leave your minds and hearts as dark as the room you leave behind, so far as any good the meeting together has done you, and will result in depleted attendance, and loss of interest among the membership, and will serve to still further increase the already large army of non-affiliates."

—*Canadian Craftsman.*

DESCENDANTS OF DEITIES WHO ONCE REIGNED IN EGYPT.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

WE have in America several opposition pretenders to Egyptian Masonic Rites, and all claim to be doing a good business. There must be money made out of it, for one of those Egyptolic Pontiffs died recently, and the *Keystone* assures us that his executor sold the Pontiffship for a certain sum of money. Now, I have no doubt that Bro. MacCalla, of the *Keystone*, as well as many other Grand Lodge dignitaries, would like to send all the Egyptian Rites to Sheol, but as each of these Grand Lodge dignitaries owes allegiance to a half-dozen or more other kinds of humbugging rites, they must therefore keep *mum* about the Egyptianites. I have recently come across a book called "History of Art in Ancient Egypt," and I think that the following extract will show the fallacy of believing that Freemasonry could ever have existed in ancient Egypt. Our author says:—

"The King [of Egypt] was the living manifestation and incarnation of God: child of the Sun (Sa Ra), as he took care to proclaim whenever he wrote his name. The blood of the gods flowed in his veins and assured to him the sovereign power.

"He was the priest above all others. Such a form of worship as that of Egypt required no doubt a large sacerdotal class, each member of which had his special function in the complicated and gorgeous ceremonies in which he took part, but the King alone, at least in the principal temples, had the right to enter the sanctuary and to open the door of the kind of chapel in which the symbolical representation was kept; he alone saw the God face to face and spoke to him in the name of his people. The pre-eminent dignity of this priestly office did not, however, prevent the King from taking his proper share in war or political affairs generally. The army of scribes and various functionaries, whose titles may still be read upon the most ancient monuments of the country, depended upon him for their orders from one end of the country to the other, and in war it was he who led the serried battalions of the Egyptian army. The King was thus the supreme pontiff, the immediate chief of all civil and military officers, and as the people believed that his career was directed by the gods, and in the words of an inscription 'the representatives of Ra among the living,' his divinity, begun on earth, was completed and rendered perpetual in another life. All the dead Pharaohs became Gods, so that the Egyptian pantheon obtained a new deity at the death of each sovereign. The deceased Pharaohs thus constituted a series of gods to whom the reigning sovereign would, of course, address himself when he had anything to ask; hence the monuments upon which we find living Pharaohs offering worship to their predecessors.

"The prestige which such a theory of royalty was calculated to give to the Egyptian Kings may easily be imagined. They obtained more than respect, they were the objects of adoration, of idolatry. Brought up from infancy in this religious veneration, to which their hereditary qualities also inclined them, generation succeeded generation among the Egyptians, without any attempt to rebel against the royal authority, or even to dispute it. Ancient Egypt, like its modern descendant, was now and then the scene of military revolts. These were generally provoked by the presence of foreign mercenaries, sometimes by their want of discipline and licence, sometimes by the jealousy which they inspired in the native soldiery, but never, from the time of Menes to that of Tewfik-Pasha, has the civil population, whether of the town or of the fields, shown any desire to obtain the slightest guarantee for what we should call their rights and liberties. During all those thousands of years not the faintest trace is to be discovered of that spirit from which sprung the republican constitutions of Greece and ancient Italy, a spirit which, in yet later times, has led to the parliamentary governments of Christian Europe. The Egyptian labourer or artizan never dreamt of calling in question the orders of any one who might be master for the time. Absolute obedience to the will of a single man—such was the constant and instinctive national habit, and by it every movement of the social machine, under foreign and native Kings alike, was regulated.

"From the construction of the pyramids of Cheops and Chephren, and the cutting of a new canal between the two seas under Nekau to the Mahmondieh canal of Mehemet Ali, and that abortive enterprise the barrage of the Nile, the only method thought of for obtaining the necessary labour was compulsion. An order is received by the governor, who has it proclaimed from one village to another throughout his province; next day the whole male population is driven like a troop of sheep to the workshops. Each man carries a bag or basket, which holds his provisions for a fortnight or a month, as the case may be; a few dry cakes, onions, garlic, and Egyptian beans, . . . Old men and children all had to obey the summons. The more vigorous and skilful amongst them dressed and put in place the blocks of granite or limestone; the weakest were useful for the transport of the rubbish to a distance, for carrying clay and water from the Nile to the brickmakers, for arranging the bricks in the sun so that they might be dried and hardened.

"Under the stimulus of the rod, this multitude worked well and obediently, under the directions of the architect's foreman and of the skilled artisans who were permanently employed upon the work; they did all that could be done with men without special education. At the end of a certain period they were relieved by fresh levies from another province, and all who had not succumbed to the hard and continuous work, returned to their own places. Those who died were buried hastily in graves dug in the sands of the desert by the natives of their own village."

The above extracts clearly prove that in ancient Egypt neithers the rulers nor the ruled had the slightest idea of human rights, &c. True, they had religion in abundance, and were taught to hope for better times in a future state, but what is the use of a religion which endorses a government's injustice towards its people. Such a religion was very beneficial to kings, nobles, and priests, but it must have been a cruel mockery to the masses; hence, it is no wonder that the children of Israel at last got tired

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of such humbug, and preferred wandering in the wilderness to submitting to Egyptian cruelties.

Now, as the main value of Freemasonry consists in its teachings of humanity and justice, I cannot see how such a government as Egypt then had could have tolerated Freemasonry. Take for instance Russia, whose government is still Egyptian to the back-bone, whose Emperor, in the estimation of the peasantry, is a God upon earth, and who still retains the Egyptian power of making his people do what he pleases. Now, does the Emperor of Russia tolerate Freemasonry in his dominions? Why! of course not. Again, take Papal Rome, where the ruler claims to be infallible and God's Viceregent upon earth; there also Freemasonry can gain no footing. In short, wherever a despot claims to rule by divine right Freemasonry cannot be tolerated, and hence Freemasonry could never have been tolerated in ancient benighted Egypt.

Here, however, I imagine hearing our Egyptologic high degree Mason exclaim, "What! do you mean to deny the existence of initations and mysteries in ancient Egypt? and have you never heard that the wisdom of the ancient Egyptians was confined to the initiated?" To this I answer,

First, assuming that the old Egyptians had mysteries, their mysteries must have been concocted by artful priests with the sanction of kings, mainly for the purpose of enslaving the mass of the people both bodily and mentally; and second, as to the wisdom claimed to have been imparted in the Egyptian mysteries, I do not believe that any of our Egyptologic high degreemongers, from the days of Cagliostro to the present time, knew more about either the nature or object of the ancient Egyptian mysteries than they know about the man in the moon; and the same may be said about other Masonic *luminosities*, who pretend to know about Templar mysteries, Rosicrucian mysteries, and a "thousand and one" other so-called ancient mysteries.

Boston, U.S., 28th February 1887.

REASONS FOR MASONIC SECRECY.

If the secrets of Masonry are replete with such advantages to mankind it may be asked, Why are they not divulged for the general good of society? To this it may be answered, Were the privileges of Masonry to be indiscriminately dispensed, the purposes of the Institution would be subverted, and our secrets being familiar, like other important matters, would lose their value, and sink into disregard.

It is a weakness in human nature that men are generally more charmed with novelty than with the intrinsic value of things. Innumerable testimonies might be adduced to confirm this truth. The most wonderful operations of the Divine Artificer, however beautiful, magnificent and useful, are overlooked, because common and familiar. The sun rises and sets, the sea flows and ebbs, rivers glide along their channels, trees and plants vegetate, men and beasts act, yet these beings, perpetually open to view, pass unnoticed. The most astonishing productions of nature on the same account escape observation and excite no emotion, either in admiration of the great cause, or of gratitude for the blessing conferred. Even virtue herself is not exempted from this unhappy bias in the human frame. Novelty influences all our actions and determinations. What is new or difficult in the acquisition, however trifling or insignificant, readily captivates the imagination and insures a temporary admiration, while what is familiar or easily attained, however noble or eminent, is sure to be disregarded by the giddy and unthinking.

Did the essence of Masonry consist in the knowledge of particular secrets or peculiar forms, it might be alleged that our amusements were trifling and superficial. But this is not the case. These are only keys to our treasure, and, having their use, are preserved; while from the recollection of the lessons which they inculcate, the well-informed Mason derives instruction, draws them to a near inspection, views them through a proper medium, adverts to the circumstances which gave them rise, and dwells upon the tenets which they convey. Finding them replete with useful information he prizes them as sacred; and convinced of the propriety, estimates their value from their utility.—*Masonic Register.*

AN EVENING WITH THE "OLD FOLKS."

Following a suggestion made by Bro. A. J. Dixie, at the Old People's Entertainment in January, a number of brethren made arrangements to visit them on one of the meeting nights in the Hall of the Institution. The evening selected was Tuesday last, the 15th, but in consequence of the inclemency of the weather, the promoters did not muster at the rendezvous so numerously as could have been wished. However, Bros. James Terry P.M. 228, A. J. Dixie J.W. 453, R. W. Galer W.M. 1366, F. Ashton 1507, W. Staley 1597, Bacon 1839, and W. Syclemore 1288 attended, and a little after six o'clock found these zealous brethren plodding through the snow to the Old Folks' Home at Croydon, where they were most cordially welcomed by the Matron, Miss Norris, who provided them with a cup of tea. As soon as the Old People had assembled in the Hall, Bro. James Terry, the indefatigable Secretary, introduced the visitors, and the evening's entertainment commenced, the sanction of the ladies to allow their elder brethren to enjoy the fragrant weed having been accorded, Bro. Syclemore sang "Queen of the Earth," playing his own accompaniment. Miss Mary and Miss Annie Galer followed, with a duet in B by A. Disb Bro. W. Staley next sang "The Village Blacksmith." The "Old Boys" were now enjoying their smoke, and it was suggested they were possibly getting dry; this hint was immediately acted upon. The Visitors at once proceeded to minister to the creature comforts of the ladies and their elder brethren, who thoroughly appreciated the kind forethought displayed for them. Renewing the entertainment, Bro. F. Ashton sang "Resignation;" Bro. Dixie gave a comic recitation, "Peterkin Peep;" Bro. Staley sang the "Stirrup Cup." Bro. Terry gave the popular recitation, "Daniel versus Disbelout;" Bro. Syclemore sang "To-morrow will be Friday." The Misses Galer played a duet, "The Great Globe Quadrilles;" Miss Annie Galer, "L'Argentine. Mr. Ashton sang "The Lost Chord." Bro. Dixie recited a nursery rhyme, in two versions, "The House that Jack Built;" Bro. Staley followed, with "Tell me, Mary, how to woo thee." Bro. Dyer, one of the residents, gave a recitation, "Melnotte's defence." Bro. Syclemore sang "The Skipper." Miss Mary Galer played "March aux Flambeaux." Bro. Ashton sang "The sea is England's glory." Mrs. Bonorandi sang "Far o'er the waves," playing her own accompaniment, and as an encore "The Reign of the Roses;" lastly, Bro. Syclemore gave "God save the Queen." Bro. Dixie explained the motive which had prompted those who had come down to visit the Old People, and trusted at no distant date to see them again. Bro. Terry, on behalf of the residents, tendered their sincere thanks to the brethren who had so thoroughly striven to amuse them.

As our readers will perceive, by an advertisement appearing on another page, a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday next, the 21st inst., at twelve o'clock precisely, to consider some important notices of motion.

At the meeting of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, held at the Brixton Hall, on Saturday last, Past Master Brother Thomas Minstrell (the M.E.Z. of the Gallery Chapter) was elected to represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Anniversary of the Girls' School. Brother Minstrell, who is a Life Governor of the Masonic Institutions, filled a similar position this year for the Old People in another Lodge, where he is a Past Master. For many years Bro. Minstrell has been a warm supporter of the Charities, and has been the means, either as Steward himself or by assisting other Stewards, of obtaining large sums of money for the Institutions.

The ceremony of installation is announced for rehearsal by Bro. Frederic Carr P.M., at the Loyalty Lodge of Instruction, held at 206 Mare-street, E., at eight o'clock on Friday next, the 25th instant.

Re-opening of St. Mary's Church, Newmarket.—On the south side of this Chapel there is a two-light window, representing "Etheldreda" and "Solomon," given by the Freemasons of Etheldreda Lodge to the memory of the late Bro. James Neal York. Another on the same side, representing "The Annunciation" and "The Presentation," is to the memory of the Rev. John Dennan, M.A., late rector of St. Mary, and was raised by public subscription in the parish. At the east end of the south aisle a three-light window (subject, "The Transfiguration") has been placed by Mr. W. Ratliff, of Coventry, to the memory of his uncle and aunt, of Newmarket. These windows were designed and executed by Messrs. T. J. Marshall and Co., Campbell Works, Stoke Newington. The west window has also been reglazed, and the upper part renewed with a chaste design (foliage) by the same firm.—*Bury and Suffolk Standard.*

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE last meeting of the session in connection with this Lodge was held on Friday evening, 11th March, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. A. Simner, Worshipful Master. Amongst those present were Bros. H. J. Chapman S.W., Harvey J.W., George Everett P.M. Treasurer, T. Morris Secretary, H. Salmon S.D., J. E. Spurrell J.D., J. Billinghurst I.G., Goodfellow D.C., Hewetson W.S., Harry Nelson Price I.P.M.; Past Masters W. J. Ferguson, R. Pierpoint, J. G. Walford, W. J. Herbage, A. Bowman Spink, W. M. Funston, E. White, I. Buscall, &c. Lodge having been opened in form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, was advanced to the third, when Bros. V. Melillo and D. St. V. McPherson were raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being performed by the Worshipful Master in a most impressive and highly satisfactory manner. Resuming in the second, Bro. J. Hamblin was passed, the working in this degree being also admirably carried out. On the motion of Bro. Ferguson, a committee, consisting of the Officers of the Lodge and five lay members, was appointed to carry out the details of an entertainment to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, to which ladies will be invited. Some minor matters having been transacted, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Pillar Room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. F. H. Clemow. In his accustomed genial manner, Bro. Simner proposed the loyal toasts, in doing which he pointed out that what with printing, the telegraph, railways, and other improvements over the "good old days," we lived in highly favoured times, and for much of this we were indebted to Her Majesty the Queen. He gave them with much pleasure the Queen and the Craft; the toast being received with musical honours. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, was well-known and appreciated in the Craft, and he was in every respect fully qualified for the exalted position he held as the head of English Freemasonry. Those who attended the last meeting of Grand Lodge knew with what acclamation his Royal Highness was again elected Grand Master, and what a tribute was paid to him for the active interest he took in all matters appertaining to the Craft. The next toast was that of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past. Those who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge knew how thoroughly well and satisfactorily the business was transacted. They were fortunate this evening in having amongst them the Grand Treasurer-elect, Bro. Richard Eve, and he would merely say the election that took place in Grand Lodge last week was a noble victory for a noble and well-known brother. There was not a member of the Domatic Lodge but who rejoiced at the success attained by so excellent a Mason as was Bro. Eve, and they one and all had reason to congratulate themselves upon the result of the election. It was with very great pleasure that he had the opportunity of associating with the toast of the Grand Officers the name of the Grand Treasurer-elect. Bro. Eve, who on rising to respond was most enthusiastically received, said he felt a very important duty had been placed upon his shoulders by the Worshipful Master that evening, namely, that of responding on behalf of the Grand Officers present and past of Grand Lodge. It was the first time in London he had attempted anything of the kind, inasmuch as it was a duty which he had not long been called upon to discharge. But, in obedience to the command of the W.M., who was the sovereign of his Lodge, he rose to respond to the toast, with great pleasure, and yet with a considerable amount of diffidence, because he felt there were many present who had not been brought into close contact with him for some time, and he had not been able to move and act in Grand Lodge as many of them had done. But any one who had attended Grand Lodge must have seen that the duties which devolved upon the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and others who were Officers of Grand Lodge, had been performed with an ability and earnestness of purpose which commended itself to all good and true Masons. They felt that the M.W. Grand Master, in selecting these good brethren for the offices they filled, had exercised a choice of which no brother could in any way complain. There were upon that dais men of eminence in all shades of social and political thought, and men who knew well the working of Freemasonry in all parts of the world. They found in Freemasonry an appropriate and quiet place for meeting together, where all those elements which disturbed peace and tranquillity were thrown aside; and they found brethren holding high and lofty positions in the Government and out of the Government uniting in Grand Lodge, as elsewhere, with quietness, goodwill, and brotherly love. It was an essential part of Freemasonry to have men so qualified to discharge the duties of Grand Lodge, and to find that those qualifications permeated through all sections of Masonry, not only in Grand Lodge, but private Lodges as well; he should be sorry were anything to arise to mar that feeling of peace and harmony which now reigned supreme throughout the Craft. Their excellent Worshipful Master had kindly mentioned that he (the speaker) had been elected to the office of Grand Treasurer, and he could assure them he felt the honour of that position most deeply. He felt it was one of the most honourable positions that any brother could aspire to, and to his mind it was the embodiment of all that a brother who had lived and moved actively in Freemasonry could possibly expect. It was the one great office in the hands of the Craft which they had at their disposal. The office of Grand Master was an elective office, and so long as His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales consented to honour the Craft by holding that high and exalted position, which he filled so well, the Craft would honour themselves by electing him to it. In regard to the office of Grand Treasurer, the case was somewhat different, but it was the highest elective position to which any ordinary member of the Craft could aspire. There were many distinguished positions distinguished men of honour could aspire to, but he assured them if there was one post more than another he should like to take upon himself it would be that which the Craft had done him the honour during the past week of placing within his reach. He seemed scarcely yet to realise fully the duty which was embodied, but he appreciated the honour which had been conferred upon him by one of the greatest Grand Lodges that ever assembled in this country; he might say the largest. He had the high privilege of being elected by that large gathering of brethren of the London and Provincial Lodges to the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, and he could assure them that although he aspired to that honour, he felt, when he had obtained it, the result was more than he was able to bear. That he should have been elected by such a majority in the presence of so large an assembly, not only from Lodges in London and the suburbs, but also from the Provinces, was most gratifying certainly to himself, but the compliment was so great that, as he told a friend near him, he grew really pale with the thought that so many brethren should be there, and that he should be elected by such a vast majority. He felt that he scarcely deserved that honour, but he sincerely trusted that Masonry would not suffer by his having been elected to the position of Grand Treasurer. That office was one the dignity of which the brethren should be anxious to preserve, so that it might not lose the estimation in which it had hitherto been held in all parts of the world. He was pleased to be amongst them that evening, by invitation of their Worshipful Master, to whom he owed a deep debt of gratitude. It was difficult sometimes to know what to say, but his difficulty on this occasion was rather what not to say, but, he repeated, he owed their W.M. a deep debt of gratitude for the kindness he had evinced towards him (the speaker) in reference to the recent election, and it had made a deep impression upon him. It was through an intimation he received shortly after he had the honour of visiting the Domatic Lodge, some months ago, that he became acquainted with certain matters which to his mind were most painful, for however much one might be met by aspersions in the outside world, one scarcely expected to be met by such aspersions in a Masonic Lodge or from brethren of the Craft. He felt it to be his duty, painful as it was to him—though he would not dwell upon that part of the subject—to rebut these aspersions. He felt there was in Freemasonry such a feeling of what he called fair-play, such a desire on the part of the brethren to see the right man was selected, or at any rate that the man who acted rightly should not go without his reward, that they would vindicate not only the honour of Freemasonry but demonstrate to the world that charges against a man of any specific character, either religiously or politically, should not enter into Masonic life. He was under a deep debt of gratitude to the many brethren who so nobly came forward and supported him in the time of trial. He loved and honoured the Craft all the more for what they had done for him, and he should endeavour to discharge the functions of his exalted office to the very best of his ability. He felt that Freemasonry cemented men in ties of love and friendship when they would otherwise be estranged, that it brought them together in brotherly intercourse when they would otherwise never have known one another, and that it would be in the future conducive to the same desirable ends, not only amongst those within the fold, but would exercise a beneficial radiating influence far beyond it. They had passed through a trying position during the past week, when hundreds of brethren sat in Grand Lodge in order that they might give their veto to what had occurred outside, and to which he had alluded. He was glad to see that Freemasonry was considered so good, that there were so many who took a deep interest in it, and testified that interest by loss of time, travelling long distances, and in other ways, to attend the election of Grand Treasurer. He felt a double debt of gratitude to the members of the Domatic Lodge, who did him the honour of receiving him scarcely a month ago; and he believed the fact of his coming here was the turning point of the election, so far as London brethren were concerned. Many of them knew him but little, whilst others knew him well, and he thanked Bro. George Everett for having given him the opportunity at that time of coming amongst them, and he believed it was in a great manner due to their kindness that he had achieved the honour to which he aspired. Let him tell them now, he had no conception till the end of last year he should ever run for the Grand Treasurership. Whatever he had done in Freemasonry had not been with a view to office; but he was glad they had so nobly supported him in his candidature, that so many members of the Domatic Lodge rallied around him on that occasion. He thanked them again for the Grand Officers, who were not present to speak for themselves, and also on his own behalf for their consideration in the past and kindness at the present time. The Grand Treasurer-elect resumed his seat amidst loud and prolonged applause. Bro. H. N. Price I.P.M. then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, to whom he referred as a thoroughly good and worthy brother, fully competent to discharge the important duties of the chair of the Domatic Lodge. It was known that Bro. Simner intended going up as Steward to the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and had promised that in the event of his list being made up to a total of 100 guineas he would personally supplement it by an equal amount. He hoped the Lodge would be well to the fore on that occasion, as the Girls' School was an institution well deserving their support. The toast having been heartily received, Bro. Simner returned thanks. He hoped to be able to discharge the duties of his office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. He was conscious of his own shortcomings, but being near their very able I.P.M. that was half the battle; he was pleased to find that his slight efforts to promote the happiness of the brethren had been well received. Bro. Price was going round with the list for the Girls' School: he thanked the Past Masters for their each having contributed five guineas, whilst the I.P.M. had promised ten guineas. If all the brethren followed that example there would be

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no difficulty in raising the 100 guineas he had asked for. The girls at the School would rank among the future mothers of England, and by giving them a good education they would leave in posterity behind them such as would be a glory to the Craft. He hoped the good opinion they had formed of him would not diminish but rather increase. He next proposed the Visitors, of whom he was glad to see so many present. The Domatic Lodge well maintained the character it had for so many years enjoyed of being always happy to welcome visitors from other Lodges. By such visits they promoted social feeling and genial intercourse, and those feelings would die out in a great measure were they not encouraged and promoted by our Masonic Lodges. Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.M. and Secretary of the Israel Lodge, first responded. He was delighted to see the working in this Lodge so well carried out; of course they looked to an old Lodge like the Domatic to do the work well, and they had not been disappointed that day. It was some time since he last visited this Lodge; he was glad to meet the brethren again, and to know that the Lodge was in a prosperous condition. He hoped it might long continue to increase in strength and influence. Bros. Lane, Le Feuillade, Dickey and Stiles also responded. The Worshipful Master, in giving the Past Masters, facetiously referred to them as "old fossils," being in the first year of their new centenary; and Bro. Ferguson in reply said, although he would not argue that he and his brother "antiquarians" possessed all the vitality they displayed in the last century, they nevertheless would in the future do all they could to advance the interests of the Lodge. Whilst they had amongst them such robust "old fossils" as Brother Pierpoint and others, they would always be entitled to be looked upon with respect as well as veneration. Brother Spink also responded, in similar terms. The W.M. then proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, whose valuable services to the Lodge he eulogised. Bro. George Everett responding said, in a Lodge like this, consisting of over 150 members, the position of Treasurer was no bed of roses, and there was a great deal to be done if he tried to please everybody; but, all things considered, he was glad to be able to think he had been fairly successful in that respect. Their W.M. had described it as wonderful how, with a subscription of two and a half guineas a year, they could meet six times around the festive board as they were now doing; but in order to accomplish this task he had to husband the resources and to see how every penny went. He hoped his efforts in that direction had given them satisfaction. This was the last night of the session, and he congratulated the Lodge upon having such a Master in the chair as Bro. Simner, who had well discharged his duties on this occasion. He trusted many new members would come into the Lodge, at their Lodge of emergency perhaps, or if not at their next regular meeting in October, and that they should meet as happily and comfortably as they had done that night. It was a source of gratification to him to be present, and to hear their W.M. say he had given them satisfaction; if the brethren endorsed that opinion he should be more than grateful. Bro. T. Morris also briefly acknowledged the compliment paid to him as Secretary. The W.M. in proposing the Masonic Charities said he wanted a few more "five guineas" to make up the desired amount; if they saw the Master of the Domatic Lodge figuring for less than 100 guineas it would not be his fault. Somebody had ventured to suggest his list would be nearer 300; it would not be for his want of trying. The services of the Officers of the Lodge were recognised and acknowledged by the various occupants of chairs, and the list was closed by the Tyler. During the evening the enjoyment of the brethren was enhanced by some capitally rendered songs, amongst which "God bless the Prince of Wales," "Tom Bowling," and "The Old Brigade," were sung by Bro. W. Herbage P.M.; "Who deeply drinks of wine" and "A Bandit's Life," by Bro. Sykelmoore; "My Sweetheart when a Boy," by Bro. Geo. Everett P.M. Treas.; "Will o' the Wisp," by Bro. Stephens, &c. A most harmonious and agreeable evening was spent.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 478.

THURSDAY, the 10th inst., was a "red-letter" day in the history of this Lodge, the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P.) having accepted an invitation to instal the Worshipful Master Elect (Bro. J. W. Boughton, proprietor of the Theatre Royal). The Lodge was close tyled at two p.m., and subsequently the P.G.M., accompanied by several present and past Provincial Officers, entered in procession, and was received with the usual honours. The ceremony of installing Bro. Boughton was most ably and impressively performed by the Prov. G.M., who expressed the great pleasure which he experienced in visiting the Lodge, and finding that the Officers were doing their best to maintain the reputation which it had previously gained. A vote of condolence was passed with the widow and family of the late Alderman Peters, who had been a member of the Lodge since 1865. A pleasing incident in the proceedings was the recognition of the services of Bro. A. M. Rae, the retiring Secretary, upon whom a great deal of work devolved in connection with Thursday's proceedings. The P.M. (Bro. J. T. Thackara), in presenting Bro. Rae with a Past Secretary's jewel, congratulated him upon the heartiness and ability with which he had performed the duties of his office, and also acknowledged his unvarying willingness to assist him and other brethren. He wished him long life, health, and happiness. Bro. Rae, who was warmly applauded, briefly returned thanks. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers, as under:—Bros. J. T. Thackara I.P.M., J. Jenkins S.W., W. Bates J.W., T. P. Palsgrave P.M. Treas., H. P. Holly P.M. Sec., A. M. Rae Asst. Sec., G. Whitehall S.D., G. C. Sanderson J.D., Horace M. Loader P.M. P.S.G.D. D.C., G. Pearman Org., E. Wolstenholme I.G., J. D. Antill and G.E. Curtis Stewards, J. Exell Tyler, G. Smith Asst. Tyler. The services of the I.P.M. were recognised by the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel, which the W.M. (Bro. Boughton), who made the presentation trusted would be accepted, not for its intrinsic value, but as representing the very high esteem and regard in which his immediate predecessor was held by the Officers of the Lodge who hoped that would live many years to wear it. [illegible] Officers for their assistance and their [illegible] the Lodge. The musical portion of the [illegible] arranged by Brother G. Pearman. The installation banquet was served at 4.30, in the hall under the Lodge, and was largely attended, the W.M. having issued a number of invitations. The catering was entrusted to Messrs. Antill and Co., of the Albany Hotel, Commercial-road, and, under the superintendence of Bro. H. P. Holly P.M., was highly satisfactory. The string band of the Royal Marines, under the personal direction of Bro. George Miller, played choice selections during the banquet. The W.M. presided, supported by the Prov. G.M., the Mayor of Portsmouth (Bro. Alderman W. D. King), and by several provincial officers, past and present P.M.'s and W.M.'s. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. proposed the loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. Bro. M. E. Frost P.M. P.P.G.S.W. [illegible] the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge. He referred to the connection between the Province and Grand Lodge, mentioning that Lord Charles Beresford, the first W.M. of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, was now a Grand Warden, the Rev. J. N. Palmer, of Reading, Grand Chaplain, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. J. E. LeFeuvre) a Grand Deacon. He also adverted to the Earl of Carnarvon's connection with Hampshire, adding that their Provincial Grand Master had initiated that distinguished brother. The Mayor, who was warmly applauded on rising, thanked the W.M. for the honour he had conferred upon him by inviting him to their magnificent banquet, and for having requested him to propose the next toast. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. He should not be doing his duty if he did not draw attention to the many *rôles* which he filled in the province. First, they saw him a good landowner, who thoroughly understood the wants of his tenants, because he had studied the times, and, recognising the agricultural distress, felt that the tenants must live on the land as well as the landlord. They recognised also in him a very distinguished patron of sports and a master of foxhounds, and therefore they were proud to greet him as a thorough going Englishman of the typical old school. Thirty years ago he was chosen to represent North Hants in Parliament, a position which he had occupied ever since, with honour to himself and credit to the division which he had so well and worthily represented. He was a safe and reliable man, who did not, like some, obstruct business, but who when he was wanted was always in his place to do his duty as a member of Parliament, a class of whom he should not be sorry if more were produced in a future House of Commons than were at present to be found there. But they were specially called upon to recognise Brother Beach as a distinguished Mason, who nineteen years ago took upon himself the office which he had so worthily filled. He had heard him say at a recent meeting that it was his duty and pleasure to visit Lodges in the province as frequently as possible. That was one of the best traits they could have in a P.G.M., and so long as he took cognizance of the Lodges so long would Masonry flourish in Hampshire. The Provincial Grand Master, who had an enthusiastic reception, thanked the brethren most sincerely for the very kind way in which they had received the toast, and also the Mayor for the manner in which he had introduced it. He assured them that it gave him very great pleasure to attend on an occasion so interesting as the present. It was very agreeable to attend an anniversary of one of the great Lodges of the province, and if it was the duty of the Provincial Grand Master to make himself acquainted with the qualifications of those holding office in the various Lodges he could not possibly do so better than by attending on occasions such as that and seeing them perform any duty devolving upon them. It was very pleasurable to come into Masonry from the strife to which the Mayor had alluded as occurring in another place. There they did not find that all were amenable to order, but there were unruly spirits whom the gavel of a Worshipful Master would bring to order if they were within the precincts of their Lodges. But he was afraid that the Speaker did not quite wield that power which a Worshipful Master possessed, although the Speaker had such qualities that he might be trusted to act fairly and impartially with any further powers that might be delegated to him by the House of Commons. He hoped that the results, if not as satisfactory as could be wished for, would be a little more so than they had been. The Mayor had alluded to those sports in which he had engaged, and he would not refer to them further than to say that he was very happy if he contributed to the pleasure of others. He regarded those sports not merely from a selfish point of view, but as being for the amusement and he hoped the gratification of those living around him and others who came from a distance, and he believed they contributed largely to the development of that manly spirit which existed in this country. With regard to his connection with Freemasonry, he wished to express his most sincere thanks to the brethren of the province for the noble way in which they had come forward and contributed so largely to that great charity over whose Festival he had the honour to preside. It was not only gratifying to him personally but it was specially gratifying to those charged with the administration of that Charity, and they appreciated the noble way in which the brethren of this province came forward. He had the pleasure of going down to visit the Institution a few days after the Festival, and saw the regular quarterly allowances distributed. He had the opportunity of seeing the inmates of the Asylum, and of hearing the great pleasure afforded them by the very magnificent result which had accrued from the Festival. If we gave them pleasure, how much more pleasure must it give to those who were waiting to know if they could possibly be placed within the precincts of the Charity. It must have gratified many an aching heart to hear that through the liberality of the brethren the number of annuitants would be considerably increased. This would come home to every Masonic heart and be a sincere gratification to those who had contributed so largely to its support. He could only hope that this magnificent result was an indication of

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the manner in which Masonic charity would be taken up by the various provinces, and particularly by this one, where they had every reason to congratulate themselves upon the liberality which had been shown. Bro. Alderman Cudlipp P.M. P.P.G.D.C., in eulogistic terms, proposed the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. J. E. LeFeuvre, G.D. England, and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and Bro. R. J. Rastrick Provincial Grand Treasurer responded. Brother J. T. Thackara I.P.M., in proposing the Worshipful Master, congratulated Bro. Boughton upon having been unanimously elected to fill the chair of that important Lodge, and also upon his rising position in the town. He thought that a man who managed well his own affairs could manage well the affairs of a corporation, and therefore he considered the management of the Portsmouth Lodge could be safely left in the hands of Bro. Boughton. The W.M., who was loudly applauded, in returning thanks said he was proud to meet so numerous and distinguished a body of Masons. He heartily thanked them for their great kindness and support. They had conferred upon him a very high honour by placing him in the chair of the Lodge for the ensuing year. When he became a Mason in that, his mother Lodge, some ten years since, he did not ever hope to attain that position, and he did not think he could do better than repeat the promise he made at his election, which was that in carrying out the duties of the office he should endeavour, as far as lay in his humble power, to copy the example which had been set by the many worthy Masters who had passed the chair before him. The other toasts were the Installing Master, proposed by Bro. J. G. Niven P.M. P.P.G.S.B., and responded to by the P.G.M.; the W.M.'s of Neighbouring Lodges, introduced by Bro. G. L. Green, and acknowledged by Bro. W. G. P. Gilbert W.M. Phœnix Lodge; the Visitors, proposed by Bro. R. W. Beale P.M. P.P.G. Std Br., and responded to by the Mayor and Bro. J. Griffin; the Officers; and the Masonic Charities, given by Bro. J W. Gieve; Freemasonry and the Drama, which was to have been spoken to by Bro. A. M. Broadley P.P.D.G.M. Malta, and Brother Augustus Harris, W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, was omitted, owing to the unavoidable absence of those brethren. Those invited to the installation and banquet included Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., R.W. P.G.M., Rev. J. Alloway P.G. Chaplain, G. F. Lancaster P.G. Reg., R. J. Rastrick P.G. Treas., E. Goble P.G. Secretary, H. E. Leader P.S.G.D., H. Lashmore P.S.G D., J. Lowe P.G.J.D., F. Powell P.G. Dir. of Cers., H. Kimber P.G. Sword Bearer, J. Jackson P.G. Pursvt., F. Sanders P.G. Stewd, J. Palmer P.G. Steward, D. G. Gilmour P.G. Steward, J. M. Foster P.G. Steward, J. G. Niven P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Gilbert W.M. Phœnix Lodge, W. A. Hill W.M. Harmony Lodge, W. Beattell W.M. Royal Sussex Lodge, J. J. Bascombe W.M. Carnarvon Lodge, W. Smith, G Whitehall, E. Pratt W.M. United Service Lodge, J. S. Senior W.M. Prince of Wales Lodge, J. Godding W.M. Landport Lodge, J. S. Gardner W.M. Connaught Lodge, Long W.M. Saxe-Weimar Lodge, W. Dart S.W. St. Clare Lodge, G. L. Hill W.M. Bosmere Lodge, M. E. Frost P.M., A. Cudlipp P.M., G. Bond P.M., R. W. Beale P.M., W. Outridge P.M., H. P. Holly P.M., J. T. Thackara P.M., J. Woodhouse P.M., W. E. Atkins P.M., A. Addison, J. D. Antill, G. F. Brown P.M., T. Bailey, J. H. Bridle, W. Bolitho, H. P. Boulnois P.M., A. Bone, F. A. Baker, W. Bates J.W., W. Biggs, J. Biggs, A. Bramble, H. Croucher P.M., G. T. Cunningham P.M., J. H. Corke, C. E. Curtis, R. W. Curtiss, G. H. Dean, J. S. Dyer, S. R. Ellis P.M. P.G.A.D.C., J. Franckeise, W. Gunnell P.P.G. Supt. Wks., G. L. Green, J. W. Gieve P.M., J. Griffin, A. R. Holbrook P.M., E. Hall P.M. P.P.G.Supt. of Works, J. Jenkins S.W., Dr. C. Knott P.M., L. Levy, A. Lewis, G. Miller, Dr. Mumby, G. Pearman P.P.G. Org., A. M. Rae, T. W. Scaddan, G. C. Sanderson, W. Suggett, Colonel Totterdell, W. W. Webber, Dr. Keith Welch, W. Warne, E. Wolstenholme, A. Perry, W. H. Hutchisson, C. H. Hardy, J. Reed, W. Maybour, J. C. Masterman, J. W. Willmott Past Master P.P.G.S.B., W. Porter, T. H. Fay, W. Green, R. Eames, &c. In the evening Brother Boughton gave an "At Home" in the Victoria Hall, which had been decorated with a number of plants, &c., for the occasion. The company, who commenced to arrive at nine o'clock, were received by the worthy host, who was ably supported by Bro. J. T. Thackara, R. W. Beale, H. P. Holly, G. Whitehall, G. H. Dean, J. H. Corke, T. W. Scaddan, and G. E. Curtis, who officiated as M.C.'s and were indefatigable in the discharge of their duties. Among the early arrivals were the Provincial Grand Master, who had kindly granted a dispensation enabling Masons to appear in the clothing and decorations of the Craft, which imparted additional brilliance to the scene. The catering, which was entrusted to Messrs. Antill and Co., left nothing to be desired. Save during an interval for supper dancing was kept up unflaggingly until after three o'clock, the music, played by the band of the Royal Marines, being throughly enjoyed by the company, who likewise heartily appreciated Bro. Boughton's considerate hospitality, which will cause his elevation in Masonry to be held in pleasing remembrance by a number of ladies as well as by the members of the sterner sex who participated in the "double event."

LODGE OF CONCORD, No. 632.

AT the regular monthly meeting of this Lodge, held at Trowbridge, on Tuesday sen'night, Bro. James Lansdown was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the W.M. Bro. F. Kelland performing the ceremony in a highly impressive manner; he was ably assisted by the Officers of the Lodge. Bro. G. H. Knight, of Westbury, then passed to the second degree. Subsequently Messrs W. H. Laverton, of Westbury, C. J. Hart, and C. J. Offer, were initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. conducted the whole of the ceremonies; these occupied about three hours and a half. Three candidates were proposed and seconded. An adjournment from labour to refreshment at the George Hotel was then very welcome. The Lodge was largely attended by brethren and visitors.

BEDFORD LODGE, No. 157.

ON Friday, 11th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, there were present Bros. Thomas Cubitt P.G.P. P.M. W.M., Ernest Jones S.W., C. Jenner J.W., J T. Briggs P.M. Treasurer, W. Liddall P.M. Secretary, Larner S.D., J. C. Main J.D., W. Snodin P.M. I.G., G. Longstaff Tyler; P.M.'s T. Hall, J. Brander, J. Walton, J. Soper; Bros. E. F. Shoebridge, Dr. Donovan. Visitor—Bro. W. Drew J.W. 733. After the ordinary business had been got through, a pleasant surprise was in store for the members. The W.M. asked the Treasurer to withdraw the notice of motion standing in his name, and if it would meet the approval of the brethren he would wish to celebrate the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign during his Mastership by presenting the Lodge with a suitable banner, to be unfurled at the next meeting. The Treasurer having cordially assented to such a course, the W.M. in a feeling manner presented to the Lodge for its acceptance a magnificent Bible, suitably inscribed. It was proposed by Bro. Liddall P.M. and Secretary, seconded by Bro. John Soper I.P.M., and unanimously carried, that the best thanks of the Lodge be, and are hereby given, to Bro. Thomas Cubitt P.G.P. P.M. and W.M., and ordered to be entered on the minutes of the Lodge, for presenting to the Lodge a suitable Banner and Bible in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, 1887. These acts of generosity on the part of the W.M. aroused the greatest enthusiasm amongst the members present. Bro. Walter Snodin P.M. I.G. announced his intention of celebrating Her Majesty's Jubilee by presenting the Lodge with a set of New Collars for the use of the Officers. Bro. Ernest Jones S.W. announced his intention of celebrating the same auspicious event by presenting the Lodge with a Box of Working Tools. It was proposed by the W.M., seconded by Bro. Thos. Walton P.M., and unanimously carried, that the best thanks of the Lodge be and are hereby given to Bro. W. Snodin P.M. and Bro. E. Jones S.W. for their very useful gifts. The Lodge then agreed not to meet in April, but to have a summer outing instead. W. Bro. Thomas Cubitt P.G.P. P.M. W.M. is so well known, to our London Masons, and not a few country ones also, that anything new respecting him need scarcely be chronicled here. He joined the Bedford Lodge in 1857, and has rarely missed a meeting since. He has filled all the offices, and now occupies the chair for the second time. Genial to a fault (he will Box the Compass with any member), his presence is appreciated in Grand Lodge as at the Bedford; here he invariably responds to the toast of the Grand Officers, often alluding to the part he took when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was duly installed at the Albert Hall. As Father of the Lodge the brethren were deeply impressed by his hearty expressions in making the above presentations, and in his response to the toast for a Long Life, Health and Happiness. This meeting was indeed a red-letter day for the old Bedford Lodge, and will not soon be forgotten by those present.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE last meeting of the above Lodge for the season was held on Saturday, 12th instant, at the Cannon Street Hotel, Bro. F. W. Potter W.M. presided; Bros. H. Bertram S.W., Greening J.W.; P.M.'s Bros. N. B. Headon Treasurer, Blackie, Kibble, Baber Secretary, Seex, Keeble, and Fendick. The following Visitors were present:—Bros. Green 1804, C. Cousins P.M. 209, Brookham 1471, Church 1365, Tatun 169, Rossignol 167, Holloway 173, Karlberschan St. Audrew's, Christiania, Sweden, Williams 1790, Deacon 39, Bastone 1861. The preliminary business having been disposed of, and the necessary inquiries as to progress having been made, the Lodge was opened in the third, and Brother Hatcher was raised to the sublime degree, nearly the entire ceremony being gone through; a like form was taken in respect to Bro. Peterson, who was also a candidate for raising. The remaining part of the ceremony was then gone through, the W.M. giving the traditional history, and also an explanation of the tracing board. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Thomas Owens; this proving unanimous he was in due form initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The next business was the election of a Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. On the first proposition being brought forward, and the names received of those who were eligible for election to the office, Bro. Bertram S.W. said he wished to make a personal statement before the question was submitted to the brethren; it appeared that according to the Constitutions of the Order no brother could hold the Mastership of two Lodges at the same time; he had recently been elected W.M. of another Lodge; that Lodge consisted of only 27 members; some of the members had served the office of Worshipful Master three times, and several twice, so that the number to select from was exceedingly limited. He had looked forward with anxiety to the time when he might be called upon to serve the office of Master in his mother Lodge, but in consequence of the great pressure put upon him he had reluctantly consented to be nominated to serve that office in the Lodge referred to; this would render him ineligible to fill the chair in The Great City Lodge on the present occasion; he did not, however, give up all hope of doing so, and trusted that when the next Worshipful Master appointed his Officers he would remember him. A ballot was then taken; it resulted in the election of the J.W. to the office. Bro. Hendon was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Potter Tyler. Bro. Gwyn then moved that the P.M.'s jewel of the Lodge be presented to the Worshipful Master, Bro. F. Potter, on the termination of his year of office; this was agreed to. It was also agreed that the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and placed upon the W.M.'s list. Bro. Greening J.W. moved that the subscription annually of the members be increased one guinea over the present amount, which was seconded by Bro. Kibble P.M. Bro. H. Thompson P.M. opposed the motion; he greatly regretted that this proposition should be again submitted to them, for the third time, considering the miserable

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failures of the two former attempts to carry a similar motion. He saw no reason why this increase should be made, and he should vote against it. Some other members having expressed their views, the motion was put, and negatived by a large majority. A petition from a distressed member was signed by the Worshipful Master and Wardens for presentation to the Board of Benevolence, and a sum of money was voted to the wife of a member of the Lodge. The Secretary having read several communications, Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, Brother Fendick Immediate Past Master proposed the health of the Worshipful Master; he believed that during his year of office Bro. Potter had given general satisfaction. The W. Master, in reply, said he was gratified at the way in which the toast had been brought before the Lodge by the Immediate Past Master, and the enthusiastic way in which the brethren had responded to it was a sufficient reward to him for any efforts he had made to do his duty in The Great City Lodge. From the time he had been elected to the high office he filled he had done his best to keep up the prestige of the Lodge, and if he had done so as well as the worst Past Master who had preceded him the knowledge of that in itself would be to him a sufficient reward. The W. Master said the next toast he had the pleasure to bring under their notice was a most gratifying one to him, and he believed also to the members of the Great City Lodge. Ever since he had been a member, now something like thirteen years, they always had a goodly array of visitors, to whom they held out the hand of fellowship and gave a hearty welcome. Several of the visitors returned thanks, and expressed their gratification at seeing how the business of the Lodge was carried on. The W. Master next gave the health of their brother initiate, which was followed by the "Apprentice Song," by Bro. Headon. Bro. Owens in acknowledging the compliment which had been paid him by the brethren in admitting him a member amongst them, said that the present moment was the happiest in his life; he hoped they would accept deeds for words; he trusted he should prove he would be a worthy member of the Lodge. The W.M. next proposed the health of the W. Master-elect, and Bro. Greening replied, stating that he had not attended Lodges of Instruction, but would do so. The W.M. then gave in succession the Treasurer, Secretary, and the other Past Masters. They severally returned thanks, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

SOUTHGATE LODGE, No. 1950.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on Thursday, 3rd inst., at the Railway Hotel, New Southgate. The gathering was attended by numerous members of the Lodge and a long list of visitors. Among the latter being Bros. Greenwood P.G. Sec. Surrey, Bourne 1614, Wilkinson W.M. 1420, and many others. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Cooper S.W. and W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair in a most impressive manner, when the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Clarke S.W., Lewis J.W., Lefeber Treasurer, Trewinnard Secretary, Stretch S.D., Prupos J.D., Tryon I.G., Whare D.C., Duck Steward, Schlencker Assistant Steward. Messrs. Robertson, Bradley and Winsor, being candidates for admission, were duly initiated into the ancient and honourable Order, Bro. Cooper rendering the charge with great proficiency. Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the new banquetting-hall, which was gaily decorated with flags of all nations, a sumptuous repast being provided by Bro. Wooder the host. During the evening a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, Bro. Matthews, as a token of the great respect and high esteem in which he is held by the brethren. The usual toasts being honoured, the evening was enlivened with some very excellent singing. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. H. Schartau.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE most successful meeting of this Lodge since the installation of the present widely popular Worshipful Master took place on the 12th inst., at Leeds, when upwards of eighty brethren, some of them hailing from other Provinces, responded to an invitation to hear an address from that eminent Mason and scholar Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., &c. The interest of the gathering was also increased by the fact that Excelsior, No. 1046, had been officially invited to partake of the hospitality of Lodge Prudence. Bro. C. Letch Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treas. W.M. was surrounded by the following Officers and Brethren of his Lodge:—Bros. Rev. Dr. Smyth P.M. Prov. G. Chap. I.P.M., T. Trevor P.M. S.W., W. Watson P.M. J.W., Abbott Treasurer, Middleton Secretary, Rev. J. Rosser Chap., S. Scott Young S.D., J. J. Fretwell J.D., M. W. Jameson I.G., T. Atkinson and Walter Storey Dirs. of Cers., Butterworth and Milling Stewards, L. Howarth Organist, Barrand Tyler, Rev. H. S. Butler, B. S. Bailey, Wilton Jones, Cryer, R. F. Smithson, A. Cooke. The visiting Lodge Excelsior, 1042, was represented by many of the Officers and Brethren, including Bros. T. Flockton W.M., W. M. Tyers I.P.M., W. T. Carter J.W., T. Thorp Secretary, R. Allison and T. Sutton. The other visitors included Bros. T. W. Embleton Prov. G.S.W., J. C. Malcolm P.P.G. Reg., Major Moore, Col. Harkey, W. F. Smithson P.M. 1001 P.P.G.D. W.M. 2128, R. Craig P.P.G.D., T. Winn P.P.G. Supt. Wks., H. France P.P.G.D.C., J. Richardson P.M. 1001 P.P.G Pursvt., A. Scarth W.M. 1289, Glover P.M. 289, Jackson J.W. 289, E. Wales Smith Secretary 289, Rev. A. B. Coombe Chap. 1211, Rev. T. Greenbury Chap. 304, G. Marshall 1521, W. Matthews P.M. 1316, W. F. Tomlinson P.M. 304, Jaques P.M. 1211, H. E. Maynard 1426, C. Scriven I.P.M. 1211, Thrippleton I.P.M. 306, Gernan P.M., J. B. Jowell S.D. 306, E. J. Massie W.M. 1513, J. Gibbs 904, H. Oxley P.M. 495, R. Grahame 1221, J. Millington 1221, H. Fitzpatrick J.W. 495, J. Gerrard P.M. 154, and many others. Bro. J. Stevens P.M., author of "Uniformity of Masonic Ritual," "Chips from a Rough Ashlar," &c., Preceptor to The Great City Lodge 1426, delivered a lecture, entitled "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry, 1813-1816." In the course of an address lasting upwards of two hours Bro. Stevens held the unwearied attention of his large audience, and had he chosen to have spoken longer still he would have been listened to with gladness. In a report here we are unable to do anything like justice to the deep research, the undoubted knowledge and the felicity of dictation which characterised the discourse. It is an address to which every Mason should have an opportunity of listening. Much that is to the young Mason obscure or meaningless in the ceremonial is elucidated, and one cannot but be forcibly struck by the common sense which actuated the compilers of the ritual, for there is abundant reason given for every phrase and every direction. Bro. Stevens commenced by expressing the surprise and gratification that the Leeds brethren were in possession of such a beautiful and convenient Masonic temple. Such a building must conduce to the well-being of the Order, and be no small factor in the good working of the Lodges. He knew that he was about to lecture before veterans in the Craft, some of whom might probably entertain opinions divergent to his own upon the ritual and ceremonial of Masonry. He only asked of them to carefully weigh the reasons he adduced for the opinions he held, and even if those reasons did not convince them they were too good Masons to judge him harshly. He then went on to say that for the purposes of his lecture it was not necessary to stop to determine whether Masonry was antediluvian, or whether its origin dated from the time of the building of King Solomon's temple, or any other period antecedent to a couple of hundred years ago. Of course it was very pleasant and agreeable to make archæological researches and to study the antiquarian facts that might be put before us. On this occasion he had nothing to do with anything antecedent to 1813. The Grand Lodge of England was constituted at that time, and a ritual was prepared by Drs. Hemmings and Williams, and adopted, a rule being passed to the effect that that ritual was not to be departed from. The lecturer, with this preface, proceeded to deal with the ritual in a manner which cannot here be further particularised, but to the Masons present the explanations were thoroughly instructive and interesting. In passing, Bro. Stevens laid great stress upon the necessity for strict caution being exercised in the admission of initiates, holding that both proposer and seconder should be thoroughly and personally acquainted with the candidate. He strongly condemned the practice—not followed in Leeds—of putting candidates' names on the summons by the command of the Worshipful Master, such candidates not having been proposed in open Lodge. The words "by the fiat of the Worshipful Master," had done more harm to Masonry than anything else. He pointed out, too, that in the Province a more earnest attention was paid to ritual than in London, because the Metropolitan Lodges had not the supervision of Provincial Officers. In conclusion, he pointed out that the more Masonry was studied the more would its beauties be seen, and he urged his hearers not to slacken in their researches after the truths that were symbolised in the system. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Dr. Smyth, a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously presented to Bro. Stevens, after which Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. There was a large gathering at "high tea," and afterwards the proceedings in the banqueting-hall became, if possible, more interesting than those of the Lodge, because Bro. Stevens expressed his willingness to answer any questions that might be put to him. This permission was largely availed of, both by the Provincial Officers and junior brethren, and the amount of information thus pleasantly disseminated was a tribute to the interest taken in the subject by the Masonic students present, as well as to the fund of information possessed by the lecturer. The social circle was not broken until ten o'clock, when both brethren and visitors freely acknowledged that they had spent one of the pleasantest afternoons Masonry had ever given them, and Bro. Stevens expressed himself as deeply impressed by the earnestness and desire for knowledge evidenced by those brethren of West Yorks he had had the pleasure of addressing. It should be stated that Lodge Prudence, in common with the other eight Leeds Lodges, has decided to support the Imperial Institute.

VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 87.

ON Wednesday, the 9th inst., the installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. There was an unusually large attendance of brethren and visitors. Bro. Minstrell, the Worshipful Master, presided, and was supported by Bros. Birch S.W. (W.M. elect), Lambourne S.D., Chamberlain J.D. (acting J.W.); P.M.'s Irving, Willing, Harmer, Thurkle, Bale, Davis, Skewing, Hopkins, Janeway, Stuart (Secretary), and others. Bro. Freer was passed to the second degree; the W.M. elect having been presented, was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon. During the evening a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered the Lodge during his year of office. In making the presentation the W.M., expressed the hope that Past Master Minstrell would live long to wear the honorary badge, with which he had great pleasure in investing him. Bro. Minstrell briefly replied, and after the transaction of other Masonic business the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where an excellent repast was served.

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IN compliance with a requisition delivered to me, and signed by the Treasurer, and seven others, being Patrons, Vice-Patrons, or Vice-Presidents, a SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 21st day of March 1887, at twelve o'clock precisely, to consider Notices of Motion as under.

NOTICES OF MOTION—

By Bro. Ralph Clutton, J.G.D., Vice-Patron, upon recommendation of the House Committee:—

"That the negotiations between the House Committee and Mr. Wm. Evill, for the purchase of the two houses and grounds adjoining the Junior Schools of the Institution, for the sum of £2,500 be approved, and that the Trustees be authorised to carry the same into effect."

By Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Vice-Patron:—

To add to Law XXIX.:—"Provided that no Candidate shall be disqualified by reason of her age exceeding eleven years at the time of Election in cases where such excess would not have arisen had the Election been held on the second Saturday in April of that year."

By Bro. Wm. P. Brown, Vice-President:—

"That in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, five further vacancies be declared for the Election in April next, thereby admitting of the whole of the Candidates on the List without contest."

By Bro. Robt. Grey, President Board Benevolence, Patron:—

That the following Law (No. LVI.) be rescinded, viz.:—"No girl shall be eligible for Election, or for admission by purchase, or otherwise, who has a sister in the Institution, unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of Candidates."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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A SPECIAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be Held at the Town Hall, Twickenham, on Wednesday, the 30th March, at 5 p.m. There will not be any banquet.

By command of the Prov. Grand Master.

J. F. H. WOODWARD,
Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex.

Comberton, Mowbray Road, Norwood, S.E., 17th March 1887.

AGENDA.

1. To consider the Report of the Bye-Laws Committee appointed at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge on the 5th June 1886.
2. To adopt the revised Bye-Laws, if approved.

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Whose Father, Bro. John Gascoigne Fawcett, late of the "Limes," Herne, Kent, was initiated in the "St. Augustine's Lodge," No. 972, on the 18th of May 1881, and continued a subscribing member until February 1886. He was one of the Founders of the Ethelbert Lodge, No. 2099, and was Senior Deacon of that Lodge up to the time of his death, which took place (after a protracted and severe illness) on the 6th of August 1886. He was always ready to help in the cause of charity and his fellow creatures. He has left a widow and six children almost totally unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the following Lodges:—

ETHELBERT, 2099, and St. AUGUSTINE, 972;

Also by the undermentioned brethren:—

V.W. Robert Grey President of the Board of Benevolence, 41 Russell Square, W.C.
*C. F. Wacher P.P.G.D. Kent I.P.M. 2099 P.M. 1309, Wrayton House, Broadstairs.
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*J. F. Cozens P.M. 972, 16 Longport, Canterbury.
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*Edward Ayre W.M. 2099, Herne, near Canterbury.
*Henry Grey W.M. 1820, Ridley House, Herne, Canterbury.
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*F. S. Rothschild P.M. 1288, 7 Marina, Herne Bay.
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THE SUB-DIVISION OF LONDON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The proposal of Bro. James Stevens, submitted to last meeting of Grand Lodge, for the division of London into Provinces is a good one, and I hope it will be taken up in earnest at no distant date. I was for many years connected with a country Lodge, which, however, assumed such large dimensions that it was admitted to have become unwieldy and unworkable; so that there was little chance, amongst two hundred and fifty members, of any young Mason attaining to a position within a reasonable time. The result has been that since I left the place the then existing two Lodges, which had both grown to enormous size, have resolved themselves into five, by the formation of three new ones, and had I remained there I might have reasonably expected by this time to have passed the chair, and in all probability have attained Provincial rank. In London it is almost a forlorn hope to strive after the purple collar and apron, and that being so many good Masons are disheartened and dispirited by the hope deferred which maketh the heart sick. By the sub-division of London into Provinces I am convinced, with many others, that a vast amount of stimulus would be given to the members of Lodges generally, the result of which would be the promotion of the best interests of the Craft in the metropolis. Therefore, let us hope the matter will not be lost sight of.

Believe me to remain,

Yours very fraternally,

AN OLD MASON.

MASONIC RITUAL AND CEREMONIAL.

A FEW REMARKS ON BRO. STEVENS'S LECTURES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am one of those who for a considerable time after the first introduction of Bro. Stevens's Lectures to the Masonic public entertained a firm belief that our worthy brother was "pegging away" at his pet scheme (some of us called it "fad") for securing uniformity of ritual throughout the Lodges under the English Constitution. As I look upon the attainment of one absolutely perfect and universal system of verbatim et literatim ritual, even if desirable, almost if not quite impossible, and I was not desirous of lending myself to any apparent support of the scheme, I kept away from his earlier Lectures.

Within the last year, however, the "tongue of good report," as to the usefulness and, as I was informed, necessity of these Lectures, broke down the barrier of prejudice which had held me aloof, and on a recent occasion I had the gratification of hearing our brother discourse. It is only in accordance with Masonic obligation that I should freely admit that my original belief was an injustice done to his purpose and interest, and I make that admission so freely that I say to every earnest Mason desirous of knowing more of the symbolism of Masonry than is expounded in our so often reiterated ceremonials, and of learning the *common sense* interpretation of our words and actions in connection with Masonic work,—Go, and hear him!

On the occasion I refer to his Lecture embraced the three Symbolic Degrees, and in the course of an address which fixed the attention of his audience for rather more than two hours, I could not discover an expression which did more than suggest a consideration of the arguments he advanced for improving certain portions of the verbiage and practice in general use amongst us. I anticipated a somewhat dictatorial enforcement of his views, but, on the contrary, heard a modest disclaimer of all authority, and an acknowledgment that a condemnation of those who might differ from him would be intrusive and narrow-minded. It pleased me greatly, and induced me to think more highly of his efforts. My former prejudice was completely swept away, and now I have no doubt that Bro. Stevens is doing a good and meritorious work, which surely, though perhaps slowly, will have the desired effect of purging and purifying our ritual in very many respects. His address is extempore, and here and there the faults which seem natural to extemporaneous addresses are observable, but a fluency of language and an unhesitating delivery are set off against such defects, to the great advantage of the Lecture as a whole.

These remarks of mine find an echo in the minds of many brethren of my acquaintance, and setting aside my personal regard for the Lecturer I have thought it well to make them, and ask you to publish them for the good of the Craft in general. I sincerely hope that Bro. Stevens's Lectures may become still more popular than even they are at present, as well in distant provinces as near the centre of our Masonic organization.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

ONE CONVERTED.

LATE HOURS AT MASONIC GATHERINGS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Reading the article quoted in your columns a short time ago from the *Freemasons' Repository*, under the above heading, suggests that our Masonic friends on the other side of the Atlantic are uncommonly "late birds." Either they spend a vast amount of time in the celebration of the ceremonies, or tarry long over the "social occasion," seeing that the former are prolonged until after ten o'clock at night, and the latter "until midnight or later, before the brethren separate and depart homeward." I am not acquainted with the *modus operandi* of conducting Masonic business in America, but it would be an unusual thing in this country for the working to be continued up to so late as ten o'clock in the evening, and there are very few cases indeed in which the "subsequent proceedings" are not concluded long before the midnight hour. It may be that the peculiarities of business in American towns prevent the brethren from opening their Lodges, as we do here when there is much work on the agenda, at an early hour; but seeing that Lodges meet only at comparative long intervals, it may surely be thought that members might snatch an hour or two, once a month or so, to attend to their Masonic duties. Here, as you are aware, when there is any work of importance, Lodges invariably meet at times ranging between three and five o'clock in the afternoon; labour is usually got through by seven or eight; and so there is ample time for refreshment and social enjoyment afterwards. All must agree with your contemporary that "it would be altogether better if the work and business of every Masonic organisation could be so arranged as to close by ten o'clock;" that "two hours are ample for a Masonic ceremony, if its full impressiveness is to be brought out;" and that "it would be better to increase the number of meetings rather than to crowd so much into one evening." Do we not frequently see a large amount of work done in our own Lodges, in the three degrees, and all the ceremonies impressively rendered, in reasonable time, leaving plenty of leisure for social amenity afterwards? I am not in a position to compare the arrangements which obtain in English and American Lodges, but certainly the impression conveyed by the article referred to would seem we "manage things better" here than do our respected brethren "across the pond."

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

QUIZ.

MASONIC FANCIES AND FOIBLES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—From some points of view your strictures last week upon the fancies of some of us, and the foibles of others, may hold good; but you will admit there are two sides of every question, and I will trust to your fairness and impartiality to allow me to give one or two ideas adverse to the general tone of your article. I wear a Masonic pendant to my watch chain, and now and then a Masonic ring, but so far from doing so as a matter of personal vanity or as a trade advertisement, let me assure you it is nothing of the kind. I am weak enough to believe that Masons, wherever they may be, should make themselves known to each other as such, and it has not infrequently happened in my own experience that emblems worn in this way act as a mute but eloquent introduction to men with whom I should never otherwise have become acquainted. Travelling quite recently on the railway I was faced by a gentleman whose ring bore the familiar square and compasses, and by mutual recognition we at once became friends, enjoyed a most agreeable, and I hope instructive tête-à-tête during a long journey, which under other circumstances might have been tedious and silent. "I perceive you are a Mason," was the opening of an interesting chat, which naturally opened up a great variety of subjects—the names and localities of our respective Lodges, the social and moral advantages of our connection with the Craft, the probabilities attendant on the then pending election of Grand Treasurer, the enormous value of our Masonic Charitable Institutions, the suggested Jubilee Commemoration, the Lodges we had visited, and a host of other matters in which we felt a reciprocal interest. Had it not been for the simple emblems we each displayed we might have remained "strangers yet;" as it is, we became firm and fast friends by the time we reached our destination. Singularly enough, we were both going to the same town—a watering-place in the West of England; by arrangement we met, and I was introduced by my new acquaintance to two Lodges, and with the members I spent pleasant evenings, the most pleasant amongst all the rest of the ten I had occasion to sojourn in the neighbourhood. If such a result is experienced in our own home circles how much more would a similar recognition be of value on the Continent or abroad?

My own opinion is that the "flashing" of jewels, and "talking loudly in company of the advantages which accrue from connection with the Order" are more honoured in the breach than in the observance. A man who commits such egregious folly would be scouted and tabooed in a commercial room, a restaurant, a billiard

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saloon, or in private society; and would speedily be taught to hold his unruly tongue. I have myself on one or two occasions—travelling constantly as I do in my line of business—seen men who ostentatiously proclaimed themselves Masons so completely snubbed that they have felt glad speedily to take themselves off to a well deserved "Coventry." The men of whom you speak are in a very small, contemptible minority; usually young puppies, or fledgling Masons, who have not learnt better, but who are sure to find their level, sooner or later.

And now one word with regard to the "publican" element in Freemasonry—and by that I presume you include the very large body of licensed victuallers and hotel proprietors in the kingdom. For my part, I see no very great harm in such people displaying our emblems on their cards or billheads; and as a rule I always prefer to stay at a house the proprietor of which is a Mason than at any other. Take the best hotels we have in London, Anderton's, Ship and Turtle, Guildhall Tavern, Holborn Restaurant, Imperial, and how many others; are they not all ably managed by members of the Craft? And so are most of the excellent establishments of the kind all over the country. And my experience is, without going into unnecessary details, that you find greater comfort and economy, better attendance and accommodation, at such places than at those which are not governed by proprietors who belong to "us." The painted daubs you see on the fronts of inferior and common public-houses are no criterion whatever. In the first place, men of any rank or position in Freemasonry never go to such places at all; and in the next, those who are their habitual customers are not Masons, and are therefore ignorant of the meaning of such symbols.

I will not trespass further on your valuable space just now, but may at some future time vindicate our friends the publicans from any aspersion as to the holding of Lodges of Instruction at their houses. Where else could one get the necessary accommodation and comfort? Surely not in a cold and cheerless school-room, vestry hall, or hired room. But of that anon. I have carefully read and weighed all the arguments you advanced as to the "prostitution of the emblems of the Craft to personal and interested objects," but fail to see that every man is to be stigmatised who wears modest Masonic jewellery or displays the ordinary signs on his trade announcements. Any how, Sir, whilst lifting my hat in profound admiration of your well-intentioned efforts to promote Masonic morality, I most respectfully decline to divest myself of the emblematic ring and pendant, or studiously to shun those places of refreshment in the towns which I am called to stay at because some of them intimate to me that they are under Masonic management. Apologising for the length of these remarks,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours very fraternally,

A COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER.

Hastings.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Globe.—After postponement for a fortnight, owing to the sudden illness of Mr. Penley, "The Snowball" was produced on Monday. Notwithstanding the delay, it was found necessary to leave Mr. Penley out of the caste, but in his stead we have Mr. C. H. Hawtrey. How much the piece has gained or lost by this change we cannot say; Mr. Penley would certainly have created roars of laughter, but we scarcely think he would have been suited to the part. "The Snowball," by Mr. Sydney Grundy, is a farcical comedy in three acts, originally produced in the early part of 1879. Though short, the work is highly amusing, and has the advantage of being devoid of anything objectionable. The humorous situations are naturally brought about; the fun is fast and at times furious, but never spun out; in short, "The Snowball" is kept rolling just long enough and then it melts. The three acts all take place in the sitting room at Mr. Felix Featherstone's house, where the ball is sent off by Felix going to the theatre to see a piece which is the talk of the town, but where he does not wish to take his wife. Ethel Granger, his ward, induces the wife to believe her husband is going to a select whist party. Judge then his surprise when on entering the theatre he sees the two ladies, in company with the latter's lover, in a private box. Not wishing to let it be known he has himself been to the theatre, at the same time longing to call his wife to account, Felix plots against her, while in return she formulates a counterplot. The way in which the servant of the house, Penelope, is brought into the affair, with the humorous situations arising therefrom, are well carried out. Felix at last confesses, and promises to be more confiding in future. The piece was well acted, and will go even better when taken at a faster rate. As Felix Featherstone Mr. C. H. Hawtrey is to be congratulated on his success; he acted with spirit, while his display of agitation was excellent. Mr. W. J. Hill has another of the characters he knows so well how to make the most of; his Uncle John was a finished sketch. Miss Fanny Brough, as the maid Penelope, was highly successful, her conception of the character was perfect. Miss Vane Featherstone had but few opportunities, still she made the most of these. Miss Blanche Horlock looked pretty as Ethel, while Mr. Wilfred Draycott enacted well the lover. The piece was preceded by a one act comedietta, by Mr. A. Elwood, of an interesting character, notwithstanding its being based on familiar material. The trifle was done full justice to by Messrs. Stewart Dawson, Wilfred Draycott, W. Lestocq, the Misses Florence Hayden and Blanche Horlock. The musical absurdity "Crazed," by Mr. Alfred R. Phillips, brought the programme to a conclusion.

Opera Comique.—The revival of "The School for Scandal" here last Saturday was perhaps made more interesting than usual by the fact that two of our most popular performers made their first appearance in a new character, Mr. James Fernandez as Sir Peter Teazle, and Mr. Forbes Robertson as Charles Surface. Mr. Fernandez's impersonation was essentially a finished one, always within bounds. Mr. Robertson exhibited plenty of spirit and real humour as Charles Surface, but he should remember Charles is not given to drinking to such an extent as to make him reel as Mr. Robertson did on Saturday. Miss Kate Vaughan once more gave us her finished portrayal of Lady Teazle; perfect in every point. Mr. Forbes Dawson was a most unsatisfactory Joseph, he did not develope the sentiment or the polish requisite for the part. Mr. Lionel Brough was good as Moses, while Mr. Stephen Caffrey was effective as Sir Oliver. Mrs. John Billington (Mrs. Candour), Miss Julia Gwynne (Lady Sneerwell), and Mr. Charles Fawcett (Rowley), ably assisted the representation.

Avenue.—"Robinson Crusoe" still continues to draw good houses here. The principals have been supplied with new songs and fresh "business," and most successfully do they work it up. The excellent chorus do their part of the work satisfactorily. Mr. Arthur Roberts, though not having such a taking part as usual, is most entertaining; his side play being especially amusing. Miss Wadman sings and acts charmingly, as likewise does Miss Lydia Yeamans. Miss Phyllis Broughton has some new dances, which she executes gracefully. Messrs. Henry Ashley, C. W. Bradbury, Sam Wilkinson, Charles Sutton, and Fred Storey all render service. The harlequinade which follows is one of the best we have ever seen, and we advise those of our readers who go to see "Robinson Crusoe" to stay for this feature of the programme.

Olympic.—After a most successful run, of over one hundred nights, "The Churchwarden" comes off this Saturday evening, to make room for "In Chancery," by A. W. Pinero, which will be played, by special desire, the last twelve nights of Mr. Terry's tenancy of the theatre. This expires on Saturday, 2nd April.

Gaiety.—Miss Amy Roselle will give a special matinée on Thursday, the 24th instant, at this theatre, when will be produced a new and original comedy, in three acts, by H. M. Paul, entitled "The Great Felicidad." Miss Roselle will be supported by the following company:—Miss Cissy Grahame, Mrs. Canninge, Miss Christine Mayne, and Miss Mitchell. Messrs. F. H. Macklin, Brandon Thomas, F. M. Paget, Geo. Canninge, Stewart Dawson, Eric Lewis, Frank Fenton, De Verney, and Arthur Dacre. The play will be produced under the direction of Mr. Brandon Thomas.

Mohawk Minstrels.—As has been the custom here for some years, St. Patrick's Day was celebrated by this troupe of minstrels providing a selection of Irish songs and recitations. The capabilities of the troupe are well known, and as the result every available seat in the hall at Islington was filled. Encores were numerous, the audience thoroughly falling in with the different sentiments expressed in the songs. A more successful Irish Festival could not have been wished for, either by the management or by those who were present.

Olympia.—A most interesting gymnastic fête, under the auspices of the National Physical Recreation Society, will be held at Olympia on the evenings of the 4th, 5th and 6th of April. The programme, which embraces gymnastics of all kinds, will include musical, dumb bell, and Indian club drill, indoor football, lacrosse, hurdle racing, tugs of war, the running musical maze, by several hundred competitors, and the final competition for the 200 guinea challenge shield. The object of the society, which is an excellent one, is to promote physical recreation among the working classes, and the labours of its promoters are already beginning to meet with success. One of the features of the fête will be the massing together and performance of the musical drill by the honorary teachers and pupils from the various affiliated gymnasia. The band of the London Rifle Brigade, under the direction of Mr. Hiram Henton, has been engaged. The fête will be under the patronage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who it is believed will honour one of the performances with his presence.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1781.—At the meeting on Thursday, 16th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, W., there were present Bros. Sims P.M. W.M., Davies S.W., Craggs J.W., Austin Treasurer, Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Pardue P.M. S.D., Jennings J.D., Ridgley I.G., Cavers Steward; P.M.'s Cubitt, Spiegel, Child; Bros. Wood, Williams, Cochrane, Lichtenfeld, Stonhill, Smyth, Larter, Cotton, Higginson, Benton, Stroad, Klein, Hardy, Barbrook, Hoad, Lindfield, Hurd, Kennett, and several others. Lodge was opened in usual form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cross candidate. The W. M. gave the lecture on the tracing board in this degree. Lodge was raised to first, when the second and third sections were worked by Bro. Spiegel, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Hoad and Kennett, of the Lodge, also Bro. Cramp 193, Larter 1668, and Lichtenfeld were elected members. Bro. Davies was appointed W.M. for next Tuesday.

The installation meeting of the Wallington Lodge, No. 1892, took place on Thursday. Bro. Francis Carter was installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. Alfred Bishop. A full report will be given next week.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE (T.I.), BOLTON.

A MEETING was held on Thursday, 10th March, at six p.m., when there were present Bros. E. G. Harwood W.M., W. Wadeson S.W., N. Nicholson J.W., W. Court M.O., John Barrett S.O., G. P. Brockbank P.G.W. Treasurer, W. Cooper Past Provincial G.S.D. Secretary, R. H. Phillips, James Eckersley S.D., Robert Jones J.D., John Nightingale I.G., John Higson Tyler, P.M.'s James Horrocks Past Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, John Partington Prov. G.S.D., John Kenyon Past Prov. G.S.D., John Harwood Past Prov. G.S.D., Thomas Morris Past Prov. G.S.B., John Alcock Past Prov. G.S.D.; Bros. H. Critchley, J. W. Thompson, Frederick W. Brockbank, J. H. Hayes, G. Hindley, J. Hibbert, R. H. Swindlehurst, John F. Skelton, E. Gregory, Charles Holgate, Robert Johnson, John Harper. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Two brethren who were proposed for advancement were balloted for and elected, and Bros. John Hardcastle and William Greenwood, being in attendance, were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master by Bro. Partington; the concluding portion of the ceremony was conducted by Bro. Kenyon, who also explained the working tools of the degree. The W.M., Bro. E. G. Harwood, Bros. John Kenyon and John Barrett announced their intention of acting as Stewards at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Hearty good wishes were expressed by brethren from Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges. Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 7·30 p.m.

ROYAL ARCH.

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GALLERY CHAPTER, No. 1921.

THE installation convocation of this Chapter was held on Saturday last, at the Brixton Hall, under the presidency of Comps. Massey Z., Minstrell H. (Z. elect), and W. M. Duckworth J. The other Companions present included Comps. J. H. Thomas P.Z. Scribe E., R. J. Albery Treas., H. Knight, J. Duckworth, Greenwood, Brown, Manning, Drysdale, Read and others. Comp. Thomas Minstrell was installed in the chair of First Principal, and Comp. W. M. Duckworth in that of H. Comp. Massey P.Z., was elected to the chair of J., and in the course of proceedings a handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to him for his services as M.E.Z. during the year which has just passed. Companion Thomas (to whom also a valuable P.Z.'s jewel was presented, the previous Saturday) was reappointed Scribe E., Companions Albery Treasurer, J. Duckworth N., H. Wright Principal Sojourner, and Greenwood Assist. Sojourner. The installation ceremony was admirably performed by Comp. Drysdale, an honorary member. On the motion of Comp. Minstrell, a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to him for his services to the Chapter on that and on other occasions. The M.E.Z. said that it was a source of great satisfaction to the Chapter to find one of their honorary members taking so lively an interest in it, and to be so frequently amongst them; he also remarked that the Companions were deeply indebted to Comp. Drysdale for presenting the Chapter with the floorcloth. Comp. Drysdale warmly thanked the Companions, and the Chapter was closed in due form.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

THE installation meeting of this Preceptory was held on Tuesday, the 9th instant, in the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. In the absence through illness of the E.P. Fra. Christopher Palliser, the throne was assumed by Fra. T. B. Whytehead. There were also present Fras. W. Brown Constable, W. H. Cowper Marshal, J. T. Seller Sub-Marshal, Major MacGachen Herald, J. Marshall P., and many others. The E. Preceptor elect, Fra. W. H. Cowper, was presented by Fra. J. Marshal P., and was forthwith installed in the usual manner by the acting E.P., who subsequently invested him with the jewel of an honorary member of Mary Commandery, Philadelphia (an hereditary distinction of the Preceptories of Ancient Ebor), and entrusted to his care the sword and banner presented by Mary Commandery in 1876. The E.P. then appointed his Officers, as follow:—Fras. William Brown Constable, J. T. Seller Marshal, Major MacGachen Sub-Marshal, T. B. Whytehead P. Registrar, J. T. Belk 1st Herald, W. B. Dyson 2nd Herald, M. W. Williams V.B., Augustus Harris Beaucant, W. Watson S.B., W. P. Cochrane C. of Guards, P. Pearson Equerry. The report of the Auditors showed a balance in hand. The alms were collected, and the Fraters adjourned to the refectory, where they enjoyed a frugal repast.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

A MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of Yorkshire was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. R.W. Bro. the Rev. Wm. Valentine Prov. G.M. presided, supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead D.P.G.M., W. H. Cowper P.S.G.W., Capt. Grant P.J.G.W., Wm. Brown Prov. G. Sec., W. H. B. Atkinson Std. Br., W. B. Dyson Grand Marshal, and others. Bros. J. M. Meek and Col. Monks having been accepted, were admitted and advanced to the degrees. The Prov. Grand Master presented a set of daggers and trowels, and received a vote of thanks for his gifts. The brethren afterwards dined together in the Supper Room, and enjoyed an excellent repast and a pleasant evening of Masonic converse.

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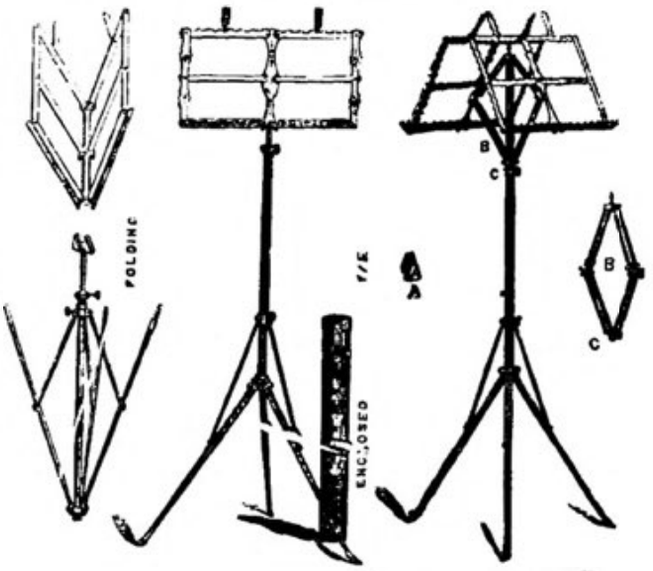
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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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.

SATURDAY, 19th MARCH.

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)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

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
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 21st MARCH.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
907—City of London, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.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)
1435—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.)
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, New Market Hall, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Barnard's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street, Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
2060—La France, 68 Regent Street, W.
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
24.—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424—Yarborough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
486—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbert's, 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
1442—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 775—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Manchester-street, Bury
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 22nd MARCH.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
58—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, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
538—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
765—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, Penwell-road, Dulston at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Turnmill-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Arna Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1257—Domatic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1318—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1448—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rook Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
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)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 1642—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
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
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, 23rd MARCH.

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, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, 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, Strathope 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)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgovne, 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.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Lordesborough, 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.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Aldersgate Lane
R.A. 933—Domic, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1253—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 805—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 806—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 24th MARCH.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
33—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Crusaders, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Veruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
735—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
50—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, 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.
845—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
879—Sutton-at-Hone, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warnford 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—Bartlett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Grand Junction Road, Bow, E. (Instruction)
1305—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1444—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1429—The Great City, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1463—H. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1495—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—Prince, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1628—Prestegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1674—Langton, White Hart, Aldgate, E.C., at 8.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Ins)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, Loudon Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Gallowtree Gate, Shepherd's 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. 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. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

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51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
346—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
1325—Stanley, 214 Ct. 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
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Nor[illegible], at 8. (Instruction)
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 25th 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.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
19[illegible]—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
765—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, at 8. (In)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1206—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Ha[illegible], Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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 C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
*810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1803—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393—Ha[illegible]ner, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1717—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 Ha[illegible], New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magnalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Mounmouthshire
R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 26th MARCH.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
[illegible]—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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. (Inst)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
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 Street, W., at 8

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

A STORY OF HULLAH.—A paper of Reminiscences of John Hullah LL.D., in *Cassell's Family Magazine* for March, gives this story of the composer:—Another of Mr. Hullah's peculiarities was an occasional fit of perfect abstraction, which yet did not prevent him from receiving vivid impressions through one or other of the senses. In illustration of this habit, Mr. W. A. Barrett related the following anecdote to the present writer:—He and Mr. Hullah were sitting side by side at a concert which, being largely made up of Wagner's music, did not much interest the latter, who gradually became absorbed in his own thoughts, and sat motionless for a long while, evidently unaware of what was going on around him. His abstraction continued even after Miss Antoinette Sterling, for whose singing he had an ardent admiration, had commenced to sing his own "Three Fishers," nor did he make the slightest movement until the last phrase was pealing forth in Miss Sterling's fullest notes, when slowly rising to his feet, he murmured—"What a fine song that is!" It was quite clear, Mr. Barrett commented, that it was not for some seconds after he had spoken that Mr. Hullah awoke to a consciousness that what had fallen so pleasingly on his ear was of his own composing.

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EXPANSION OF OUR GIRLS' SCHOOL.

MORE than ordinary interest attaches to the proceedings of the Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which was convened on Monday last at Freemasons' Hall, in compliance with a requisition delivered by the Treasurer and other prominent members of the Executive. For a considerable time past it has been obvious that, if the Institution is to be maintained in its efficiency, care must be taken to provide against the encroachments which has recently been threatened upon the premises of our School grounds by the "progressive builder." The question is one that has been already many times before the Craft, and arguments have been advanced both in favour of and against the purchase of additional land, in order to ward off the erection of buildings in too near proximity to our Schools. These discussions, which have received frequent consideration in our columns, have in the main tended towards the support of the proposal to extend the boundaries of the existing area at Battersea-rise, and the chief objection urged by the economists has been that of the excessive price asked for the small plot of ground required to meet the exigencies of the case. Unquestionably the figure asked—two thousand five hundred pounds—for a little corner piece of land abutting on the Wandsworth-road is a large one; yet at the same time it must be considered that of recent years land available for building purposes has enormously increased in value in all our suburban districts, and St. John's Hill is no exception to the rule. Being aware of this—as all men of business must be—the owner, Mr. William Evill, finds himself in the happy position of holding the trump card in his hand; and, without describing the transaction as on all fours with the demand for fabulous compensation often made when property is required for public purposes, we do not see there is much reason to complain that he requires what he considers a reasonably good price for the plot of ground needed for the special uses of the Institution. It is rightly considered by the Executive that it would be highly advantageous to make this addition to their existing property; and after negociations and deliberations it has at length been resolved, on the motion of Bro. Ralph Clutton J.G.D., who is one of the Vice-Patrons of the Institution, that the negociations between the House Committee and Mr. Evill for the purchase of the two houses and grounds adjoining the Junior School of this Institution, for the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds be approved, and that the Trustees be authorised to carry the same into effect. There is no doubt that now, the matter is left in the hands of a practical and business-like set of men, we shall speedily hear of a satisfactory settlement of the whole question, and that the Girls' School will be in possession of sufficient space for the development of its advantages and the maintainance of the thorough efficiency of the Institution at any rate for some years to come.

Several other matters more or less important and interesting to the Craft generally were brought up at the meeting, foremost amongst which was the motion by the Grand Registrar, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., to alter Law XXIV. in such a way as to provide that no candidate for admission to the School shall be disqualified by reason of her age exceeding eleven years at the time of election, in cases where such excess would not have arisen had the election been held on the second Saturday in April of that year. We can only assume that cases of this description would occur but very seldom, and the resolution being prompted no doubt by an instance that actually cropped up, in which the age was limited to the week or day, the proposition was so fair and equitable, on the face of it, that there could be no reason why it should not be adopted.

The manner in which the Jubilee year of Her Majesty the Queen should be commemorated was the next subject brought under the notice of the Special Court, on a motion by Bro. W. Brown, Vice-President. In the absence of the brother who had given notice of the motion, it was formally brought forward by Brother Horace Brooks Marshall Past Grand Treasurer. It was to the effect that in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, five further vacancies be declared for the election in April next, thereby admitting of the whole of the candidates on the list without contest. This is gratifying news all round—to the subscribers and others who take an interest in the Girls' School, to the candidates and their friends, and to none more than the Executive themselves. It will also stand on record as a graceful and beneficent means of celebrating an event which is to be marked in some way or other by almost every public institution in the kingdom, and will be far more satisfactory to the Craft generally than would have been any proposal for a festivity in which only a small section of the brethren could participate. The only drawback to the otherwise unqualified value of this proposition is that the upsetting of the election, even under exceptional cases, is calculated to lead to some confusion so far as regards those who hold accumulated votes. Many brethren, adopting a system which we do not hesitate to deprecate in every shape and form,—of borrowing and forestalling votes,—have incurred heavy responsibilities; and this "walk over," if we may so speak, will completely revolutionize the arrangements that may have been made for the exchange or repayment of borrowed votes. For instance, a brother holding five hundred Girls' votes which he wished to exchange will, in the absence of an election, find them worthless; so that practically his entire capital in the way of voting power has been "burked." Thus, while congratulating the Executive and the Subscribers alike upon a scheme which will place the advantages of the School at the feet of five additional candidates, there is reason to fear that the absence of an election will cause confusion in individual voting operations which it will take a considerable time to adjust.

Probably, however, the proposal by the President of the Board of Benevolence, Bro. Robert Grey, to rescind Law LVI., viz.:—"No girl shall be eligible for election, or for admission by purchase, or otherwise, who has a sister in the Institution, unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates," formed the most debateable part of the proceedings of the Special Court on Monday last. This matter had been thoroughly considered and fought out long since, and a rule was passed some five years ago that two children of the same family should not be admitted into the School. Bro. Grey, in advancing his proposition, admitted that the whole subject had been well and carefully weighed, and the result was that the plan applied only under exceptional circumstances. It must be obvious to all that it is most advantageous for two sisters to be educated in the same school, to say nothing of the stronger tie of mutual affection that would bind them

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together when living and learning under the same roof. Bro. Wobb, in opposing the resolution, advanced a somewhat adverse opinion, and pointed out that it was questionable whether any advantage was gained by two children of the same family being educated together, inasmuch as the benefits derivable from our Masonic Institutions should be distributed as widely as possible. Another argument was that the experience gained by friends and supporters of a candidate in the working of an election gave them an advantage over those who had acquired no such experience; probably there might be something in this, but it hardly militates against the general question. The other argument—that the most deserving candidates do not receive the largest amount of support—is almost too ridiculous to be entertained for a moment; and it was no wonder it fell flatly on the ears of the Court. Strength, like water, will always find its level, and so it will prove in all such cases as that now under consideration. If a man is in possession of a hundred votes he has not obtained them surreptitiously, or by any unfair or indirect means; and he is perfectly at liberty to utilise them, if he pleases, on behalf of two members of the same family, just as he might for two strangers, provided the candidates are deserving. If a brother can secure the support of those who hold the motive power of admission to the School, we see no ground upon which such action can be challenged. Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' Institution, taking up the argument, said he should not have intruded upon the attention of the Court but for certain tendencies in the discussion which foreshadowed a bearing upon the rules of the other Institution, with which he was himself more intimately associated. If this resolution were carried in the Girls' School a similar one would necessarily be brought forward in reference to the establishment at Wood-green; and consequently he felt bound to say a word upon the question, although he refrained from doing so under ordinary circumstances. In his opinion it was a question that should not be too hastily decided. The laws were carefully considered and revised five years ago, when the decision was arrived at that it was not advisable to receive more than one member of a family into the School. He therefore suggested, as a saving clause, that a limitation should be made where the number of a family was large, and in this matter all who are interested in our Educational Institutions will concur. For example, if there are only three children in a family, it would be inexpedient, or considered unfair, if more than one were admitted to the School. But where there are nine or ten, or even twelve, "olive branches" left dependent, the circumstances should be fairly taken into consideration. The poor widowed mother might be a deserving object; her husband might have done credit to the Institutions during his lifetime, but in the end perhaps the result might be the leaving of a numerous progeny. Is the widow to be precluded from the benefits of the School because she has already one little daughter a pupil in the Institution? For the purpose of the argument we may fairly reckon that in very few families would there be more than six children of ages that render them dependent upon the mother; and if the line were drawn that one in three should be eligible for candidature, we think that is an equitable solution, and a sound basis on which to act. On these grounds, and without suggesting to the management, Bro. Binckes was evidently of opinion that the matter should be referred to a joint Committee of the Boys' and Girls' Schools for consideration, and that a report should be presented by them, say in six months time. A resolution might in that way be formulated for acceptance at the Election Court in October next. Bro. Grey gracefully fell in with the views expressed by the Secretary of the Boys' Institution; and it was afterwards moved by Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Past Grand Treasurer, that it should be referred to the October Quarterly Court, when the conclusions of the joint Committees of the two Schools might be laid before the Subscribers for their approval. Those who attended the Election would then be in a position to deal with the question thoroughly and finally. Of course the Subscribers would be afforded every facility of having the views of such special Committee before them, and in this way an amicable and workable settlement of the whole question might be arrived at. Taken as a whole, some very excellent work was done at Monday's Special Court, from which sound practical results may confidently be looked for.

ABOVE SUPERSTITION.

"WE are all superstitious," said a distinguished author in the early part of this century. This is a stinging truth that few like to admit, yet, when closely examined, it is found to be true. To free one from himself is the work of a life-time, and even then it cannot be done always. It matters not how the streak of superstition crept into the soul, on certain occasions it will, in spite of all we can do, crop out.

There is a superstitious awe pervading the minds of many in regard to the overpowering influence of the devil. Under the old mythology, two opposing powers or forces were contending against each other for the dominion over men's souls; the one force was good, the other evil; one power the Creator and Preserver, the other the Destroyer; one the angel of life, the other the swift-winged messenger of death. Man was to placate the one, and to avoid the other. One is God, the Only, the other the Devil. To be led captive by the latter was to suffer all the terrible agonies of a burning hell, filled with blue blazes, sulphurous fumes, and the shrieks of the lost. As men received more light they mounted higher than the literal flames, and bid defiance to such awful scenes. Not hell-scared nor hell-bound frightened them so much as the subordination of their own intellects, the dethronement of reason to passion. Life at once became something to live for. It meant something to do for self and for others. In short, it was putting the devil and hell down in himself, and placing the rational man on top—the crowning act of true manhood. This is a battle against superstition, against priestcraft and a defunct theology, that humanity is rapidly outgrowing. Man changes his body, flesh, skin and bones, almost as rapidly as he does his garments. These coverings are only the garments of his soul, which outlives and outlasts them all.

To find out how far we have marched up the road of progress, and at every weary step how many old, worn out garments of superstition have been thrown aside along that dreary march, it is only necessary to compare our present stock of absurd ideas of the great forces that surround us with the full invoice of the barbarous nations of the earth. Much has been dropped, and more will be thrown overboard in due time. Men have written large treatises on this subject, without exhausting it, so wide spread is this net which has enveloped the whole human race.

As higher ideas of duty have become better known to the masses, and juster views more widely disseminated in regard to the phenomena of nature, the cloud mist of ignorance and superstition pushed backward to the more benighted regions of the earth, the people, like a slumbering giant aroused to consciousness at last, have put their heads above the darkness which has so long enveloped them. The clearer atmosphere enables them to brush away the shadows, and look at objects in a clearer light.

But only portions of the race have emerged into this upper element, while the larger bulk are surging, and striving, and groping in darkness below. They cannot see because screens are placed close to their eyes. All light is cut off. Darkly they walk, and more darkly do they think. Clinging to them closely are the old garments of a dead past. To get out of this wilderness has been the work of ages, and nations have passed from infancy to old age, died, and been almost forgotten, in attempting to reach a more exalted position.

In this utilitarian age, should each one ask himself what superstitious ideas he carries about with himself, he would probably be astonished at the number which makes up such a large per centage of his feelings and emotions. Self-inspection is the only means by which these inherited tendencies may be overcome. In our actions, modes of thought, and associations, they hang to us with a tenacity that defies reason and education. By day and by night they are with us. As we pass the church, or the graveyard, the roaring waterfall, or the pebbly brook, that same indescribable feeling, that unaccountable dread of displeasing some hidden power, dogs our footsteps every moment It travels with all, the brave and the timid, high and low, one and all, it leaves not off only as the mind rises to the contemplation of higher themes than those of mere dread and awe.—*Kansas Light.*

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SOME FURTHER REASONING WITH BRO. LANE.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

I REPEAT what I stated before, that Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records" is a very valuable work, and for this very reason I take the liberty of questioning why I should believe in his *dictum* that Lodge No. 79 was warranted for America? also, why he supposed that the warrant was never used? To the latter question Bro. Lane makes no answer at all, while his answer to the former question merely indicates his superabundant faith in what he finds in Lodge lists. In short, he seems to think that whatever evidence is furnished by a Lodge list compiler, or even a Lodge list mender, is infallible. Our good brother says:—

"That the Publisher or Editor of the Dublin edition of Smith's Pocket Companion of 1735 must have had at the time some valid and satisfactory reason for inserting in his reprint the Hoop in Water Street, Philadelphia, the probability being that he found it recorded in an engraved Lodge list of 1731, a copy of which is unfortunately now unknown."

Now, I agree with Bro. Lane that the Dublin reprinter of Smith's Pocket Companion had some reason for inserting the Hoop, &c., into the vacant place after 79, but it does not follow that "he must have had a valid reason," for if the 1731 Lodge list had assigned No. 79 to Philadelphia, surely Bro. Pine, who engraved all the Lodge lists from 1723, would have known it, but in his engraved Lodge list for 1734, No. 79 is followed by a blank; and so it is in the original edition of the Pocket Companion of 1735; and even in Rawlinson's Lodge li t of 1733 No. 79 is vacant. On the other hand, it is certainly not very uncommon for Masonic writers to jump at wrong conclusions, or to repeat wrong conclusions of other Masonic jumpers. Nor can I admit that Lodge list compilers are necessarily free from that Masonic frailty, jumping. Pine's Lodge list of 1734 furnishes conclusive evidence that Lodge list compilers could repeat nonsense, the same as Masonic writers in other departments have repeatedly done, for Bro. Pine informs us that Lodge No. 65, St. Rook's Hill, near Chichester, dates back to "the reign of Julius Cæsar." Now, as I cannot believe Bro. Pine, the very first of all Lodge list compilers, why must I believe that the Dublin reprinter of a Lodge list must have had valid reason?

Bro. Lane further says, that Bell's letter harmonized with his theory, but the fact is Bell's letter disproves his theory. Bell wrote that "a party of us used to meet at the Tun Tavern in Water Street." Franklin's Lodge also used to hold its meetings at the Tun Tavern, until it removed in 1735 to Market Street; and we have no evidence that either Bell or the Franklin, St. John's, Lodge had ever held a meeting at the Hoop Tavern. Now, there is no doubt that previous to 1734 there was but one Lodge in Philadelphia, and there can be no doubt that in 1734 there were no more than two Lodges in Philadelphia, viz., Franklin's Lodge, composed of "old brethren" and "true brethren," and another Lodge composed of rebels and foreigners, who made Masons for a bowl of punch. If, therefore, any Lodge ever held meetings at the Hoop before 1735 it must have been, what I shall call the "Bowl of Punch Lodge." Now, can Bro. Lane really believe that Warrant No. 79 was sent to the Bowl of Punch Lodge at the Hoop in Water Street, Philadelphia, in 1734, while Franklin's respectable Lodge, consisting of "old brethren" and "true brethren," had no authority at all, as Franklin's letter of 28th November 1734, to Henry Price, of Boston, clearly implies?

Bro. Lane advances another curious theory. I presume that we all know the meaning of "Old Style" and of "New Style," hence writers of the first half of the last century would sometimes call—we will say—between 1st January 1731 and 25th March following as either belonging to 1730 or to 1731; hence, suppose No. 79 was constituted between 1st January and 25th March 1731, some writers would call No. 79 a 1730 Lodge, and others would call it a 1731 Lodge. This being understood, I agree with Bro. Lane that No. 79 was a 1731 Lodge, but I differ with him on another point. I believe that No. 79 of the Castle at Highgate removed in 1731 or 1732 to St. Martin's Lane, and that from 1731 to 1740 (when the No. of the Lodge was changed) the Highgate Lodge was the only 79 that figured on the English Grand Lodge Register. While Bro. Lane believes that one Lodge with No. 79 was constituted in Highgate in 1731, and another Lodge with No. 79 was constituted in St. Martin's Lane in 1732, and a third Lodge No. 79 was warranted for America;—none know in what year;—all of which I am to believe because a Dublin Lodge list tinker in 1735 located No. 79 at the Hoop in Water Street, Philadelphia.

Now, with all due respect to Bro. Lane, I cannot agree with him about his three seventy-niners on the English Lodge lists of between 1731 and 1735, and I doubt very much whether either Bro. Woodford, Bro. Gould, Bro. Abbott, Bro. Sadler, or any other equally well informed Mason (with the exception perhaps of Bro. Hughan) would endorse Bro. Lane's new theory.

Boston, U.S., 7th March 1887.

GEORGE H. BURNHAM.

THE *Freemasons' Repository* for February presents the features of the esteemed friend and brother whose name is placed at the head of this article. The engraving is excellent, the lines being well defined and sharply drawn, and there is an artistic finish stamped upon the picture which adds to its attractiveness. That it is a truthful likeness will not be questioned by those who have the acquaintance of Bro. Burnham. The expression may be a trifle stern, for it represents the features in repose, as when fixed in earnest thought and resolve, but it is the look not infrequently seen upon the face of our brother and detracts nothing from the value of the portrait.

The subject of this sketch was born in Pelham, N.H., in the year 1832. He is a descendant in the eighth generation of that John Burnham who came in his youth from Norwich, Norfolk Co., England, to America. This was in 1635. On attaining manhood he was admitted a freeman in Massachusetts Bay Colony, and became influential in the affairs of the Association. He rendered good service in the Pequot war, and showed that patriotic spirit which has characterized his descendants in a marked degree, for the family has been represented in every war fought in this country since the early colonial period.

Bro. Burnham, like so many youths New Hampshire born, wended his way to Boston at an early age, where he engaged in telegraphy for several years. He afterwards entered the service of the New England Roofing Company, and while thus employed he removed to Providence, R.I., where he has since resided. Soon after removing to Providence, civil war broke out, and he was quick to respond to his country's call. He enlisted as a private in Company B, First Regiment of the Rhode Island Detached Militia, and later was second lieutenant in the Ninth Rhode Island Volunteers. He was afterwards commissioned second lieutenant in the Fourteenth Rhode Island Heavy Artillery. This last commission, however, he did not accept, but entered again upon the pursuits of peace, taking a position in the office of Messrs. Doyle and Joslin, auctioneers and commission dealers in real estate and stocks. While with this firm he gave proof of his business capabilities, and especially of that untiring energy which is so noticeable an attribute of his character. He was active and efficient in the prosecution of whatever interests he took in hand.

In 1870 the firm of Doyle and Joslin dissolved, and the subject of this paper succeeded to the business, which he still carries on. He has gained a valuable experience regarding real estate in Providence and the vicinity, so that his advice is sought as that of a man whose judgment can be relied upon.

He has always shown an interest in public affairs and for many years he has been an active force in municipal matters. He was elected to the Common Council of Providence for five successive years, he has since been elected for seven successive years to the Board of Aldermen, making twelve years of efficient service in these departments. He has served on many important committees in both branches of the City Council. For two years he was one of the representatives of the city in the State Legislature, serving on the Committee of Finance, and exercising a good degree of influence in all matters of important legislation.

In military affairs his interest has been shown in various ways. He is a member of the United Train of Artillery and holds the rank of Major in that ancient organization.

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He has filled, and is now holding, many positions of trust and responsibility, being a Director in the Roger Williams Saving Fund and Loan Association, and also Chairman of its Committee on Securities. He is clerk and member of the Board of Trustees of the Church of the Mediator in Providence.

Bro. Burnham was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge, Providence, September 1861. He served as Secretary in 1865-6; as Master in 1870-1; and was elected Treasurer in 1873, serving in the last named office from that time until now. He became a Royal Arch Mason in 1865, receiving the degree in Providence R.A. Chapter. He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter in 1868, and held the office, by successive re-elections, for seven years. By special vote he was made a permanent member of that Grand Body. He was Knighted in St. John's Commandery, 4th November 1857, and elected Recorder of the Commandery in December of the same year. He served in this office two years. He was Commander of St. John's in 1876. In the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island he was called to many important positions, being advanced to the head of the Grand Body in October 1885. His administration of affairs, alike energetic and prudent, gave general satisfaction.

Thus we have sketched the Masonic career of Bro. Burnham as shown by some of the facts and figures available. We ought to add that he is a member of both the Cryptic and Scottish Rites, and has an intelligent appreciation of Freemasonry as expressed in all its various departments. He is acquainted with the history of the Institution, and well versed in the ritual and ceremonial of the different degrees and orders. In the various Masonic offices he has held he has shown the characteristics of promptness, zeal and ability, always endeavouring to make the work instructive according to its designed import. As a presiding officer in subordinate and Grand Bodies he has evinced a quick and ready thought, and a skill in directing affairs, that have contributed not a little to the rapid and pleasant despatch of business. Both as a private member of the Fraternity and as an official he has made good proof of his interest in Freemasonery and his zeal for its advancement. He has always been ready to give and do in its behalf; never more pleased than when some new and better expression is made of its genius and power. Thus he was specially interested in the building of Freemasons' Hall, Providence. He was one of the projectors of the movement; one of the petitioners for the Charter, and the first meeting of the corporators was called by him. He has been a director in the Freemasons' Hall Company from the time of its organization. And so it is he holds a place of deserved esteem in the community and the Masonic Brotherhood. His brethren of the Mystic tie will join with his many friends outside the organization in hearty wishes that he may be spared for many years of honoured usefulness, and that light and blessing may attend him always.

ROBERT BURNS AS POET LAUREATE OF FREEMASONRY.

By Bro. Rob Morris.

On the 1st March 1787, just a century since, Robert Burns, of Ayrshire, "the poet-plowman" of Scotland, was crowned *Poet Laureate of Freemasonry*. This only national honour he ever received was conferred under the auspices of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge of Edinburgh, Scotland, and in the ancient Hall still used by that venerable Lodge. The visitor to "Auld Reekie" will readily find it. Turning into the little street called St. John, through the Canongate, he will see on his right four houses, the first of which was the residence of Dr. Tobias Smollett, novelist and historian; the second is the venerable Hall itself; the third is a building occupied a century since by the banking concern of Douglas, Heron and Co., the fourth was the city residence of Grand Master Lord Elcho, whose gracious recognition of Burns during the memorable winter of 1786-7 has indissolubly linked his name with that of the poet. References will be made to Grand Master Elcho (or *Francis Charteris*, as he was called) further on. On the opposite side of this little street lived Lord Monboddo, known in his own times for great talents as writer and statesman. His principal work, "The Origin and Progress of Language," in four volumes, was a classic in his day. He too was a Freemason and a fast friend of Robert Burns.

I think that no detailed account of the Masonic Laureation of Burns has ever appeared in this country; and as the occasion itself was memorable and the circumstances curious, I yield to an expressed wish of many friends to make up this Centennial paper, partly from facts derived from books, partly from those gathered in various parts of Scotland during my visits there. As the successor to the title of *Masonic Poet Laureate*, it would seem reasonable that I do this to honour one of such transcendent genius that his "shoe-latchet I am not worthy to unloose." But few even of Burns' admirers realize how much his success was due to the interest taken in his affairs by his Masonic brethren.

As a preface to this paper some allusions must be made to the birth and training of the Bard. He was born in Kyle, Ayrshire, about a mile and a half south of the city of Ayr, 25th January 1759, and died at Dumfries 21st July 1796, aged 37 years. The place of his birth, the last time I saw it, was used as a low sort of grog-shop! Robert was exceedingly well educated, considering the poverty of his father, and his station in life. From early youth he was a devourer of books, and those, too, mainly of a substantial class. With a smattering of French he had considerable mathematics, a fair knowledge of music, and was, even at eleven years, esteemed a good grammarian. At seventeen he attended dancing-school; at nineteen, a school of applied mathematics (surveying, drawing, &c.) Practically, he was a superior farmer. At sixteen he wrote songs. In brief, those who call him *unl-ttered* do greatly err, for even in this day of free schools and diffused knowledge but few of our boys have such a general and thorough culture as had Robert Burns.

In 1781, at the age of twenty-two, he became a Freemason, in the Lodge of Tarbolton, and for five years was marked for his prompt attendance and the earnestness with which he performed every Masonic duty that devolved upon him. It has been well said that he entered this Fraternity with all the enthusiasm of his social and philanthropic nature. The antiquity of the Masonic Fraternity, its suggestive and beautiful emblems, and the high character enjoyed by many of his fellow-members, won his utmost respect. The Masonic Tie introduced him into circles he might never have reached.

Dugald Stewart the metaphysician, Wallace the county sheriff, Ballantyne the banker, at Ayr, and other men of good social standing, were regular attendants upon the Lodge at Tarbolton, and entered the inner circle of his friends.

Many passages in the poems of Burns prove how deeply the peculiar instructions of Freemasonry had affected him. Here is one:

A' ye whom social pleasure charms,
Whose hearts the tide of kindness warms,
Wha hold your being on the terms,
"Each aid the others,"
Come to my bowl, come to my arms,
My friends, my Brothers!

All the writings of this man prove how ardently attached he was to Freemasonry which, through its large membership, held out the irresistible hand of fellowship to him. His attendance upon his Lodge was very constant, as the minute books prove, and such was the grateful sense entertained of his services by the Craft, that from 27th July 1784 to 1st March 1786 he was usually placed, in the absence of Sheriff Wallace, in charge of the Lodge as Deputy Master. At these meetings he learned the basis-principle of Freemasonry—Equality. The thought embodied in his famous poem, "A man's a man for a' that," was conceived in the Masonic Lodge. Professor Wilson says of him, that few were excluded from the largeness of his heart. He could sympathise with all, provided that by the stroke of his keen-tempered steel he could elicit some spark of humanity from the flint of theirs. Where else save in the Masonic connection could Burns have learned these things? His genius and humour, his mirth and glee, his fun and frolic, his exhilarated imagination found their fitting exercise only in the social meetings of the Lodge, the refreshment after the serious matters composing the Masonic work were fitly done.

But this paper is not to be a eulogium of Freemasonry, only in so far as Freemasonry affected the life and fortunes of Roberts Burns. Up to the spring of 1786, though some of his finest productions were in existence, yet all were unpublished. They were in manuscript only. Copies in his own handwriting are extant, showing how much of his time had been spent in gratifying the desire of his friends for these autographs. Numbers of these were prevalent through Ayrshire and surrounding counties, but no publisher, so far as we know, had ever suggested their publication. That these immortal productions were rescued from oblivion is due to the far-seeing liberality of the Freemasons.

It is known that in the summer of 1786 Burns was in great straits. His errors had placed him under the terrors of the law. He admits that he was skulking from the constable. He had actually engaged to leave the country for the West Indies, and had he been able to command money for his passage, the calamity alluded to had certainly befallen him. But he was absolutely destitute. It was then that the Masonic Brethren rallied to his relief. Sheriff Wallace and other influential Masons undertook to guarantee the issue of a collection of his poems, thirty-eight in number. A printer at Kilmarnock (Wilson) was secured, and in a little rude office, whose stock of type was barely equal to a forme of eight pages, the first edition of 600 copies was worked off; the Masons having pledged themselves to Wilson for 350 copies in advance. Twice a week the poor fellow—poor in means, but rich in genius and hope—walked ten miles to read proofs at Wilson's office, and then back again the same day, often upon no better diet than oatmeal porridge or cold johnny-cake.

How timely was this publication is seen in his various poems of farewell. That addressed to his Lodge, at Tarbolton, will recur to every Masonic reader. Here is the first verse:

Adieu! a heart-warm, fond adieu!
Dear Brothers of the Mystic Tie!
Ye favoured, ye enlightened few,
Companions of my social joy!
Though I to foreign lands must hie,
Pursuing fortune's slidd'ry ba',
With melting heart, and brimful eye,
I'll mind you still, tho' far awa'.

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Out of the sale of 600 books, Burns, by the zealous and influential assistance of his Masonic Brethren, paid the printer, paid some few pressing debts and found himself in possession of a balance of nearly one hundred dollars. About half of this went to the purchase of a steerage ticket to Jamaica. He had sent his trunk to Greenock, from which port he was to ship, and was footing it to that city, turning his back for ever, as he supposed, upon Scotland, when he fell in with a clergyman of his acquaintance, who showed him a letter from Dr. Blacklock, of Edinburgh, a brother-poet of some eminence, in which it was suggested that "if Burns would visit the metropolis a larger and more profitable edition of his book could be got out under the auspices of the nobility and gentry of Scotland."

This was the turning point in his life. He recovered his baggage and measured, on foot, the seventy miles that seperated Greenock from Edinburgh.

Arrived there he took a room with an old friend, in a retired part of the city, at the cost of about ten dollars a month. He had not funds for such a garb as befitted his entrance into good society, but an anonymous friend sent him fifty dollars. Then he began the career and reached the honorarium to which this paper is directed.

Burns arrived in Edinburgh 28th November 1786. On the 30th he walked in the procession of Grand Lodge to hear a Masonic Oration. 6th December he was a visitor at a session of the Scottish Parliament. On the 7th he made his first visit to a Masonic Lodge, the Canongate Kilwinning, and was introduced to Past Master Bro. Henry Erskine, one of the most brilliant men of the period. As a poet and a writer of elegant prose no man in Edinburgh stood higher. The potency of his wit, says a biographer, and his brilliancy of comic humour were prominent features in his character. In all respects, save that of position, Erskine was the counterpart of Robert Burns. At the meeting of 7th December there were present deputations from the Grand Lodge and from seven of the Lodges of Edinburgh and vicinity. On the some occasion Burns was introduced to the Earl of Glencairn, who took so important a part afterwards in advancing the interests of the poet. This gentleman was the 14th Earl of that ancient family. He had been ordained as a clergyman. He was brother-in-law both of Grand Master Buchan and of Henry Erskine. Bro. Burns always reckoned the Earl of Glencairn as his best friend, and upon the death of the latter, 24th September 1791, he wrote an affecting monody, of which here is a stanza:

> The bridegroom may forget the bride
> Was made his wedded wife yestreen;
> The monarch may forget the crown
> That on his head an hour has been;
> The mother may forget the child
> That smiles so sweetly on her knee;
> But I'll remember thee, Glencairn,
> And a' that thou hast done for me!

On the 9th December, the *Lounger* gave Burns a most eulogistic notice in the form of an extended review of his poems (the Kilmarnock edition). On the 13th December the Edinburgh *Evening Courant* published a complimentary epistle to Burns, denominating him "prince of poets and plowmen." On the 14th (so swiftly did the kindness of Masonic friends materialize) the printer Creech announced a second and enlarged edition of Burns. The Earl of Glencairn had gone security to the printer and subscribed for forty copies.

On the 12th January 1787 Burns visited Lodge Mary's Chapel at the official visitation of Grand Master Charteris (Lord Elcho), where the city Lodges were present in full pomp. At the banquet which followed, the Grand Master complimented our poet with the toast "Caledonia and Caledonia's Bard, Bro. Burns." Repeated acclamations followed. On the 15th January Burns attended the Theatre Royal to witness the "School for Scandal." On the 1st February he visited Canongate Kilwinning Lodge the second time, and was elected an Honorary Member, "as a great poetic writer." The Master was Bro. Alexander Ferguson, a gentleman of superior attainments, to which friendship Burns often alluded both in prose and verse. He died three months before the poet. Charles Moore was Deputy Master, a genleman whose society was much sought after for his agreable manners. Bro. John Miller was Junior Warden, an author who published, the same year, "Historical View of the English Government."

Late in February it was announced that on the meeting of 1st March a tribute would be paid to Brother Burns, and the subscription for his forthcoming volume promoted. The meeting opened at half past six p.m. Two candidates were initiated and two raised at that meeting. The list of persons present, members and visitors, is not preserved. It was the last meeting of the season. All the record says is to the effect that at an early part of the evening the Worshipful Master Ferguson conferred upon Robert Burns the title of Poet-Laureate. Meantime the subscriptions for his new edition, also the printing, were considerably advanced, and the honour of the 1st of March must have added greatly to his notoriety among the Craft far and near.

In his after writings it is seen that Burns took delight in the designation of Bard, and esteemed the honour of the Laureateship at the highest.

> To please you and praise you
> Ye ken your Laureate scorns,
> The prayer still you share still
> Of grateful Minstrel, Burns.

On the 25th June following, he was present at the annual election of Canongate Kilwinning, at which Lord Torpichen was elected Master, a Brother who was initiated 7th December previous, the very night of Burns' first visit. He had been made Deputy Grand Master the same month (December), and was now elected Master of Canongate Kilwinning. Burns was fully recognised at that meeting as Poet Laureate. On his return to Edinburgh, after a summer journey through Scotland, he attended the meetings of his Lodge and was always recognized by his title. A full length statue of the Bard is now suspended above the place he occupied, of which I retain a vivid recollection.—*Keystone.*

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Thursday evening, 17th inst., when there was a very large attendance of members and Visitors, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Charles Weeden. Amongst those present were Bros. A. Perl S.W. and W.M. elect, F. Perl J.W., Rev. C. J. Stevens Chaplain, J. C. Stillwell P.M. Treas., R. R. Harper P.M. Secretary, J. E. Cuhbb S.D., C. H. Ockelford I.G.; P.M.'s T. Bartlett, H. J. Gabb, T. J. Cusworth, W. Pierpoint, L. C. Haslip and A. J. Potter; Bros. R. White, J. B. Smith, A. Lovesque, E. Lovesque, J. Downing, T. R. Richards, L. Brown, H. L. Allardyce, T. Cammack, J. Arnold, L. Wild, J. A. Cox, R. Gosheron, F. M. Wenborn, J. Band, T. Woods, H. Milsom, A. K. Turbefield, Tyler, &c. The Visitors included Bros. C. M. Gray P.M. 1920 P.G.O. Surrey, Joseph Driscoll P.M. 30, B. Haynes I.P.M. 27, C. H. Webb P.M 174, R. Pierpoint P.M. 177, D. H. Jacobs P.M. 77, G. H. St paens P.M. 1623, E. Kerr 24 New York, H. John P.M. 742, E. H. Barrett 1519, C. Reichelman 177, G. A. Wesron 177, Jas. Rowe 1559, J. Simpson 1076, J. F. Saunders 1507, W. Welsford 1321, H. Parkin 1319, H. W. Schartau 1549, F. F. Clive 1319, W. Coates 1922, and others. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report, which showed the Lodge to be in a sound and flourishing condition, was submitted and unanimously approved. Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and two brethren were passed, the ceremony being worked in the most admirable manner by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Subsequently Bro. Augustus Perl was presented as the W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, the rite was solemnly and impressively performed by the Immediate Past Master, and the manner in which Bro. Weeden acquitted himself in this important part of the day's proceedings elicited the unqualified approbation of all present. The newly-installed Master having been proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honours, invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. C. Weeden I.P.M., F. Perl S.W., E. Cubbb J.W., Rev. C. J. Stevens Chaplain, J. C. Stilwell P.M. Treas., R. R. Harper P.M. Secretary, C. H. Ockelford S.D., J. R. Cordell J.D., J. B. Smith I.G., H. Millson Dir. of Cers., J. Boulton W.S., T. S. Richards Assist. W.S., A. K. Turbefield Tyler. The charges to the Master, Wardens and brethren were most ably and impressively delivered, and after the transaction of some routine business, Lodge was closed amidst the utmost harmony and good feeling. The brethren and visitors then adjourned to the throne-room, where an excellent banquet was provided, in the style for which Bros. Ritter and Clifford have long been proverbial, the arrangements being most satisfactorily carried out under the superintendence of Bro. Marchant. The banquet was presided over in genial manner by the newly installed Worshipful Master, who seemed to have made unusually liberal arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren. Thus during dinner a choice selection of music was rendered by members of Mr. Stanley's orchestral band, consisting of Mr. A. Stanley, Mr. F. Georgy, and Mr. A. Lordner (violins), Mr. A. Cornish (cello) Mr. S. Stannard (bass), Mr. F. Jenkins (flute), Mr. J. Jackson (piccolo), Mr. J. Thurston (clarionette), Mr. C. Townley and Mr. W. Smith (cornets), Mr. T. Jones (euphonium), and Mr. W. Layton (pianoforte). A unique and récherché menu and programme was placed before the guests, this artistic feature of the evening's entertainment having been capitally executed by Messrs. Potter Brothers, of Kingsland. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Queen and the Craft, said Freemasons as a body were the most loyal of Her Majesty's subjects, and they wished her in the 50th year of her rule all health and happiness, "long to reign over us." The toast was received with musical honours, the National Anthem being sung by a glee party, under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, with Bro. Carl Reichelmann, organist of the Domatic Lodge, at the piano. Speaking of the Prince of Wales, the W.M. referred to the enormous strides Freemasonry had taken since His Royal Highness's accession to the office of Grand Master, ten years ago; and said he could not conclude with a sentiment more in accordance with his own feelings than the quotation from Henry IV. that appeared on the toast list:—"The immediate Heir of England; the hope and expectation of our time; it is the Prince of Wales." A suitable tribute was paid to the Grand Officers, "who you all know are honourable men" (Julius Cæsar); after which the Immediate Past Master proposed the health of the W.M., and in doing so observed that Bro. Perl would, during his term of office, show the brethren that he was thoroughly capable of discharging the important duties of the office, and of rendering the ritual in a way that would be a credit to himself and satisfactory to the Lodge. They all held Bro. Perl in very high esteem and regard, and their W.M. reciprocated fully that sentiment by studying the best interests of all the brethren in the Lodge. With the heartiest good wishes he hoped his successor would enjoy a happy and prosperous year of office. The toast was received with acclamation, and the Worshipful Master in responding thanked the brethren for their cordial reception, and Bro. Weeden for the kindly expressions he had used towards himself. It was just six years ago that very night that he sat on the right of the then W.M. as an initiate, and he really must admit that he felt exceedingly proud to find himself in the position to which by their kindness he had this day been exalted. That honour was due entirely to the kindly feelings of the brethren towards him. He had always endeavoured to do his best in any of

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the offices they had placed him in, and he felt delighted to be there as the Master of the Lodge in which he had so many personal friends. He could scarcely say how deeply grateful he was for their many acts of kindness towards him. He had never regretted joining Freemasonry, and especially the New Concord Lodge; he was always pleased that he had done so; and had ever had the utmost good feeling shown towards him; this he could not fail to appreciate. He concluded by again thanking them for the great honour they had conferred upon him. In proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master the W.M. said he considered himself very fortunate in having by his side a worker like Bro. Weeden, who was so well up in the ceremonies of the Craft. Bro. Weeden had done his duty perfectly during his year of office; he had been kind and courteous in his behaviour towards every brother of the Lodge, and was willing to aid those who needed his assistance. In asking his acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the Lodge, he said no brother had ever earned such an honour more deservedly than had Bro. Weeden. He could scarcely tell him how pleased he was to ask him to stand and receive it, and hoped he might live to wear it for many years, as a memento of the respect and esteem in which he was held by every member of the Lodge, and a recognition of how his work had been appreciated. On behalf of the Lodge he placed that jewel on Bro. Weeden's breast, in the hope that it might long serve to remind him of the happy time he had spent in the New Concord Lodge. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
Bro. C. H. Weeden,
By the members of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, in appreciation of the zeal and assiduity displayed by him as presiding Worshipful Master.
1886-1887.

Bro. Weeden I.P.M. in acknowledging the hearty manner in which the toast had been received, said it had been the height of his ambition to become the W.M. of the New Concord Lodge, and he had tried, as many other brethren would try when they had filled the minor offices, to discharge the duties of the chair satisfactorily. He was deeply sensible of the kind words that had emanated from the proposer of the toast. It had been a pleasure to him to be in the Lodge to render what service he could to it, and trusted he might be spared to do the same for many years to come. In thanking them for their handsome gift, he said the greatest jewel any one could have was to enjoy the appreciation and affection of those with whom they might have been associated for so long a time as he had with this Lodge. The W.M. then extended a cordial welcome to the Visitors, and said he was delighted to see so many present; the New Concord Lodge had always been noted for the number of visitors who attended its assemblies, and he was pleased that this was no exception to the rule. Suitable replies were made by Bros. C. M. Gray, Jones, H. John, B. Haynes, J. Driscoll, and R. Pierpoint, the latter of whom congratulated the W.M. upon the judicious selection of his officers, and expressed his opinion that he had a crew on board the ship New Concord second to none in any Lodge in London. The W.M. then proposed the Past Masters, speaking of their unabated and constant watchfulness over the best interests of the Lodge; and the toast was responded to by Bros. Bartlett, Gabb, W. Pierpoint, Stilwell, Potter, and L. C. Haslip, the latter of whom proposed the Masonic Charities, making an earnest appeal to the brethren for their continued support, especially as prominent brethren of the Lodge had signified their intention of going up as Stewards to the respective Festivals. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Officers of the Lodge, spoke of the able manner in which each had passed through the minor positions, and expressed confidence that they would prove a valuable aid to him in carrying out the work of the Lodge during his year of office. He expressed regret at the absence, through illness, of Bro. J. R. Cordell, whom they hoped would speedily be restored to health, and thus be enabled to resume his position in the Lodge. The Senior Warden, after complimenting the W.M. upon his attaining to the position he now filled, and Bro. Weeden upon the excellent way in which he had performed the installation ceremony, said he should endeavour to emulate the example which had been set him by his predecessors, so that when he followed, as he hoped to do, to the chair he might be able to acquit himself with satisfaction. The Junior Warden having also briefly responded, the list was closed in fitting manner by the Tyler. The toasts were interspersed by a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, assisted by several friends, with Bro. Carl Riechelmann, Organist of the Domatic Lodge, presiding ably at the pianoforte. The recitations by Mr. Churcher, who gave his services gratuitously, as a personal friend of the Worshipful Master, were exceedingly good, and elicited unbounded expressions of appreciation, his clever delineations keeping the company in a titter of merriment throughout the whole of his performances.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR meeting was held on the 9th March, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. There were present Bros. W. Ravenscroft W.M., W. P. Ivey P.M. as I.P.M., Henry Creed S.W., William Hickie J.W., J. T. Stransom Treas., J. Greenaway Sec., Charles Slaughter S.D., W. A. Hukins J.D., T. J. Pulley P.M. D.C., H. G. Sherwin Organist, J. Sparrow I.G., F. Brown, E. W. Ridley, T. P. Stewart Stewards; J. H. Hawkes I.P.M., and P.M.'s E. Margrett, W. W. Ridley, and Arthur Welch; Bros. W. Collins, S. Biggs, E. P. Silver, W. Margrett, S. Knight, William C. Long, W. M. Colebrook, B. W. Bennett, B. E. Hodder. Visitors—Edward Horne, M.D., S.W. 340, H. P. Knill 414, Henry Lewis W.M. 945, Francis H. Weeden P.M. 1887, William Sherwood J.W. 414, Robert Bradley P.M. 414 Provincial Grand Secretary, Alexander Sellar P.M. 414, Sidney Payne W.M. 1887, George F. Slade 1817, John R. Cook 414, Charles W. Cox P.M. Secretary 1566, John W. Martin W.M. 414, Francis J. Ferguson P.M. 414, C. Stephens P.M. 414 Prov. Grand Treas., Cyril B. Tubbs J.W. 2043, W. Treverton 1638, J. M. Hannan, M.D., S.D. 1399, George Gadd 1247. After Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Treverton, of 1638, was balloted for as a joining member, and approved. Again the ballot was brought into requisition, for Mr. W. B. Reed, who desired to enter the Order. In this case also the candidate was approved. Lodge was opened in second degree, when Bro. Silver answered the usual questions and was entrusted. After he had left the Lodge, it was opened in third degree; the candidate was re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M. Messrs. Robert Francis Hart and William B. Reed were now initiated, the charge being given in a masterly manner by Bro. A. Welch. The new by-laws, approved at the last regular Lodge, were confirmed. The W.M. gave notice of motion that a Jubilee present of £10 10s from the funds of the Lodge be presented to the Treasurer, for his services during the past fourteen years. Lodge closed and adjourned.

WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

THERE was a very satisfactory attendance of the members of, and visitors to, this Lodge on Thursday, the 17th inst., when Bro. Francis Carter was installed into the chair of K.S. Though comparatively a young Lodge, it contains within itself all the elements of solidity and strength, the members generally taking a warm interest in its affairs, sparing no pains or trouble to make everything go on smoothly and harmoniously. The result of this has been to cultivate that spirit of hearty cohesion and unity which is so essential to the well-being of any Lodge; and the way in which the work is invariably carried out is in itself an assurance of the continued progress and prosperity of the Wallington Lodge. The brethren assembled at the Public Hall, Carshalton, when Lodge was opened with the customary rites, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Alfred Bishop, supported by Bros. J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.S.B. Surrey I.P.M., F. Carter S.W., W. Russell Crowe P.M. Treas., L. A. Mesrouze P.M. Sec., G. W. Filmer S.D., H. D. Aslett J.D., J. A. Taylor I.G., W. Pile P.M., Rev. Lord Victor Seymour, &c. The Visitors included Bros. F. West D.P.G.M. Surrey, J. H. Casson P.M. 850 P.P.G.O. Derby, A. R. G. Carter W.M. 1728, J. P. Joaquim P.M. 508, E. Crutchloe 1385, J. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M. 1891, J. Kilvington S.D. 1790, H. M. Mobbs W.M. 2096 Prov. G.S.D. Surrey, G. Dixon P.M. 209 P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, W. R. Church 1347 P.P.G.P. Surrey, C. Everist P.M. 720, H. J. Talentire 1320, H. G. Vickers Junior Warden 1632 Past Grand Organist Surrey, W. W. Lee 1897, W. M. Morgan Past Master 211. Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the usual preliminary business having been disposed of, Bro. J. W. Baldwin, pursuant to notice, moved that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to the Worshipful Master on his retirement, in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. during the year 1886-87. This was unanimously agreed to, and the compliment was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Bishop, who then proposed that the sum of five guineas be added to Bro. Pile's list as Steward to the Girls' School, from the Charity Fund of the Lodge; the motion was carried nem con. The other motion standing in the name of the W.M., viz., "That any member residing more than ten miles from the place of meeting of the Lodge may, at his own request, be made a country member; such membership to involve the payment of an annual subscription of £1 1s, but not to entitle such member to any participation in banquets or to hold office in the Lodge," was adjourned. On the motion of Bro. Carter, it was resolved that the following be added to Rule 11:—"That all fees for visitors be paid at the meeting immediately following that on which they were incurred, and that the Secretary be instructed to forward to every brother, with his summons, a list of payments due by him to the Lodge for visitors' fees, subscriptions, or arrears." A Committee was then appointed to consider, and, if necessary, revise the by-laws; and the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a satisfactory condition, was received and adopted. Bro. John Walter Jones was passed to the second degree, and Bro. John Matthew Coates raised to M.M., both ceremonies being most efficiently rendered by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Francis Carter was then presented as the W.M. elect, and that ceremony was also performed by the out-going Master, in a manner that reflected the highest credit upon himself and the Lodge. The newly-installed W.M. having been greeted with full Masonic honours, invested his Officers for the year as follows:—Bros. A. Bishop I.P.M, G. W. Filmer S.W., H. D. Aslett J.W., W. Russell Crowe P.M. 190 Treas., W. Pile P.G. Standard Bearer P.M. Sec., Rev. Lord Victor Seymour Chap., J. A. Taylor S.D., F. A. Norton J.D., J. Edwards I.G, and A. Rowley Tyler. Bros. J. G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. P.M. D.C., J. Rewcastle Org., and W. Harwood Stwd., being absent, their investiture was deferred. The addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered in eloquent style by the Immediate Past Master, who was afterwards presented with a P.M.'s jewel, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office. In acknowledging the gift Bro. Bishop said it would serve to remind him of many happy hours spent amongst the brethren of the Lodge, in which he had taken a deep interest in the past and should continue to do in the future. The W.M. gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting that a Secretary's jewel should be presented to Bro. L. A. Mesrouze P.M., who had been compelled to resign the position of Secretary, which he had filled with so much zeal and ability ever since the formation of the Lodge. He also proposed that jewels should be presented to their excellent Treasurer Bro. Crowe P.M., and to Bro. Harwood, in recognition of their valuable services. Before closing, Bro. F. West, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, asked to be permitted to say a few words,

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as the condition of his health would prevent him from joining the brethren at the banquet table. He congratulated the Lodge upon its admirable working, and the high efficiency displayed by all who had taken part in it. He also congratulated the W.M. upon having attained to his present position, and said he felt convinced Bro. Carter would successfully maintain the prestige which the Lodge had so deservedly enjoyed in the past. The I.P.M. moved that a cordial vote of thanks be given to the newly-installed Master for his kindness in presenting the Lodge with two handsome kneeling stools; and some other business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed in harmony. The brethren then repaired to the Greyhound Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Verdon, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the company were highly appreciated. The loyal toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. proposed the Provincial Grand Officers present and past. In doing so he expressed regret at the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. West. He paid a great tribute of praise to the Provincial Grand Officers for the manner in which they discharged their duties, and associated with the toast the name of Bro. H. M. Hobbs S.G.D. Surrey. Bro. Hobbs, in the course of his response, thanked the brethren for the reception they had given to the toast, and congratulated them upon having won such eulogium in the Lodge room from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The I.P.M. then assumed the gavel and proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, assuring the brethren he considered it a very pleasant duty, for Bro. Carter was the initiate after himself, and had followed him in due order through all offices in the Lodge. He was sure that in their W.M. they had a brother who would do all in his power to sustain the reputation the Lodge had earned, and concluded by wishing Bro. Carter a happy and prosperous year of office. The W.M., in reply, returned thanks for the good feeling which the brethren had evinced towards him, though he was not sure he deserved all that had been said. After the flattering remarks that had fallen from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master he should have to do his best to keep up the standard of the Lodge, and he should spare no efforts in that direction. Those brethren who, like himself, had been placed in the position of Worshipful Master for the first time would know that he had more thoughts than words on the present occasion, so he would conclude by again thanking them for the honour they had conferred upon him. He next welcomed the Visitors, for whom Bros. G. Dixon, Kilvington, and J. H. Casson severally responded. In proposing the I.P.M. and the Past Masters, the W.M. referred again to the marked ability which Bro. Bishop had displayed in carrying out the duties of his office, and the same ability had been shown in the working of the ceremonies of that day, and especially the installation. The kindness and geniality of the I.P.M. had especially contributed to his success, and he had never exerted any authority that was irksome to the members. Bros. Pile and Baldwin, both Past Masters of the Lodge, took considerable trouble to see the Lodge worked successfully, and altogether the brethren should be proud of their Past Masters. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Bishop, Pile, and Baldwin; and the W.M. in giving the Masonic Charities, made an earnest appeal to the brethren to support Bro. Pile, who intended going up as a Steward to the next Festival of the Girls' School. Bro. W. W. Morgan, whose name had been coupled with the toast, said the condition of the Benevolent Institution had been one that had demanded, and he felt it had received, the earnest attention of the Craft. The unprecedentedly large number of candidates this year necessitated a special and earnest appeal for increased support, and this had been admirably responded to. At the same time it must not be forgotten that the other Institutions were equally deserving, and although the Girls' School would doubtless be in a position to take on the whole of its candidates without a contest this time, if the Executive did so it must not be imagined that it meant we must overlook the claims of that Institution; to achieve this much desired result it required immense resources to meet the current demands. No doubt a special effort would be made during the Jubilee year in the cause of Masonic Charity, and he hoped all the Institutions would participate in the increase of subscriptions that may flow in; so that when the days of their respective Festivals arrive the Girls' and Boys' Schools would benefit proportionately, as the Benevolent Institution had already done. It was gratifying to know that Bro. Pile, who had just accepted the post of Secretary of the Lodge, would serve as a Steward for the Girls' School, and he hoped that brother might be enabled to take up a substantial list. He would not detain them further at that late hour, but on behalf of the executive of the Institutions he took the opportunity of thanking the Wallington Lodge for the steady and consistent efforts it had always made in the cause of Charity. The Officers of the Lodge were complimented, and they returned thanks, and the Tyler closed the proceedings in the usual way. The speeches were interspersed by some capital singing and recitations, and a very agreeable evening was passed.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—Meeting held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 17th inst. Present—Bros. Pitt W.M., Rush S.W., Hills J.W., Jardine S.D., Whitehouse J.D., Eiselmann I.G., Stevens P.M. Preceptor, Ball Secretary, and numerous other brethren. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising was excellently rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Pitt, the explanation of the tracing board of the degree and of several portions of the ceremonial being given by the Preceptor. Lodge was closed according to ancient form to the first degree, when a communication from Bro. Paddle P.M. and Treasurer, excusing his absence on account of the serious illness of his wife, was read, and the sympathy of the brethren was earnestly accorded to that worthy brother. The arrangements for the smoking concert, on the 24th inst., were completed, and the occasion bids fair to prove a great success. The Lodge was closed in due form.

The concert referred to above was given on Thursday, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall Street, E.C., when some hundred gentlemen were present. Sharp to time, Bro. James Stevens, the Preceptor, took the chair; he was ably supported by Bro. Barratt Vice, while Bros. Paddell and Ball looked after the comforts of those present, and helped materially to their enjoyment. A capital selection of songs was got through, the following being the list, with the names of those who took part:—"The Yeoman's Wedding," Mr. Edwin Wesley; "Oh, hear the wild winds blow," "Just in time," "Will o' the Wisp," "The gallants of England," Mr. George Wright; "I am waiting," Mr. John Wesley; "The Bedouin's love song," The Desert," "In sheltered vale," Mr. W. H. Webb; "I will come," "Just as well," Mr. A. T. Foreman; "Mary of Argyle," Frank Salter; "Love's request," "You'll remember me," Mr. J. H. Watts; "Take it, Bob," Mr. J. Maeder; "The moon has raised," the brothers Wesley; "Deutsches Tanklied," Mr. Kitting; "The Old Brigade," and "The Village Blacksmith," Mr. F. Johnston; "In the days of Auld Lang Syne," "Over goes the show," "There's nothing in it," "Every little doggy has his day," Mr. Stevie Langton; "Love's old sweet song," Mr. William Brand; "Alice, where art thou?" "Only once more," Mr. A. Taylor; "Three jolly sailor boys," Mr. J. Margetts; "Right before the Missis, too," Mr. Bell; "Our Fishing Club," "I say no more to Mary Ann," Mr. Duncan Collie; "I did it," Mr. J. H. Bennett; "The Chafers," "When evening's twilight," Messrs. W. Brand, F. Salter, J. and E. Wesley. In the course of the evening a vote of thanks to Bros. Stevens and Barratt was proposed by Bro. Paddell, and unanimously agreed to. Both brethren briefly responded, after which Bros. Paddell and Ball were complimented on the arrangements they had conceived and so successfully carried out. Mr. Wright acknowledged the vote of thanks given to the singers, which was proposed by Bro. Stevens. The evening was brought to a conclusion by all joining in the National Anthem.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—On Thursday, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W., Bros. Cragge W.M., Lindfield S.W., Cross J.W., F. Austin Treasurer, Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Smyth S.D., Klein J.D., Stonhill I.G., Wood 1642, Cochrane 1056, Stroud 55; P.M.'s Josey, Alais, &c.; Bros. Cavers, Lewis, Whittell, Marsh, Cookerill, Jennings, Chauffronier, Lichtenfeld, Vandyk, Larter, Higginson, Ball, Curtis, Head. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Curtis candidate. The second and third sections were worked. Bro. Lewis was elected a member, and Bro. Lindfield appointed W.M. for 31st inst. Two ballots took place on account of the Creaton Masonic Benevolent Association, which resulted in favour of Bros. Cragge and Spiegel P.M.

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THE following Resolution having been passed at a Special Meeting of the General Court, held on Monday, 21st March 1887, there will be no *contested* Election in April next, and consequently no voting papers will be issued.

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AGED NINE YEARS.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191.

A GATHERING of a peculiarly interesting and distinctive character took place on Thursday evening, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when the Grand Secretary, Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, consecrated the Anglo-American Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. A numerous body of brethren assembled at four o'clock, when the Grand Secretary assumed the chair, and appointed Bros. Thos. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, to the Senior Warden's chair, Dr. Turtle Pigott as Junior Warden, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg as Chaplain, Edgar Bowyer Past Grand Stand. Bearer as Inner Guard. The other brethren present were:—Bros. General Brownrigg, H. D. Sandeman F. A. Philbrick, T. Fenn, Dr. Meadows, J. L. Thomas, H. Truenan Wood (D. of C.), P. Cunliffe-Owen, G. Lambert, Col. Saunders, T. H. Tilton, J. C. Parkinson, S. Pope, P. de Lande Long, Glover, H. Garrod, Con.-Gen. Waller, A. M. Broadley, Prince Ibrahim Hilmay Pasha, W. A. Baskcomb, Colonel Hare, H. Sadler, Gates, Arnold, Rogers, W. Groves, Coltart, G. Kenning, Gen. R. H. Cunliffe, Col. Haldane, J. S. Cumberland, W. Lake, C. F. Matier, T. W. C. Jones, Meyer, Murray, Hubbard, G. H. Lambert, Dr. Cross, Lennox Browne, G. Plucknett, T. Donald, W. Crawford, D. Harris, Wooleaman, A. Woodliffe, R. Bangham, J. Williams, Roberts, Chapman, T. R. Watts, Stinsom, Gibson, Edwards, W. H. Baker, Little, W. E. Bush, Major Foster, F. Hurdle, C. Grassi, A. Leon, G. P. Bertini, W. W. Lee, W. W. Morgan, G. Coleman, Corby, Harris, A. A. Pendlebury, T. Bull, P. Parsons, Robins, Adams, Burnett, Mackway, Schartau, F. Clive, Ralph, C. Stuart Lodge, T. Reynolds, M. Pigott, F. Binckes, Knapp Henderson, W. J. Vian, Quitman, Barnard, Soman, T. Burnside, Perry, Brindley, Burroughs, Bayton, F. Gulliford, C. F. Cusel, Docker, A. Meyers, Wilkie Jones, Drew, Canderlier, L. Corneau, Williams, W. Penrose, Woodruffe, Charles Lambert, J. Rowe, G. Coop, F. W. Frigout, A. Frigout, Whentley, Fairclough, Jackson, J. T. Rowe, J. Woodward, Laundy, Richards, G. J. Dunkley, H. Hambling, C. A. Itter, George Everett, W. Pentridge, Juval Webb, &c., &c. Lodge having been formally opened, the Consecrating Officer, in explaining the nature of the meeting, said for a very long period—certainly for the last twenty-five years—there had been resident in the metropolis a large number of brethren whose nationality was American, and those brethren, being Masons of standing, were very naturally desirous of exercising their privileges and enjoying social intercourse in a Lodge where they could meet on a common platform with their English brethren. Considering that there were already upwards of 350 Lodges in the London district, it had for some time past been held that it was inadvisable to grant any new warrants except under very exceptional circumstances. In the present case special circumstances had arisen, and after mature consideration, a warrant had been sanctioned for the formation of the Anglo-American Lodge, which he trusted might prove of advantage and mutual benefit to brethren of the United States and England who were brought in contact with each other, either professionally or commercially. Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D. of England, had been designated as the first Worshipful Master, and unquestionably this was a most satisfactory selection, inasmuch as that worthy brother was the representative here of a great many Grand Lodges and was well known for his active zeal in Freemasonry. Bro. Adolphus Clark P.M. was the Senior Warden, and Bro. Frederick Kedge the Junior Warden designate; and he (the Consecrating Officer) asked the brethren if they approved the names which had been mentioned as the first Officers of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the address a short, but admirable oration was delivered by the Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, chaplain who said—

A very distinguished American writer, Judge Haliburton, in describing how, in a far west colony, a crowd of needy adventurers—men who to all outward appearance seemed unlikely to become good citizens—recognising the value of law and order, set themselves to work to form rules for their own government, and in a very short time settled down as a well-organised community. He describes all this as only "Sam Slick" can, and adds the following remark:—"What people on earth could do this but the Anglo-Saxon?" What better text for the few words I have to speak to you to-night. We are welcoming a new Lodge, which has in view the great object of drawing together our American and our English brethren. We both belong to the great Anglo-Saxon family, and are both proud of such descent. Rightly are we proud. There is no race, not even the old Greek or Roman, which has produced so many great, so many noble, in every station of life. None have faced dangers and difficulties with so much courage; none have been greater in literature, or art or science. Look at the world's roll call of soldiers, sailors, statesmen, poets, artists, philanthropists, and divines, and you will find that great list full of Anglo-Saxon names. And look also at the crowd—the pawns on the great chess board of the Universe. What people so intelligent, so industrious, so free, so keenly appreciative of all that is good and true; so justly impatient of all that is base and dishonest as the people in whose veins runs the Anglo-Saxon blood? And yet, brethren, do not let us shut our eyes to the fact that too often the various countries and colonies of this great family spend, mis-spend, their great faculties in watching for one another's faults, looking out for points of difference, rather than in joining hand to hand, and strength to strength in their work. Perhaps the reason of this is that men of the same family are naturally keen in the preception of one anothers faults. The failings of our own relations stand out before our eyes more distinctly than those of a stranger. The inconsistencies and the littlenesses, and the peculiarities of our brethren jar more upon our feelings than those of another race. It is to this reason that I attribute the fact that the American and the Englishman so often misunderstand one another, and are hindered from realising that brotherly affection which does exist though it lies hidden beneath the surface. You see our faults, and we see yours. We both of us employ upon one another that power of judgment which is given for home use and not for exercise upon our neighbours. Intent upon the odious work of criticising our brother's peculiarities we forget that in his eyes our imperfections stand out with special clearness. An American speaking or writing about England; an Englishman speaking or writing about America; both find it hard to do so perfectly fairly, because both cannot fail to see too clearly the points of difference, and both are too apt to enshrine themselves in a fictitious position of infallibility, and from thence to formulate judicial sentences upon the shortcomings of their own kinsmen. Let this unmasonic spirit never find a place in the Anglo-American Lodge. Let us rather strive to discover what is good in each, and to show the world how strong a power for good the Anglo-Saxon race is. Let every man employ the gavel upon his own excrescences, and leave his neighbour to do a like work for himself. Let us each learn from our brother. I believe there is much that an American can teach an Englishman, much also that an Englishman can teach an American. And further, do not let us be ashamed to make use of our brother's work. One man's skill lies in this direction, another man's in the opposite. Our ancient brethren recognised this fact. Every Craftsman was set to do that work which he could do best, and what he produced was used in conjunction with other work, different in kind but no less beautiful. Every work was a masterpiece—it lent beauty to and it borrowed beauty from other works. Both in nature and in art absolute uniformity is impossible; it is the skilful blending together of good details which is the perfection of every structure. So, brethren, strive in your Lodge to harmonize the peculiar excellencies of our two great nations, and when the world recognises a society strong and useful, because it rises above the narrow limits of prejudice and passion, it will say, with the writer from whom I have borrowed my sentiment,—What people on earth could do this but the Anglo-Saxon?

The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, and on its completion Bro. Brackstone Baker was duly installed as Worshipful Master; he in turn invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Adolphus Clarke S.W., Frederick Kedge J.W., J. B. Cumming Treasurer, G. Reynolds Secretary, Consul-General T. Waller S.D., J. J. Woolley J.D., and G. H. Reynolds I.G. The addresses were then delivered by the Grand Secretary in his usually fluent manner, and on the motion of the Worshipful Master a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Shadwell Clerke for his kindness in attending and performing the consecration ceremony in such masterly manner. The usual compliment of honorary membership was paid to the Grand Officers who took part in the proceedings, and some routine business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed in form. Subsequently an elegant banquet was partaken of, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair and duly honoured. In giving the health of Her Majesty the Queen, the Worshipful Master referred to her as the daughter of a Mason, the mother of Masons, and the grandmother of Masons. She continued to evince a deep interest in Freemasonry, of which she was the Patroness. This was a toast which he was sure would heartily commend itself to the brethren of both nationalities, and he asked them to drink to it with loyalty and enthusiasm. The National Anthem having been sung, the Worshipful Master proposed the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and in course of his remarks said it had been his good fortune to serve under three Grand Masters of England, namely, the Earl of Zetland, the Marquess of Ripon, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. It was gratifying to know that the Heir Apparent to the British Crown was certainly more popular than any of his predecessors, and his accession to office had given such an impetus to Freemasonry as it had never before received. Bro. A. Clark Senior Warden next gave the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, and in doing so remarked that there never was a more disinterested body of Grand Officers than those who at present administered the affairs of Grand Lodge. The same rule applied to that body as did to the members of private Lodges, and unless they pulled together they could expect neither harmony nor success. But in this respect the Grand Officers worked with the utmost unity and goodwill, and thus the result was eminently satisfactory to the whole Craft. General Studholme Brownrigg, in reply, said the fact of his having been called upon to do so was a matter of accident, inasmuch as the Grand Registrar, Bro. Philbrick Q.C., had not yet been able to put in an appearance, owing to other pressing engagements. He (the speaker) had been 45 years a Mason, and had witnessed during that time many consecrations; but seldom, if ever, had he seen the ceremonies more beautifully rendered than they had been that day. He referred to the Oration which had been delivered by the acting Grand Chaplain, and which had been so graciously received by the brethren. He spoke of the cordiality of Masonic and national feeling which existed between English and American brethren. The health of the Worshipful Master and success to the Anglo-American Lodge was proposed by the Grand Secretary, who in the course of his address spoke of the fitness of Bro. Brackstone Baker for the position to which he had been elected, being well-known as the representative at Grand Lodge of England of no less than fifteen Grand Lodges of America. That in itself gave him a pre-eminent

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claim to be the first Worshipful Master of the Anglo-American Lodge. He (the W.M.) was initiated in Canada, and was now a Past Grand Deacon of England, in which position, as in all others, he had done good suit and service to Freemasonry. He trusted Bro. Baker might have a happy and prosperous year of office. The Worshipful Master, having returned thanks for the cordiality with which the toast had been received, dilated at some length upon the origin and progress of Freemasonry in America. Eulogising the manner in which the ceremony of consecration had been performed by the Consecrating Officer, he said that, as he had already told them, he had served under three Grand Masters, so also had he served under three Grand Secretaries, viz., Bros. Gray Clark, John Hervey, and Colonel Shadwell Clerke. He spoke of the earnestness and zeal with which each of these brethren had applied themselves to the onerous duties of their office; but without drawing invidious comparisons, he did not hesitate to say that their present Grand Secretary was more energetic, able, and popular than either of his predecessors. In responding, Colonel Shadwell Clerke disclaimed much of the eulogy that had been showered upon him by the proposer of the toast. He did not wish to arrogate to himself all the honour and glory of the proceedings of the day; he could refer with nothing but admiration to the eloquent oration to which they had listened in the Lodge-room from their Chaplain, and which had given unbounded satisfaction to the brethren. Their rev. brother had, however, been called away to attend to other important duties, and where he was afraid there would not even be a dinner; moreover, at the end of those duties he had a long distance to travel, and could not well reach home before midnight. After alluding in felicitous terms to the services rendered to Freemasonry by Bro. T. Fenn, Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott, and others, he said there was one point he omitted to mention in Lodge, and that was the sad news that had just been reported from America, namely, the death of Bro. Alfred Goodall, whose name was as "a household word" both to English and American Masons. That esteemed brother had just died very suddenly, and by his death the Craft had sustained a severe and irreparable loss. Bro. S. Pope gave Our American Joining Brethren, and in doing so humorously observed that it was fortunate for himself that their American brethren had set up for themselves a local habitation and name in London, for he suffered so intensely when on the sea, that he should never be able to undertake a voyage across the Atlantic to see how Masonry was worked in America. Bro. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York, responded in a practical address, alluding in interesting manner to the progress of Freemasonry in America, and expressing the pleasure it afforded him that Grand Lodge had sanctioned the happy idea of forming an Anglo-American Lodge in this country. This was, perhaps, not to be wondered at when they considered that men of such advanced proclivities as were the Americans had no home of their own in this country in which they could exercise their Masonic functions. The Americans entertained feelings of the most respectful admiration for English Freemasons and English Freemasonry, and no toast ever received a more cordial reception in America than the one having reference to the Prince of Wales as the head of English Freemasonry. Consul-General Waller also responded, in a lengthy and eloquent speech, though at the outset he questioned whether the brethren had not had already quite enough of "Hail! Columbia" that evening. Reverting to the qualms which Bro. Pope had confessed to in view of a voyage across the Atlantic, the speaker humorously said the terrors of the ocean would not be the only dangers he would have to encounter, for once they had welcomed him in America, it would be no easy task for a brother of his popularity to escape from their fraternal embraces. Masonry acknowledged but one flag, namely that of distress; in that regard this flag floated over every nation and people. He then went on to say that half a century ago there were only 30,000 Masons in America, whereas there were at the present moment 600,000; this Anglo-American Lodge would have a tendency to cement the brethren on both sides of the Atlantic in stronger and more enduring bonds of amity and brotherly love. No sensible American but would be highly gratified and impressed with the fact of this Lodge being inaugurated, and he predicted for it a long and brilliant career. Bro. Kedge J.W. having proposed the Visitors, in cordial terms, Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D. replied, extolling the admirable address to which they had just listened from Bro. Consul-General Waller. When he (the speaker) visited America he expected to find it all prairie, plain and desert, but he found everything had succumbed to the onward march of civilization. Masonry was in a flourishing condition there, as it was in England, and the establishment of this Lodge would go far to unite the two nationalities in the common bond of Masonic love and affection. Bro. Prince Ibrahim Hilmey Pasha, brother of the reigning sovereign in Egypt, also briefly replied, observing that he little thought he should be called upon to respond to a toast on this the occasion of his second appearance only in a Masonic Lodge. He assured them he esteemed it a very great honour to be associated with the Craft, and he appreciated much the privilege of being permitted to respond to so important a toast. He wished the Lodge every success. The toast of the Masonic Charities, proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. Frederick Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He expressed great pleasure in having entrusted to him such a duty on the occasion of the consecration of a Lodge especially representing two English-speaking nations. The W.M. had said at the outset that brevity of speech would be the order of the evening, but he thought he might be allowed to follow the precept of the W.M. in acknowledging the cordial manner in which the toast of the Charities had been received by the brethren present. He was but a poor utilitarian member of the Order, but he, too, must be permitted to pay a tribute of admiration to the eloquent and touching address of Bro. Consul-General Waller. He made passing allusion to the death of Bro. Goodall, which had been mentioned by Grand Secretary, and described it as an event which would be regretted by Freemasons on both sides of the Atlantic. After referring to the gratifying success which attended the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he said the Boys' School was a somewhat unfashionable branch of the Masonic Charities. Any reference to the Girls' Institution was sure to evoke sentiment and feelings of sympathy; this was not the case with the Boys', on whose behalf he must say a word or two. The lads who were maintained and educated at the Boys' School would form no inconsiderable section of the fathers of the future, and would exercise no little influence on the destinies of the country in days to come. He was deeply indebted to Bro. Major Geo. Lambert—who was ever ready to lend a helping hand in the cause of Charity—offering himself as a Steward from this new Lodge at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Binckes went on to argue at some length that the Institution with which he was more intimately associated was the most needy of the three, at the same time he would venture to say it was the most deserving. The other Institutions were possessed of funded property, which materially assisted the carrying on of the work done in them; but this was not the case with the Boys' School. If the funded property of that Institution were equal to that of the others he should consider his labours consummated. Referring to certain allegations that the expenditure in connection with the Boys' School was extravagant, all he asked was that the brethren should investigate the figures for themselves. At no time in the history of the School had the average expenditure been more than from £47 to £48 per head per annum, and in the past year that average had been reduced to £40, as against £45 in the preceding year. He trusted the Boys' School, in common with the other Institutions, would benefit from the special efforts which would be made in connection with the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign, and he had faith that such confidence would not be misplaced. Having referred to the fact that he had been for 26 years an advocate of this branch of our Institutions, he concluded with an earnest appeal for continued and enlarged support to the Boys' School. The Officers of the Lodge formed the subject of the next toast, and on their behalf a suitable and practical response was made by Bro. George Lambert P.G. Sword Bearer. The proceedings were shortly afterwards closed in the usual manner by the Tyler. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau. Nothing could excel the admirable manner in which the comforts and enjoyment of the distinguished company of guests were studied by the proprietors of the Criterion, Messrs. Spiers and Pond, whose catering and attendance elicited the most unqualified expressions of appreciation from all the brethren present.

Obituary.

BRO. ANTHONY HARRISON SCARD.

MANY of our brethren in the City will have learned with sincere regret of the death of Bro. Anthony Scard, which occurred under painfully sudden circumstances on Wednesday evening last. About half past eight o'clock a gentleman was observed to fall, in the Walworth-road, and on the arrival of a local medical man, about three minutes later, he pronounced life extinct. The deceased Brother was at once conveyed to his residence in the Kennington-road, where it was explained that he left home in the forenoon, apparently in his usual health, for the City, where he had business to transact. It was on his way homeward that he was suddenly overtaken by the hand of death, the immediate cause being heart disease. We have not yet ascertained the Lodge to which Bro. Scard belonged, but he was well known in many of our City Lodges, and a familiar figure at various summer banquets, where he was characterised by a vivacity almost amounting to eccentricity. He had been for many years a guardian of the City of London, where he was proverbial for the interest he took, particularly in the apprenticing of pauper children; indeed he spoke on a kindred subject only the day preceding his death, at a meeting of the guardians in Bartholomew-close. His sudden removal, at the comparatively early age of sixty-one years, will be a source of unfeigned regret to a wide circle of friends.

It is with unfeigned regret we have to record the death of Mrs. Roberts, the beloved wife of Bro. J. Roberts P.M. and P.Z. Prosperity Lodge and Chapter. The sad event took place, somewhat suddenly, at 32 Lawrence Lane, Cheapside, on the 8th instant. The deceased lady was well known to the members of Lodge 65; she always took an interest in the Masonic Institutions, and entered thoroughly into any scheme that would add to the comfort and happiness of those less fortunately circumstanced.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As spring approaches a most favourable opportunity offers for rectifying irregularities, removing impurities, and erasing blemish, which have arisen from the presence of matters forbade by water 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 the purifying and aperative doses of Holloway's Pills, round each box of which plain "instructions" are folded. Bilious disorders, loss of appetite, fullness after eating, lassitude, gout and rheumatism may be effectively checked in their painful progress, and the seeds of long suffering eradicated by these remedies.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Olympic.—Mr. Edward Terry's season at this theatre is now fast drawing to a close. By his clever acting and the support given him he has achieved a gratifying success. By special request, the "Churchwarden" has been withdrawn, though still in the height of its popularity. This has enabled the manager to provide for twelve special performances of Pinero's eccentric comedy "In Chancery." On Monday Mr. Terry appeared in his original character of Montague Joliffe. His wonderfully funny rendering of the part kept the house in roars of laughter. He was well supported by Mr. T. C. Valentine, who gave a good rendering of the quarrelsome and irritable characteristics of Capt. McCafferty. Mr. J. Clulow was easy as Dr. Titus, the medical attendant of the Captain. Mr. J. G. Taylor, who took the part of Hinxman, the detective, was especially good. Mr. W. Calvert (John) was scarcely up to his usual form. The characters of Buzzard and Gawge were taken by Messrs. T. Eames and W. Chandler respectively. Miss Edith Maunder played Mrs. Smith in finished style; but so excellent an actress as Miss Cowper had scarcely sufficient to do as Mrs. Jackson. Still, what was assigned her was done gracefully. Miss Maria Jones as Patricia McCafferty gave a good rendering of the part. The petite comedietta, "My Cousin," by Mr. J. J. Hewson, was afterwards produced, for the first time in London. The piece saw the light in the provinces. Although styled original, it savours strongly of "Our Boys." Mr. Terry essays the part of John Perryble, a retired soap-boiler, who is continually talking of pigs and bees. His son has been sent to London to get an insight of the world. From the metropolis he writes to his father, that he has fallen in love with an orphan, but for some unknown reason this orphan has left London; at the same time he announces his intention to return home. The father is somewhat put out by this letter; he desires his son shall marry his cousin. The son returns home, and brings a friend, George Pleadwell, a barrister. Meantime a governess has entered the service of the retired soap-boiler; judge the son's surprise when he recognises in this governess his loved one. This lady eventually proves to be the orphan of the sister of Perryble, the only offspring of an unhappy marriage. After the usual mystifications, Perryble jun. is allowed to pair off with the orphan, and George Pleadwell makes up to the cousin, originally intended for the younger Perryble. It is almost needless to say Mr. Terry was funny as Perryble sen. Mr. J. Clulow as Pleadwell was somewhat heavy. Miss Maria Jones was good as Mrs. Perryble. Clara the rich cousin was daintily played by Miss Cowper; while Clara the orphan was portrayed in a quiet and becoming manner by Miss Stanhope.

Gaiety.—Miss Amy Roselle's promised matinée was duly celebrated on Thursday, when was produced a new comedy in three acts by Mr. H. M. Paull. This gentleman, a novice in dramatic work, has shown some sound ideas, and if his present offering does prove successful—we can scarcely hope it will—we may anticipate another work shortly from him. The piece under notice is of a complicated character; if we take it as a faithful presentation of the morals of the present day they must indeed be at a low mark. That it has some telling lines we cannot dispute, but on the whole the piece is one we should not care to see re-acted. If Mr. Paull has pictured his own views he must have a poor opinion of men and women. He deals too much with romance, and this alone might wreck a work of more pretension. Still "The Great Felicidad" may be accepted, as from a young author who is expected to do better next time. We may state here that "The Great Felicidad" is the name of a mine in South America; the frauds in connection with this mine, coupled with the incompatibility of temper displayed by the married personages, is really all the material the play is made up of. Two characters—Walter Prothero and Mrs. Armstrong—might have proved interesting but for their frequent references to the past; while the malicious nature of Guy Kensett is certainly in as inane a strain as the other characters. The sterling ability of the principals did a great deal for the piece, Messrs. Arthur Dacre, Brandon Thomas, F. H. Macklin, Geo. Canninge, the Misses Amy Roselle and Cissy Grahame, with Mrs. Geo. Canninge filling the most important rôles. As is usual on such occasions, at the end the ladies and gentlemen engaged were summoned, while the author also bowed his acknowledgments. We are told that Mrs. Nye Chart, the lessee of the Theatre Royal Brighton, who witnessed the performance, immediately made an offer to Miss Roselle and her company to appear at Brighton. This they will do next Thursday afternoon.

Surrey.—Mr. George Conquest, the popular lessee of this theatre, has done well in reviving "New Babylon." The piece, first produced at the Holborn Theatre, was one of the earliest Mr. Paul Meritt wrote, and although containing nothing really good, it has the advantage of having several exciting scenes, well worked up and here capitally staged. What more does a Surrey audience want? If we judge from appearance, its answer would be — Nothing. Nightly a crowded house is the result of Mr. Conquest's last effort to provide amusement for his patrons.

Miss Kate Vaughan will make her first appearance as Peg Woffington, in "Masks and Faces," at the Opera Comique this (Saturday) evening. The minute and elaborate care which has characterised the production of the comedies in Miss Vaughan's répertoire is such as is seldom or never bestowed on pieces which are destined for only a fortnight's run. Even more pains have been taken over Tom Taylor's and Charles Reade's charming play than over any of the other revivals so that when Miss Vaughan essays the rôle of her fascinating forerunner of the footlights nothing shall be lacking in the way of artistically sumptuous and appropriate surroundings, including the costumes by Mrs. May (with the exception of Miss Vaughan's, which are the work of Miss Fisher), the new scenery by Mr. E. Bankes, and the furniture by Mr. Lyons. The cast includes Mr. Forbes Robertson as Sir Charles Pomander; Mr. Lewis Waller (who leaves the Strand Theatre to join Miss Vaughan's company) as Ernest Vane; Mr. Lionel Brough in the part small, but full of possibilities, of Colley Cibber; Mr. James Fernandez as Triplet, Miss Gwynne as Mrs. Vane, Miss S. Vaughan as Kitty Clive, and Miss Kate Vaughan as Peg Woffington. Miss Vaughan has determined to wind up with the rhyming "tag" originally spoken at the Adelphi.

The Board of Benevolence held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, when there was a full attendance, under the presidency of Bro. James Brett P.G.P., Senior Vice-President. The recommendations made at the February meeting, to the extent of £230, were confirmed, and a list of new cases was presented, from forty-four localities. Two of these cases were dismissed, and five were deferred. The total amount awarded to the remainder was £1125. There was one recommendation of £150, two for £75 each, two for £50 each, six for £40 each, and seven for £30 each. Nine grants were made of £20 each, one of £15, seven of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

The installation meeting of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, was held at Uxbridge on Monday. A full report of the proceedings, which were of an eminently gratifying character, will be given next week.

There was an exceptionally good attendance of the members of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, on Thursday last, at the Guildhall Tavern, when upwards of forty Visitors were invited to witness the installation of Bro. W. Walker as W.M., in succession to Bro. R. Dyson. The latter was presented with a Past Master's jewel in Lodge, and at the banquet that followed he was made the recipient of a splendidly fitted liqueur case, which was accompanied by a massive gold bracelet for Mrs. Dyson. A full report of these interesting proceedings will be given in our next issue.

We understand that Bro. Adolphus E. Church, P.M. 51 P.P.G.P. Essex, has been appointed Clerk of the Peace for the Borough of Colchester, of which the Grand Registrar of England (Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C.) is Recorder. Bro. Church has for some years held the appointment of Borough Coroner.

The members of the North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, which meets at Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, assembled on Thursday, 24th instant. Companions W. Radcliffe Z., E. M. Money H., F. Brasted J., J. E. Sheffield S.N., J. M. Scarlett P.S. The Companions mustered pretty well, and the ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed.

Bro. Stevie Langton, one of those who so well contributed to the enjoyment of those who attended The Great City Lodge of Instruction Smoking Concert, on Thursday, begs to announce his first annual benefit smoking concert for next Wednesday, at "Ye Old Bell," Knightrider Street, Addle Hill, E.C. We may also announce that Mr. Duncan Collie will take a benefit at the Prince Albert Hotel, Albert Bridge Road, Battersea, S.W., on the 21st April. We wish both these gentlemen a successful evening.

The following Festivals took place at Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 26th March:—

Monday—Grand Masters Lodge, British Lodge, Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. Tuesday—Royal Savoy Lodge, Tuscan Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge Festival. Wednesday—Lodge of Antiquity, Jordan Lodge, St. Olive's Cinderella. Thursday—Mount Moriah Lodge, Grenadiers' Lodge, St. George's Chapter, Vane Chapter. Friday—Peace and Harmony Lodge, Jerusalem Lodge, London Inverness Ball. Saturday—St. James's Soirée.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 26th MARCH.

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)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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. (Inst)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1708—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 Street, W., at 8
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

MONDAY, 28th MARCH.

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
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
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, 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, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
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)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (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, Cour 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
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 29th MARCH.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1381—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Kuhlomatic, 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, Channion, 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)
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)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
269—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Halos Owen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1179—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1366—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636—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, 30th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mark, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
234—United Strength, The Horse, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 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, 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.)
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, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, 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
1283—Ryburn, 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. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 31st 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)
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., at 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1902—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—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—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
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)
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111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
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R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
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FRIDAY, 1st APRIL.

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Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
765—St. James, Gregorian Arms Tavern, Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, at 8. (In)
769—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1154—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1293—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, Lathrope Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1789—[illegible], 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. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
K.T. 134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodhouse, Suffolk.
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453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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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
1086—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)
1523—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
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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 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
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SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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)
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THE JUBILEE AND THE LADIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If one might judge from the "signs of the times," it is pretty clear that the wives, sweethearts and sisters of Masons are to have their share in the festivities that are being arranged in celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. This is only what one might have expected from a body of men than whom "no mortal can more the ladies adore;" and I am heartily pleased to hear that in many of our influential Lodges committees have been formed to arrange the preliminaries necessary for the thorough enjoyment of the brethren and their female friends. It is customary with many of our Lodges to arrange summer banquets and excursions, in which the fair sex form so charming an element, and dear are the recollections which many of us cherish of delightful excursions to Richmond, Kempton Park, and many other salubrious spots within easy distance of the metropolis. The same plan exists, though probably not to such an extent, in the Provinces, though I have still the happiest reminiscences of such gatherings under the auspices of the good old Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull, where these affairs are, or were at any rate, most energetically and successfully carried out. In some parts of the country two or more Lodges combine in efforts of this sort, and thus make up what may almost be designated "monster pic-nics." Athough the réunions are to all intents and purposes Masonic, yet there is a certain amount of latitude shown on such occasions, and male acquaintances who are not Masons are frequently amongst the invited guests. I have always—though proverbially not a "ladies' man"—entertained a strong opinion that the setting apart of special occasions in which the female part of our family may participate in the social features of our Institution is a good idea, one that should be encouraged to the utmost extent, consistent with prudence. Such experiments, wherever tried, have invariably proved successful, and have left a most favourable impression on the minds of all concerned, and especially our spouses. The tendency of such meetings is to make the Lodge more popular with home, and when this happy state exists it makes life much more agreable for the Craftsmen. Most ladies have a natural curiosity regarding the Lodge and its workings. With some there is great confidence that the work and object is of the highest order, yet with others a reverse opinion may prevail. These gatherings must counteract the adverse opinions, and satisfy all that the Lodge is an excellent Institution, where a good work is performed, and where the female is equally remembered. There can be little doubt that "poor Mrs Caudle" formed a much better opinion of Freemasonry after she had been invited to a few of these entertainments—if forsooth there were any in those days—than she did at the time she delivered her famous "curtain lecture!"

Without entering further into the general question of admitting ladies to a participation in the social element of Freemasonry, I sincerely trust that the example being set by the members of the Domatic and some other of our more influential Lodges will be followed during the Jubilee year, and that the "leafy month of June" may witness many a joyous gathering, in sequestered nook and sylvan glen in the suburbs of London, in honour of the auspicious event. Such an unselfish and liberal means of commemorating the Jubilee would find favour with a vast majority of the Brethren of the Craft, and none, I am sure, would more unanimously applaud the idea than the ladies themselves.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

VETERAN.

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THE APPROACHING ELECTION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE action of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at the Special General Court held on the 21st ult., when they decided to admit all the then eligible candidates for that Institution, without the anxiety of a ballot, has rendered any half-yearly review of the applicants unnecessary in connection with this year's April Election for that Charity; indeed, no balloting papers have been issued to the subscribers, as there is of course no need for them. Unfortunately a very different condition of affairs exists in connection with the Boys' School, where there are forty-five candidates and only twenty-five vacancies, so that there is no possibility of the supporters of that Institution being able to follow the example of the sister Charity, and admit all the applicants to the School, as a means of celebrating the Jubilee of Her Majesty's long reign, although there is no doubt but that such a course would be unanimously approved, if the responsibility which would attach to it was not greater than the subscribers feel justified in taking upon themselves.

The ballot which is thus rendered necessary in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is fixed to take place on Monday, the 18th inst., when, as we have said, forty-five candidates will compete for twenty-five vacancies. Of the candidates, thirty-five now appear on the list for the first time, five have taken part in one previous contest, two now make a third application, two a fourth, and one now applies for the sixth time. Four of the forty-five will be precluded from any further competition if they are unsuccessful at the coming Election, by reason of their age being such as to then bring them within the scope of Law 53, which limits the age of candidates.

The four last applications are all new to the present list. No. 22, Arthur Henry Scholes, is one of five dependent children, whose father is yet living. The case is accredited to the Province of West Yorkshire, the father having been initiated in the Amphibious Lodge, No. 258, subscribing thereto for a period of twenty-six years. We have no particulars as to special claims in connection with the case, but have no doubt there are good and sufficient reasons which render the child eligiblefor the benefits of the School, which we hope he will be fortunate enough to secure at the only election for which he is eligible. No. 35, William Helsby Moss, appears to be especially deserving of Masonic sympathy, he being one of four dependent children left with neither father nor mother. The father was iniated in the Bertie Lodge, No. 1515, Oxfordshire, and remained a subscribing member thereof until the time of his death, which took place in September of last year. We trust the Province of which the father was a member will be able to secure such support for the lad as to place him in the School for which he is now a candidate, and that they may eventually be able to extend some further help to this family. No. 43, Frederic Webber, is perhaps even worse off than in the case just referred to; he is one of five dependent children left parentless. The father was initiated in the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907, London, and subsequently joind the St. James's Lodge, No. 1597, Middlesex, so that the friends of the candidate have two important centres of Masonry from which to secure aid, but unfortunately both London and Middlesex are so deficient in the matter of organisation in regard to voting power that the child is worse off than if its father had belonged to a smaller, but better managed section of Freemasonry. However, with such claims on Masonic sympathy as this lad presents it is to be hoped that sufficient combination will be displayed to ensure his election. The other last applicant is the last on the list, No. 45, Herbert Morton Harrison, who is an only child dependent on his mother. The father, who died in August last, was initiated in the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, North and East Yorkshire, in 1867, and subsequently took an active part in the foundation of the Goderich Lodge, No. 1211, West Yorkshire, and the Vernon Lodge, No. 1892, Nottinghamshire, of which latter Province he was also a Past Grand Officer. It is to be hoped that the long and active Masonic career of the father may prove of service to his child, now that he is in need of help.

Three of the remaining candidates have neither parent living, and on that account seem to present special claims on the sympathy of the Craft. No. 36, William Bertram Dixon, is one of four children thus circumstanced. The father was initiated in the Curwen Lodge, No. 1400, and subsequently joined the Sun and Sector, No. 902, both in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, in which district he also held Provincial rank. The mother was a Life Governor of the Institution for which the son is now a candidate, and wherein we hope he will ere long find a home. No. 38, James McCallum Mitchell, is one of six parentless children, whose father was made a Mason in the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441, Cambridgeshire; he afterwards joining the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, in the same Province. No. 40, Robert James Tombs, is one of two children now dependent on friends. His father was an initiate of the Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592, Gloucestershire, and a founder of the Vale of White Horse Lodge, No. 1770, Berks and Bucks. We here have two well organized Provinces from which to look for help for this parentless child, and we shall be surprised if he is not early returned on the list of successful candidates. The father is accredited with having been an occasional subscriber to all of the Charities, another feature which should have weight in securing his son's early admission to the Boys' School.

We will now devote attention to those candidates who have already tried their fortune at previous Elections. They are ten in number, and the most fortunate among them appears to have been No. 5, Harry Norman Angier, who has a total of 1194 votes to his credit, as the result of two applications. He is one of four children dependent on a widowed mother, whose husband was initiated in the Hope Lodge, No. 433, Essex, in 1881. He remained a subscribing member until his death, in 1883, and from the support already accorded this son appears to have gained many friends among his brother Masons. Essex should—and no doubt will—be able to make this lad's admission to the School a certainty at the coming Election. No. 3, Percy Haslem Matthews, now applies for the fourth time, and has a total of 974 votes to his credit, as the result of the three contests in which he has taken part. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and is one of four children yet dependent on their widowed mother. The father was initiated in the Furness Lodge, No. 995, West Yorkshire, and was one of the Founders of the Arthur John Brogden Lodge, No. 1715, in the same Province, subscribing until the time of his death, which occurred in January 1880. We hope the

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974 votes already enrolled on behalf of this lad may be increased to such an extent on the 18th as to place him on the list of those successful. No. 2, Joseph Wood, has also made three previous applications, and as the result thereof has 726 votes to his credit. His father was initiated in the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, London, in 1881 and subscribed thereto until the time of his death, four years later. There are six children dependent on the mother who, we hope, will soon be relieved of the care of one of her children. No. 7, William Collinson, was a candidate in October last, and on that occasion polled 364 votes. He is one of three dependent children, whose father was initiated in the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, Hants and Isle of Wight, subscribing thereto until his death, in August 1878. No. 4, Harold Gray, has 235 votes brought forward from the two elections of last year. His father was an initiate of British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, King William's Town, filling therein the offices of Secretary and Junior Warden. This applicant is an only child, dependent on the widowed mother. No. 8, Charles William Green, comes forward for the second time, with 59 votes to his credit. He is one of two children dependent on a widowed mother, the husband of whom was initiated in St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024, Essex. No. 10, Frederick William John Scott, had 41 votes polled on his behalf last October. He is one of three fatherless children of an initiate of the St. John's Lodge, No. 828, Cape of Good Hope, who remained a subscribing member until the time of his death. No. 1, George Cannon, represents one of those cases which have happily become rare of late, in which a candidate makes application after application without any appreciable appearance of ultimate success. This lad now comes forward for the sixth time, with only 40 votes to his credit. He is an only child, dependent on a widowed mother; the father, who died in 1881, was initiated in St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, Northumberland. If the child is really deserving of help we should like to see him admitted; if not, his name should be withdrawn from the list of candidates. No. 9, Edgar Holmes Burgess, is another north country case, the father having been made a Mason in the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Durham. This lad and two other children are now dependent on their mother, who secured 39 votes on behalf of her son at the last Election. We hope the close of the coming contest will see her son's total considerably augmented. No. 6, John Crossman, was a candidate in October last, but no votes were then polled on his behalf. He is one of two dependent on a widowed mother. The father was admitted to Masonic light in the St. Anne's Lodge, No. 970, Cornwall, and afterwards joined St. John's Lodge, No. 70, Devon, so that there are two strong Provinces from which to look for aid. We hope that each will do its share, and that eventually the widow of this deceased brother may receive the aid from the Craft to which she is entitled.

The remaining cases are all new to the present list, and, as may be imagined, the claims presented by each are of a very varied character. The families of which the boys are members range in number from ten dependent children, down to the one now applying for admission to the Boys' Institution. In two cases, No. 17, Francis Pater Turner, and No. 32, Horatio Albert Patience, the boys have sisters in the Girls' School, and in three others the father of the applicant is still living, although in one case an affliction, perhaps worse then death—lunacy—is recorded.

In conclusion we can but regret it is not in the power of the Freemasons of England to take charge of all the lads at present considered eligible for the benefits of the Boys' School, but at the same time we must not lose sight of the fact that what is contemplated in connection with this month's Election is most gratifying. That the Institution is able to offer a home for twenty-five of the forty-five applicants is sufficient evidence that the Craft is not unmindful of the claims of those who, from calamity or misfortune, are compelled to appeal for the help of the charitable, and which, in the case of Freemasons, is so readily and amply accorded.

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The world is full of Egyptians.

We see a brother struggling with adversity. We say he must overcome the difficulties and rise above them. He *must* make bricks without straw. He tries, and he tries hard, too; but, like those of the Israelites, his bricks are worthless; they do not accomplish the purpose of bricks. He fails again and again, and we say, "Poor fellow!" So far we are better than the Egyptians, but some of us do not even do that much, but add to the burden by absolute neglect and failure on our part to do what is in our power, without loss to ourselves. Of what good is "poor fellow" to a hungry man, if we shut up our bowels of compassion and fail to feed him? "Poor fellow" in such a case is but an Egyptian whip, and it stings, too, when applied to a fellow's back.

We cannot get out from under responsibility. It will confront us sooner or later, and it may be our cheeks will tingle with shame at the revelation.

> "Ye knew your duty, but ye did it not,
> These are the words to which the harps of grief
> Are strung; and to the chorus of the damned,
> The rocks of hell repeat them evermore."

There are many unnecessary graves in the world. There are many unnecessary breaking hearts around us, and they may be very near to us. There are many needlessly desolate hearthstones, and they may bring desolation to our own souls, because we know our duty and do it not. We bring sorrow to our hearts by neglect. Neglect is sometimes criminal. The cries of those around us, struggling amid the trials of life, may give us many heartaches, because we do not heed them. Many a broken-hearted man has gone to an untimely death because the proud spirit could not stand the "whips and scorns of outrageous fortune."

We may commit murder by neglect. It is not right that we should cause a fellow-man to be humiliated. We ought to help him up, and not by act or word try to keep him down, or by neglect force him to struggle unaided.

> "Whose is the fault if this one stumbles,
> If that laments a hopeless bruise?
> Or if another sits despairing?
> Yours—mine—who timely aid refuse."

As long as we are in the world we are more or less "our brother's keeper." Ties of humanity bind the whole world together. We cannot help the whole world, but we can help the one near us. Who is my neighbour? Who is my brother? He it is that I must help. I must learn to speak a word where a word will do; give of my time where time will aid; open my purse when that is needed; lend a helping hand whenever duty calls.

> "The little children they shall teach us
> 'Tis easier taking hold of hands."

We should help each other.

A blind man once met a lame man limping on the street. The blind man hoped the lame man would conduct him safely on his way.

"Me help you?" said the lame man; "I cannot walk; but you look strong and able to carry me. Now, if you will bear me on your back, I will guide you. Your strong feet shall be mine, and my good eyes shall be yours."

The blind man accepted the proposition and carried the lame man, crutches and all, and both accomplished together what neither could have done alone. And so it is in the world. A brother needs help, and with a little help he can soon be able to help himself, and in turn help others.

When a man loses his money he finds the clouds of adversity hide completely the friends of his sunshiny days.

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He goes to a friend, one who he feels will be true. He unfolds to him a plan by which he can be put on the road to prosperity again. All he needs is a little help—not much—his friend is abundantly able to give it without inconvenience. Ten to one—no, a hundred to one—the friend and brother will say no, and say it, too, in such a way as to destroy the feeling of hope that was beginning to spring up in his heart. He only wanted a little straw, but the Egyptian bade him make bricks without it. If perchance he struggled on, and with a stout heart and by herculean efforts overcomes the obstacles, and is again prosperous, the Egyptian who turned away from him will meet him with a smile, strike him familiarly on the back, and say, "Brave boy! good fellow!" and will be glad to cultivate his acquaintance, and to introduce him as "my friend." If, however, for the want of the straw, he fails to succeed, the coldest blast from the North Pole would not equal the frigid scorn of the same Egyptian friend.

When men are in the clouds of adversity they need the cheerful welcome, the fraternal grasp more than when basking in the sunshine of prosperity. Don't be an Egyptian task-master, but practise the teachings of religion and Masonry. Feel for a brother in a practical way. If he be naked, clothe him. If he be hungry, feed him. If he be discouraged, greet him with a smile, and a hearty, friendly grip. If he asks for bread do not give him a stone. If he is struggling with a hard task, do not "take away the straw."—*Jacques, in New York Dispatch.*

"MASONIC RECORDS" AND BROTHER NORTON.

By Brother Jno. Lane.

WITHOUT desiring to force my opinions on any brother, I fail to discover in Bro. Norton's article in the Freemason's Chronicle of 26th inst. any reason whatever for abandoning the position I have taken respecting No. 79. On the contrary, further investigations, made since my letter of 15th February last, have corroborated and strengthened those views, and the further light thrown on this subject by my recent researches (as recorded in the *Freemason* of 19th March) will, I think, prove conclusively, to every unprejudiced mind, that the list heretofore known as "1730-32" is not of 1730 at all, but was undoubtedly compiled *late* in 1731, and received additions to it, from time to time, down to the end of 1732.

To put this as emphatically as possible, without imitating the style adopted by Bro. Norton, I unhesitatingly affirm, from actual, careful, and critical investigation and examination of the original minute books, &c., that "No. 79 of the Castle at Highgate" was "not removed in 1731 or 1732 to St. Martin's-lane," as Brother Norton says he "*believes*," and that there is not the slightest trace whatever of the existence of any No. 79 as a London Lodge until towards the end of the year 1732.

In my "Masonic Records" I did not state that there were "three seventy-niners," but indicated only two with that number. In my letter, however, of 15th February last I intimated that "this Lodge [Castle at Highgate] fell into abeyance *or* lapsed, and was revived *or* a new Lodge constituted early in 1735." Consequently, Brother Norton, in failing to note the alternative, has gone wide of the mark; and whilst on the one hand it is quite possible that the same Lodge was removed from Highgate to St. Martin's Lane, it is, on the other hand, very questionable, inasmuch as there is no record whatever of the Lodge in the Lists of 1733 and 1734, where one, naturally and reasonably, would expect to find it mentioned, if it was in existence during that period.

On what evidence, or with what "reason," Bro. Norton bases his "belief" that "No. 79 of the Castle at Highgate removed in 1731 or 1732 to St. Martin's Lane, and that from 1731 to 1740 the Highgate Lodge was the only 79 that figured on the English Grand Lodge Register," I should very much like to know. Certainly his "belief" is altogether inconsistent with and antagonistic to the actual facts recorded, for in the Grand Lodge Minute Books, under date 21st November 1732, the Lodge at the "Castle in Highgate" *appears for the first time and is never mentioned again*—except in the 1731-2 List—the number 79 reappearing 24th February 1735 at the "Angel and Crown in Little St. Martin's Lane." I know of no reliable authorities other than those I have referred to; if Bro. Norton has better and more trustworthy sources of information, he may reasonably be asked to produce them. It might then be seen whether, as a Masonic writer, I have, or have not, "jumped" at "wrong conclusions," but at present I respectfully decline the questionable honour of being designated a "Masonic jumper," and having no end to gain or party to serve, but seeking for Truth only, I am content to let what I have written be fairly and honestly tested so that the Truth may win the day.

As a step towards that desirable end, I venture to ask Bro. Norton to reconsider his references to Bro. Pine, as "the *very first* of all Lodge List compilers," and "who (he says) engraved all the Lodge Lists from 1723." It is, I think, a well ascertained fact that the first List known, viz., that of 1723,* was the work of Eman Bowen, Engraver, in Aldersgate Street; Bro. Pine not appearing, so far as we know, as an Engraver of Lodge Lists, until 1725.

ROYAL NAVAL LODGE OF INDEPENDENCE.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

BRO. DAVID PULSIFER, the Boston antiquary, has got hold of a pamphlet, printed in London in 1795, which seems worth describing, for I certainly never saw it noted or alluded to in any Masonic publication. It may, therefore, be something new even to most of the members of the above-named Lodge. The size of the pamphlet is near 6½ by 4 inches, and the following is on its title page:—

"A list of the members belonging to the Royal Naval Lodge of Independence [Number 57] of the most ancient and honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, constituted in the year 1738, held at their private room near Red Lion-street, Wapping, A.D. 1795—A.L. 5795."

At the bottom of the page is written "London," and no printer's name is given. On consulting Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records" I find that the said Lodge was constituted 27th January 1739, which in those days was called 1738. Of course, like other Lodges, its number underwent several changes. Its first number was 179, it was afterwards successively changed to 166, 100, 77, 61, 57, 79, 70, and last to 59. Its locations were also repeatedly changed, the Lodge successively met at Chequers, in Charing Cross, Crown and Anchor, Seven Dials, &c. In 1791 it met near Wapping Old Stairs, and in 1795 at a private room near Red Lion-street, Wapping. But not only its numbers and locations were changed, its name was also changed. Thus up to 1768 the Lodge was nameless. In the said year it assumed the name of "Lodge of Relief and Truth." In 1771, when the Lodge removed to Wapping, it called itself "Royal Navy Lodge." In 1793 it changed to "Royal Naval Lodge." When the additional word Independence was tacked on to it I do not know, I must here only add that since 1865 the said Lodge has met at Freemasons' Hall.

I must now return to the little pamphlet. It has nominally, including the title, 25 pages, but in reality there were two stubs sewn in after page 6, which count for four pages, and one stub was left at the end. To the stub following page 6, a leaf subsequently printed, with names, initiated I presume after 1795, was pasted on. The last stub also had a leaf pasted on, which is page 25, but pages 9 and 19 are still represented by a stub.

The third page is headed with the words "Quarterly Members," which is followed merely by a line. Under the said line comes in capital letters "Present Officers of the Lodge;" the name of every Officer is printed in capital letters, and every one of the Officers resided in Wapping. These consisted of the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and two Stewards. Next comes a list of the "Past Officers," consisting of eight names, four of whom resided in Wapping, or near to it, the other four were scattered over both sides of the Thames.

Page 5 is headed with the words "Land Members," the names are printed in italics, and the residence of each member is given. On pages 5 and 6 there are twenty-five names; on the next page, which was pasted on to one of the stubs, ten other names are added, thus making a total

* *Vide* Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," p 3, and "Masonic Records" pp x and 4.

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of thirty-five land members, exclusive of the Officers and Past Officers, and a majority of the said members resided either in or near Wapping.

Page 11 is headed in capital letters with "Sea Members," this page, as well as the succeeding pages to the foot of 25, are double columned, and the names are preceded by a figure or figures from 1 to 732. On the back of page 25 nine names were added with a pen, making a total of 741 sea members, and the last written name is Joseph White.

That a London Lodge in the beginning of this century (assuming that the last leaf was subsequently inserted after 1795) should have mustered 741 seamen, without resorting to a press-gang, could scarcely have been credited if this pamphlet had not furnished conclusive evidence; and, still more strange, judging from the localities where the said Lodge used to meet before 1791, I can see no reason why it should have attracted a larger number of seamen than other Lodges did. If, therefore, the rush of seamen into the Lodge began when it took up its abode at Wapping, in 1791, it is certainly surprising that in 1795, when the pamphlet was printed, the Lodge was patronised by no less than 680 sea members. The whys and wherefores connected with the history of this Lodge my limited resources fail to supply. I think that the present Secretary of the Lodge might furnish a very interesting article upon the puzzling questions hinted above. But what interests me most is whether Joseph White was an American.

I must here premise that we have in Boston an Antiquarian Genealogical Society, whose members work like bees to find out the pedigrees of all New Englanders, including their "Sisters, Cousins, and Aunts," together with all the doings, occurrences, &c., of those who departed. As an Antiquary, Bro. Pulsifer is imbued with the same taste. Now, in 1830 Joseph White, a retired sea-captain, of Salem, Massachusetts, was murdered. Daniel Webster assisted in the prosecution, and it is regarded as the most famous criminal trial that we have ever had in Massachusetts. Bro. Pulsifer, who was—I scarcely know how many years ago—a clerk in a Law Court at Salem, remembers the event. Putting all these things together, the reader will not be surprised as to why and wherefore Bro. Pulsifer would like to learn whether the Joseph White above named was the identical Joseph White marked down on the pamphlet as a member of the London "Royal Naval Lodge of Independence."

Inquiry has already been made of the Secretary of an old Lodge in Salem, as to whether Joseph White's name could be found either enrolled as a member or in the visitors' book. The answer received was that he was not a member, and that in those days the Lodge kept no visitors' book; and as Bro. Pulsifer, about twenty years ago, fished up the Naval Lodge pamphlet at Ipswich, not far from Salem, it is, therefore, not at all improbable that the unfortunate Captain White, of Salem, was initiated in the Royal Naval Lodge in London. Should this be verified, either by the Secretary of the Lodge or by my friend Bro. Sadler, I am sure that not only Bro. Pulsifer would be mightily pleased with the information, but the news would be equally gratifying to most of his associate brother antiquaries throughout New England.

BOSTON, U.S., 15th March 1887.

THE FREEMASONS AND THE POOR OF MARGATE.

ON Tuesday, the 22nd March, the members of the Union Lodge, No. 127, entertained 220 of aged and deserving poor to a dinner and tea in the Foresters' Hall, Margate. This praiseworthy movement was instituted last year, and it met with such success that, notwithstanding somewhat heavy claims upon the members of the Lodge this year, the suggestion to give a similar entertainment was heartily adopted, and met with even increased support. The tickets were distributed with great care, and it is needless to say that if there had been twice the number there would have been sufficient worthy recipients. The Committee of Management consisted of Bros. W. Jones Lane W.M. (Chairman), F. W. Willett S.W., H. Wootton I.P.M. Secretary, and J. G. Henning P.M. Treasurer, all Past Masters of the Lodge. The Stewards were Bros. W. Jones Lane, Stanley, Brighurst, Henning, and H. D. Reeves. The dinner tables were neatly adorned with potted plants, and the front of the platform was decorated in a similar manner. During the repast selections of music were performed on the pianoforte by Mrs. Jones Lane and Mrs. Frank Perry. After dinner an entertainment of vocal and instrumental music was given; the Mayor (Alderman Hermitage) presided, and he was supported by the Worshipful Master (Bro. Jones Lane), the Rev. J. Drew, the Rev. J. James, the Rev. D. Lloyd, Bro. H. Wootton, and others.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

THE installation meeting of this old and sound working Lodge, held at the Guildhall Tavern, City, on Thursday, the 24th ult., was attended by an unusually large and distinguished assemblage of members and visitors, the latter of whom numbered over forty. Various causes tended to lead up to this satisfactory result, chief amongst them being the great popularity attained by the outgoing Master, Bro. R. Dyson, which was testified to in the most substantial and unmistakable way on the occasion, and the esteem in which the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Walker, is held by the members generally of the Lodge. There is evidently an improved spirit pervading the brethren, compared with that which existed some years ago, and to this fact, and to the able management of affairs under the rule of two or three recent Masters, may be attributed much of the stability and soundness which the Lodge now enjoys. Lodge was opened in form under the presidency of Bro. R. Dyson W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. Walker S.W. and W.M. elect, G. Haller J.W., J. Roberts P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, F. Rose S.D., B. Haynes I.G., C. J. Rich P.M. D.C., J. W. Pimbury A.D.C., R. F. Bourn W.S.; P.M.'s J. H. Goodwin, Leins, C. Daniel, C. E. Ferry, W. Chicken, G. Schadler, J. H. Hawkins, and about fifty other members, with Bro. W. Lane Tyler. The Visitors included Bros. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Std. Br., J. L. Mather P.P.G.S.D. Herts, J. Mason P.M. Collector Royal Masonic Benovolent Institution, P.M.'s C. J. Scales 1507, T. Maidwell 27, J. Brown 975, D. Moss 1275, A. Peterkin 1349, C. H. Webb 174, E. Allen 173, T. T. Fillan 1673, J. Muser P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, R. Voysey W.M. 1329, C. Walker Worshipful Master 862, F. Simmonds 1839, W. Spencer 569, T. Dray 2021, J. Prentice 1125, J. Kirby 1622, J. Guyer 1426, C. Todd 27, A. Trew 959, J. King 1692, B. Fletcher 569, C. H. Flynn 1605, J. W. Gibbs 1804, H. H. Knill 22, W. Boyle 749, A. Swan 907, J. Williams 1158, E. A. Reynolds 569, J. Miller 1491, and others. The minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, the Auditors' report, which showed the Lodge to be in a very satisfactory condition, was submitted, and unanimously approved. Advancing to the second degree, Bro. Trask was passed, the working being performed in masterly manner by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Bro. W. Walker was then presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and having formally assented to the interrogatories on accepting office, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the ceremony of installation was carried out by the retiring Master Bro. Dyson in such a manner as to elicit unbounded expressions of appreciation from all present. On the readmission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was proclaimed, and saluted with full Masonic honours, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. R. Dyson I.P.M., Wall S.W., G. Haller J.W., J. Roberts P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, F. J. Rose S.D., Harris J.D., B. Haynes I.G., C. M. Rich P.M. Dir. of Cers., Ackerman Assist. Dir. of Cers., R. F. Brown W.S., W. Lane Tyler. The charges to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered with considerable elocutionary effect by the Installing Officer, whose working throughout the whole of the ceremony was much admired. In spite of the excessive heat caused by the crowded condition of the Lodge-room, a majority of the brethren remained till the close of the work, and expressed themselves delighted with the admirable way in which it had been carried out. The W.M. then presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Dyson, as a mark of esteem on the part of the brethren of the Lodge, and in recognition of his services. It was one of the most pleasant duties on entering upon the office of W.M. to make this acknowledgment of services well performed, and he hoped Bro. Dyson might long live to wear the jewel which had been so unanimously voted to him. Bro. Dyson Immediate Past Master briefly acknowledged the compliment, and a Committee having been appointed to carry out the arrangements for the summer banquet, Lodge was closed with the usual harmony. At the conclusion of business, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Throne-room, where an elegant banquet was served, the tables being adorned by a profusion of exquisite flowers and ornamental plants. In proposing the loyal toasts the W.M. briefly referred to Majesty's Jubilee, and spoke of the Prince of Wales as a thorough good working Freemason. Not long since he initiated his eldest son into the mysteries of the Order, and performed the ceremony with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Craft generally. On the last occasion of the Grand Lodge meeting, he (the W.M.) was present when His Royal Highness was proposed for re-election as M.W.G.M., and he could assure the brethren that when the Prince's name was mentioned for that high and distinguished office the brethren did not wait for a seconder, but exclaimed "all," with one voice. That was a proof that H.R.H. was esteemed as a good Mason, and worthy of the high and exalted position which he occupied. Long might he remain so. The toast was received with loud cheering. In giving the Grand Officers (present and past), the W.M. spoke of the ability with which they administered the affairs of Grand Lodge. They were honoured by the presence of one of the Past Grand Officers that evening, Brother Edgar Bowyer, who was initiated in the Prosperity Lodge, so that they had something to be proud of in having one of their initiates present in his capacity as a Past Grand Officer. Brother Edgar Bowyer, who had come from the Criterion, where he had assisted the Consecrating Officer of the Anglo-American Lodge, returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure which it afforded him to attend once more a meeting of the Lodge in which he first saw the light of Masonry. Brother R. Dyson then rose for the purpose of performing the first duty that fell to his lot as I.P.M., which was to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. As the elect of the brethren of the Lodge of Prosperity, Brother Walker was entitled to command from him the fulfilment of that duty, but beyond this was the fact that the W.M. was his personal and very dear friend; therefore he had additional gratification in proposing the toast for

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their heartiest consideration. Seeing that they had unanimously elected Brother Walker to the chair, he felt sure the brethren would act up to their convictions, and do all they could to render his year of office a happy and prosperous one. The toast was received with acclamation, and Brother Walker, after suitably returning thanks, assured the brethren he should do all he possibly could to carry out the duties which had been entrusted to him. He had always tried to promote the best interests of the Lodge, and should continue to persevere in the same direction in the future. In proposing the I.P.M. the Installing Master, the W.M. said it was unnecessary to remind them of Brother Dyson's good qualities, which were already well known, but when he came to speak of him as the Installing Master of the day, it became a different matter altogether. He was sorry to hear, a few days before, that Brother Dyson was indisposed, but they all rejoiced that he was now much better. He had never heard the installation ceremony better performed in any Lodge in his life; although he had been present when many eminent Masons had done the same work. But Brother Dyson had certainly eclipsed them all, and therefore he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of his health. He then presented to the I.P.M., a handsomely fitted liqueur case, subscribed for by the brethren, in recognition of the kindness and ability he had displayed during his year of office; and he also asked his acceptance of a massive gold bracelet, as a present from the Lodge to his estimable wife. Mrs. Dyson was known to many of the brethren, and he need scarcely remind them of her kindness to them when enjoying the hospitality of Brother and Mrs. Dyson at their residence. Might they live long to enjoy the esteem and regard in which they were held by every member of the Lodge of Prosperity. On the silver plate of the liqueur stand was the inscription:—

LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.
Presented by the members to
Bro. R. DYSON,
As a token of esteem and respect on retiring from the chair of Worshipful Master.—24th March 1887.

Inside the bracelet, which was richly chased, was the inscription:—

Presented to Mrs. R. Dyson,
By the members of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, to commemorate the year of her husband's Mastership of the Lodge.—24th March 1887.

Bro. R. Dyson I.P.M., after thanking the brethren for the cordial way in which they had received the toast, remarked that it was no light thing to undertake the duties of the chair in a Lodge of this description, and if a man could pass through his year of office with satisfaction to the brethren, it was the very highest reward he could possibly covet. He ventured to hope, from the unanimous and hearty reception they had given him that night he had succeeded in fulfilling the duties with a fair amount of credit to himself, and satisfaction to the Lodge. He assured them that from the moment he was installed into the Master's chair he made up his mind that no effort should be lacking on his part to make his year of office one that should be productive of happiness to the brethren. He had striven to do all he could to promote peace and harmony, and the comfort and happiness of brethren all round. In doing so he believed he was at the same time promoting his own happiness, and no man ever quitted the chair of his Lodge with more sincere feelings of gratitude than he did that night; he only hoped that when Bro. Walker's turn came to respond for the first time as I.P.M. he might enjoy the hearty goodwill of the brethren, such as had been manifested towards himself on this occasion. He thanked them for the beautiful gifts with which they had presented him; at the same time, had he not received them, he should still have thanked the brethren just as heartily for the many kindnesses he had received at their hands. He thanked them for the additional pleasure they had afforded him by the splendid present they had made to his wife, to whom he would convey the kindly expressions that had been used towards her; and on behalf of Mrs. Dyson as well as for himself he again tendered the brethren his heartiest and most grateful acknowledgments. The W.M., in giving the Visitors, said it was a toast always received with peculiar pleasure in the Prosperity Lodge, and it was most gratifying to see so large a number of them present on this occasion. Bro. Voysey W.M. of the Sphinx Lodge, in response, said he had never recollected hearing the installation ceremony more ably performed than it had been done that day. The Prosperity Lodge had two great virtues, charity and hospitality, and both of these had been exemplified in the most liberal and handsome manner. Bro. C. Walker P.M. of the Whittington Lodge said he always enjoyed visiting this Lodge, but his visit on this occasion was invested with additional pleasures by the fact that they had placed his brother in the chair. He felt sure the W.M. was duly impressed with the traditional glories of that position, and was fully alive to the responsibilities he had accepted, as well as the honour they had conferred upon him. He fully anticipated that when the time came for his brother to hand the warrant to his successor, it would pass from his hands with glory undimmed and lustre untarnished. Bro. T. Maidwell P.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, and Bro. Allen P.M. 173 also responded, expressing the pleasure which their visit had afforded them, both in the working they had witnessed and the munificence of the hospitality extended to the Visitors. In proposing the Masonic Charities the W.M. said there were some members of the Lodge who had not joined the association, or become life governors or life subscribers to the Institutions, but he exhorted them to do so without delay. It was difficult to ask a brother for five or ten guineas all at once, but by joining their Masonic Charitable Association, and paying the sum of one shilling weekly, they would eventually become life governors or subscribers. They had two of these Associations in connection with the Prosperity Lodge; the first was worked out in four years, and they sent up in that time 700 guineas. The second, up to this time, had sent up 400 guineas in three years, and in the 12 months yet to elapse he hoped they might supplement this by at least another 100 guineas. These results spoke well for the Lodge of Prosperity, which was always ready to lend a helping hand in the cause of Charity, and he hoped it would continue to do so to the end of its existence. It was his intention to represent the Lodge as a Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution. He hoped they would enable him to take up a list equal in amount to that presented by their I.P.M. this year. Another brother was going up as a Steward for the Girls', and he hoped they would also support him to the utmost of their ability. Bro. John Mason P.M., representing the R.M.B.I., made an earnest appeal for continued and increased support to the three Institutions. The health of the Past Masters came next, and in submitting the toast the W.M. said they all evinced an unabated interest in the Lodge; he was pleased to see no fewer than ten of them present on this occasion. Brother Leins as the senior Past Master, and Brother Hawkins as the junior responded, both expressing their desire and determination to do all they could in the future, as they had done in the past, to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and the comfort and harmony of the brethren. Brother Leins said he was really astonished at hearing the ceremony of installation so well rendered by Brother Dyson; it far surpassed his expectations, every part of it being done in the most perfect and impressive manner. The valuable services rendered by the Treasurer and Secretary were then duly acknowledged by the W.M.; and Bro. Roberts, P.M., in his capacity as Treasurer, said he scarcely felt he ought to be present under the circumstances in which he had been recently placed by domestic bereavment, but as he had been a member of the Lodge 14 years, and never been once absent, he considered it his duty to attend to do honour to the W.M. that evening. He proposed Bro. Walker in the Lodge, and it had always given him pleasure to see him working in it, whether as Secretary of the Association, or in the Lodge of Instruction. They had worked most harmoniously together for many years, and it was gratifying to him to attend that evening to see Bro. Walker in the chair. As Treasurer of the Lodge he should endeavour to do as much in the future as he had in the past to fulfil his duties, he hoped for the benefit of the Lodge. Bro. Brown Secretary in responding said he trusted that he might always deserve their confidence. He had been unavoidably absent from the last two meetings, but was glad to be with them again. In wishing Bro. Walker a happy and prosperous year he assured him of the hearty good wishes and help of all the Past Masters and members of the Lodge. The Officers of the Lodge was the next toast, acknowledged by the Wardens, and the list was closed in the usual way by the Tyler. During the evening the pleasure of the company was enhanced by a choice selection of vocal music, under the direction of Bro. Alfred Moore, assisted by Bros. A. Lester, H. Taylor and Fred Bevan, the latter of whom officiated as accompanyist on the pianoforte. A feature of the evening was the giving of a couple of recitations "The Bells" (Edgar Allan Poe) and Hans Breitman's ballad "The Mermaid," by Bro. T. T. Fillan P.M. (barrister-at-law), which were splendidly rendered, eliciting vociferous applause. Altogether this may be set down as one of the most successful and happy réunions ever enjoyed under the auspices of the Lodge of Prosperity.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

A MEETING was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-Place, York, when there were present Bros. T. G. Hodgson W.M., W. Smith S.W., S. Barker J.W., C. Lindley acting Chap., J. Todd P.M. Treas., E. W. Pannell Sec., T. Archer acting S.D., J. B. Sampson J.D., S. G. Cammack D.C., G. K. Hitchcock I.G., T. Watkinson Steward, W. Y. Calvert Tyler, A. H. H. McGachen P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Bolmford P.M., A. Buckle P.M., J. Sykes Rymer P.M., T. S. Brogden, R. E. Triffitt, H. S. Hopton, M. Bryson, D. Lockwood, A. W. House, T. J. Russell. The business consisted of a passing, worked by Bro. Todd P.M. in his usual admirable manner, and a raising, undertaken and most creditably carried out by the W.M. The Lodge then proceeded to consider the circular of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, relative to the scheme of the Imperial Institute, when it was resolved, on a motion proposed by Bro. Todd P.M., seconded by Bro. Buckle P.M., "That this Lodge approve of the scheme, and that a subscription list be opened, and the Brethren invited to contribute through the Lodge to the Imperial Institute." The Lodge was then closed.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE installation meeting was held on 21st ult. at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, when there was a fair attendance of the members and friends of this popular Lodge. In consequence of illness in his family circle, Bro. W. C. Hall, the outgoing Master, was unable to be present, but in his enforced absence Bro. Joseph Lonsdale undertook the duties. The Past Masters of the Lodge were fairly represented; Bro. Fehrenbach (Treasurer), Bro. W. Coombs (Secretary), Bro. G. Rawles, Bro. Nicholson, Bro. Cotton, &c., being early in attendance. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Kew P.M. 179, C. Andrews, P.M. 77, Markwell, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, J. Ion Cantle P.M., Arthur Thomas, James Kift, and others. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Reed was passed to F.C.; the ceremony being admirably rendered. Bro. J. J. Wilson was then presented for the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the rite was perfectly performed by Bro. Lonsdale, whose working was much admired. On the readmission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was greeted with full honours, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, the collars being thus conferred:—Bro. W. C. Hall I.P.M., T. Brooks S.W., J. Taplin J.W., G. Fehrenbach P.M. Treasurer, H. W. Nicholson P.M. Secretary, A. Fleming S.D., J. Aitken J.D., A. Bailey I.G., J. Lonsdale P.M. Director of Ceremonies, F. Stacy and

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A. Jamieson Stewards, F. Taylor Organist, A. Bailey Almoner, and G. Duffin Tyler. The charges having been efficiently delivered by the Installing Officer, Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when the ballot was opened for Mr. Henry John Bragg, of the Old Bank, Uxbridge, who had been proposed by Bro. Fleming and seconded by Bro. Taplin. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Bragg was duly admitted to a participation in the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the work being most ably carried out by the newly-installed W.M. Bro. Bertram Freeman rejoined the Lodge on the nomination of Bro. Hall, seconded by Bro. A. J. Hanson. Bro. W. Coombes, who had for some years held the position of Secretary, and earned the respect and goodwill of every member, for the assiduity and attention with which he studied the interests of the Lodge, and for the complete and efficient way in which he had carried out the duties of that office, expressed a desire to relinquish the position in consequence of increasing official business; and his resignation having been accepted with regret, he was unanimously elected as honorary member in recognition of his valuable services. After the transaction of some other business Lodge was closed amidst the customary fraternal greetings. An eloquent banquet having been discussed, the loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M. and enthusiastically received, the solo of the National Anthem being rendered by Bro. Arthur Thomas, and "God bless the Prince of Wales" by Bro. J. Ion Cantle. The Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers received their due meed of praise at the hands of the W.M. for the ability and zeal with which they administered their respective duties, and a sincere hope was expressed that the Provincial Grand Master Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., might speedily be restored to health, so as to enable him to resume the work he performs with so much ability. Regret was also expressed at the unavoidable absence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Raymond Thrupp, to whom a deserving tribute was paid as to the manner in which he discharged the duties of his important office, and the names of Bros. W. Coombes P.G.S.D., Lonsdale, and Fehrenbach were associated with the toast. Bro. Coombes, after thanking the company for the kindly manner in which the toast had been received, congratulated the Lodge upon the fact that the Province of Middlesex was increasing both in Lodges and membership. He regretted the absence of the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, and mentioned that a letter of apology had been received from Bro. J. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., regretting his inability to attend the meeting. Bro. Lonsdale, in the course of his reply, expressed his sorrow that the Lodge was about to lose the services of Bro. Coombes, who had so zealously and consistently acted as their Secretary. He could well have wished otherwise; at the same time changes must inevitably take place in all institutions. He looked back to the time when some of the most prominent Masons of the present day were associated with the Royal Union Lodge; for instance Bro. Glaisher, the famous scientist, and Bro. Magnus Ohren, both of whom had received recognition of their services in Grand Lodge. As an old member of the Lodge, to which his father belonged years since, he was gratified to see they had a promising body of young Masons coming forward who would be competent to undertake the necessary duties, and to sustain the prestige which the Lodge had for so many years enjoyed. Bro. Fehrenbach also suitably responded. The health of the Immediate Past Master, in his absence, was then given by the W.M., who spoke of the gratification the Lodge had expressed at the way in which Bro. Hall had fulfilled his duties, and intimated that a Past Master's jewel had been unanimously voted to him by the members, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of the interest he had taken in the affairs of the Lodge. The jewel was in the hands of Bro. Lonsdale, who had fulfilled the duties of the outgoing Master that day, and he would present it to Bro. Hall at their next meeting, if he was able to attend. Bro. Lonsdale in proposing the health of the newly-installed W.M., said he was confident that Bro. Wilson would prove himself a most capable ruler of the Lodge, and he started upon his year of office with every prospect of a successful term, inasmuch as no fewer than five candidates had been proposed that evening for initiation. The Worshipful Master, in responding, said it was just six and a half years since he was initiated into this Lodge, which was the premier Lodge in the Province, and he had taken a deep interest in its affairs ever since. That he should have attained that grand position so soon was a source of the utmost gratification to himself. He recollected that on the night of his initiation it was intimated that after the expiration of ten years he might hope to aspire to the chair; and to have reached that honour in six and a half years was peculiarly agreeable to his feelings. The visitors were cordially welcomed, and the names of Bros. Andrews, Morgan, and Kew were associated with the toast. Bro. Andrews, in the course of his reponse spoke of the ability displayed by the Installing Master of the day, and said it was most gratifying to find the Lodge had a man ready at a moment's notice to undertake that important work. He also referred at some length to the useful work that was done by the Lodge of Instruction in connection with the Royal Union Lodge. Bro. W. W. Morgan, while regretting that the Lodge was about to lose the services of its excellent Secretary, could not look upon that circumstance quite so despairingly as Bro. Lonsdale seemed to do, inasmuch as Bro. Coombes was in full health and vigour, and after his long association with the Lodge he would still be at hand, ready to give his best advice and services when necessary, although he was but an honorary member. He felt quite sure that the old association would be anything but broken. These remarks were endorsed by Bro. Kew, after which other toasts followed, and were suitably acknowledged. The proceedings of a most agreeable evening were enlivened by an excellent selection of music by Bros. Arthur Thomas, J. I. Cantle, and James Kift.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—On Wednesday, the 23rd ult., Bro. Messer occupied the chair; he was supported by Bros. Jenkins, Hansen, Portland, Ross and Gregory, in the various offices, and by several other brethren. Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes confirmed, was opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. Ferguson worked the 1st section of the 2nd lecture. Lodge was resumed, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. Ross as candidate. Bro. Ferguson worked the 4th and 5th sections of the 1st lecture. Nothing further offering in the way of Masonic business, Lodge was closed in due form.

FAITH LODGE, No. 141.

THE members of this Lodge held a regular meeting at Anderton's Hotel, on Tuesday evening last, when the W.M., Bro. G. Coop, presided, supported by Bros. Hakin J.W., Carter P.M. Treas., W. Stuart P.M. Sec., Steng S.D., Weizlar J.D., Johnson I.G., Langdale and Corsons Stewards; Past Master Charles Dairy, T. C. Watts P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Fromholz, Jordan and Green; and other members. The Visitors included Bros. Rosenberg 2021, J. Slack P.M. 834, R. E. H. Davison 1503, W. Mathan 1539, A. Grundy 1585, and W. W. Lee 1897. Lodge was opened in form, and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. R. E. H. Davison, of the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, was passed. Opening in the third, Bros. C. Taylor and C. A. Muller were raised to the sublime degree, the whole of the working being carried out in a masterly and impressive manner by the W.M. It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Bro. Fromholz, that the sum of ten guineas should be taken from the Lodge funds and placed on Bro. Dairy's list in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A petition of a distressed brother was recommended to the Board of Benevolence, and some other business having been transacted Lodge was closed with the customary harmony. An excellent banquet was provided, in Bro. Clemow's ample style, and at its conclusion the Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. The health of the W.M. was proposed in complimentary terms by the Immediate Past Master, and the toast having been received with acclamation, Bro. Coop suitably returned thanks for the honour done him. It afforded him the utmost gratification to witness the continued prosperity of the Lodge. He regretted that he had not been entrusted with more work, but he was pleased to say they had that evening had the second degree to work unexpectedly for a brother of another Lodge. The gentleman who was to have been initiated was unavoidably absent, being in the Scilly Isles, but he hoped to have the pleasure of initiating him at the next meeting. It had been mentioned to him that several of the members considered it advisable to hold a summer banquet, to which their lady friends should be invited, and the idea was to his mind an excellent one. He would be happy to associate himself with anything of the kind; and if a suitable place was selected, and the Clerk of the weather was in good humour, there was every reason to anticipate a successful réunion. He believed the Treasurer would give notice to bring the matter under consideration at the next Lodge meeting, and he trusted that, this being the Jubilee year, it would be carried out with spirit, and be brought to a successful issue. In responding for the Visitors, Bro. Slack P.M. 834 expressed the satisfaction it afforded them to see such admirable working in the Lodge, and the hospitality which had been so generously extended towards them. The health of the Past Masters was given from the chair, and Bro. Stewart Secretary, after returning thanks for the cordiality with which the toast had been received, assured the W.M. that the Past Masters would endeavour in the future, as they had in the past, to promote the interests of the Lodge and the happiness of the brethren. The W.M. paid a tribute of thanks to his Officers, all of whom were competent to work the three degrees, and the proceedings were closed in the usual way by the Tyler. During a very pleasant evening some excellent songs were rendered by the Brethren.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

AT the meeting held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Friday, 25th March, there were present Bros. G. W. Larter W.M., F. Heyse S.W., Homan J.W., C. Dearing jun. S.D., Dr. Brown J.D., Garner I.G., Hiscock I.P.M. W.S., E. Payne P.M., John Greenfield P.M., Norris P.M., J. Weston P.M. Treasurer, J. Osborn P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer Middlesex Secretary; Bros. Mark Kinghorne, Baker, Martin, Everett, Dresden, and others. Visitors—E. Woodman P.M., Bain, Cain, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. Theophilus Read and John George William James were balloted for, approved, and ably initiated by the W.M. Bro. William Francis, Manager of the Mohawk Minstrels, was balloted for and unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Osborn brought forward a motion, "That in future the meetings in July, September, January and March be held on the second Friday in the month, instead of the fourth Friday as heretofore." This motion, which in conjunction with a previous resolution, alters all the meetings to the second Friday instead of the fourth in the months in which the Lodge meets, was carried unanimously. Bro. Osborn then brought under the members' notice the case of a distressed brother, who, on the motion of Bro. Payne, seconded by Bro. Greenfield, was voted the sum of five guineas. On the motion of Bro. Payne, seconded by Bro. Heyse, a P.M.'s jewel of the value of ten guineas was voted to Bro. Larter W.M., one of the initiates of the Lodge, for his most valuable services, which the Lodge thoroughly appreciate. On the Lodge proceeding to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Heyse intimated that having recently taken unto himself a wife, and although he felt himself competent to undertake the duties, he would not do so this year, but would prefer to stand aside for Bro. Homan. Bro. Homan having stated that he was prepared to act if elected, was accordingly duly elected to the office of W.M., and received the congratulations of the Officers and Brethren. Auditors having been

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appointed, Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a plain but substantial dinner, served on the premises. During the evening Bros. Woodman, Bain, and several members of this talented musical Lodge contributed to the happiness of those present by rendering several excellent songs. The usual toasts were given, and speeches made, the whole of the proceedings terminating at the reasonable hour of half-past ten. Bro. Larter is to be congratulated upon having had a most successful year of office; but, as Bro. Greenfield remarked in the course of the evening, it had been somewhat marred by an illness; this, however, had elicited the universal sympathy of the brethren, and testified to the high esteem in which Bro. Larter is held.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

A LARGE and important meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 14th ult., in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate, York. Bro. Wm. Brown W.M. took the chair, and was supported by Bros. W. B. Dyson S.W., S. J. Dalton J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.W., J. Blenkin P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., Rev. R. Blakeney Chap., Jas. Kay Sec., W. Lackenby S.D., G. Lamb J.D., W. Storey I.G., J. W. Shonksmith Steward, P. Pearson and J. D. Irving Assistant Stewards, J. Hall Tyler; J. Starkey, W. H. A. Coates, G. Shepherd, F. N. Halliwell, T. Horsley, G. H. Hebblethwaite, E. Thackray, J. Clark, T. E. Abbey, W. S. Child, J. Smith, N. T. Nance, T. H. Harrison, J. Horner, W. Sharp, A. Archer, R. Ware, J. T. Spetch, R. Hayden, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes, successful ballots were taken for three candidates. On the motion of Bro. Whytehead P.M., the consideration of the Imperial Institute question was deferred to an emergency meeting for the 28th ult., and a Special Committee was appointed to consider the question and report. The following visitors, amongst others who failed to sign the attendance book, were then admitted and took their seats: Bros. G. Chapman P.M. 47, T. G. Hodgson W.M. 236, H. Longford W.M. 1416, C. Greensides P.M. 1416, G. Garbutt P.M. 236, W. N. Cheeseman W.M. 566, W. F. Tomlinson P.M. 304, G. C. Lee P.M. 1230, G. Newton P.M. 1019, B. Polkinghorne P.M. 1991, J. Biscomb 236, G. Manton 1991, J. Saville 236, M. Bryson 236, J. Martin 1991, W. H. Wigham 1991, S. Border 236, C. Goldthorpe 242, S. G. Crummack 236, W. H. Sampson 236, T. Lawrence 1011, E. W. Purnell 236, C. Wardle 236, A. S. Simson 123, E. Carter 236, E. W. Hudson 566, and others. Altogether there were nearly 80 brethren in the Lodge. The Deputy Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, having been announced, the brethren rose whilst he entered, attended by the following Present and Past Prov. G. Officers: Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.W. (acting as D.C.), Walter Reynolds Prov. G. Treas., M. C. Peck Prov. G. Sec., J. Todd P.P.G.R., Rev. H. Greeves P.P.G. Chap., J. Sykes Rymer P.P.G.R., Wm. Lawton P.P.G.R., G. Balmford P.P.G.O., M. Rooke P.P.G.D., George Kirby Prov. G.D.C., Major McGachen Prov. A.G.D.C., A. Sample Prov. G. Organist, C. G. Padel P.P.G.O., and others. The Deputy P.G.M. was accompanied by V.W. Bro. the Dean of York P.G. Chap., and both these distinguished brethren were saluted in the usual manner. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to initiate a candidate into the mysteries of the First Degree, which he did with great accuracy and impressiveness, giving also the tools and charge. At the conclusion of the ceremony the D.P.G.M. complimented the W.M. upon his work, and the members of the Lodge upon their commodious premises and splendid furniture, which he regarded as a marvel of success when it was remembered that the Lodge was warranted only ten years ago. The Dean of York then proceeded to give an address on Freemasonry in its moral and social aspects, which was regarded by all who had the privilege of hearing it as one of the most practical and eloquent apologies for the Order that had ever been spoken. At its conclusion, a warm vote of thanks was passed to the Dean. Bro. Whytehead P.M. proposed, as an honorary member of the Lodge, for ballot at the next meeting, Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, author of the last great work on Masonry, which was seconded by the W.M. Several apologies for absence were read, including one from Bro. W. J. Hughan, the Masonic author, and the Lodge was closed amid an interchange of "Hearty good wishes." Subsequently, the members entertained their visitors at a capital supper, at which the W.M. presided, and after justice had been done to the good things of this life, for even Masons must eat, in spite of the fact that profane persons sneer at them as a parcel of gourmands, the rest of the evening was spent in honouring the usual toasts, and in harmony, to which all the singing brethren contributed.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. will deliver his Lecture entitled "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry, 1813-1886," at the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, 47 St. Giles' Street, Norwich, on Monday evening, 18th April. The chair will be taken by Bro. J. B. Aldis, Prov. Grand Secretary, and Master Masons are invited to attend. The Lecture will commence at seven o'clock.

The ceremony of installation of Principals will be rehearsed at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, on Tuesday next, 5th April, commencing at half-past five o'clock. The work will be carried out by three of the members of the Metropolitan Chapter, after which the usual ceremony of exaltation will be rehearsed. Present and Past Principals are invited to attend. This will be the last occasion but one when the installations will be rehearsed this session.

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On Friday night and Saturday morning, 8th and 9th April, the 11·41 p.m. and 12·5 a.m. trains from Carlisle will run as usual. The 12·10 a.m. Holyhead to Crewe, 4·30 a.m. Holyhead to Chester, and 2·50 a.m. Chester to Liverpool will not be run on Saturday morning, there being no boats from North Wall or Greenore on the evening of Good Friday. Passengers for Belfast (viâ Larne) and the North of Ireland will leave Euston by the 8·50 p.m. train on Friday night.

Other trains on Good Friday will run as on Sunday, with the exception of the 10·40 a.m. Crewe to Holyhead, 11·45 a.m. Holyhead to Crewe, and 10·10 p.m. from Edinburgh, and 10·5 p.m. from Glasgow (leaving Carlisle at 1·15 a.m. on Saturday, 9th April), to Liverpool and Manchester, which will not run.

For further particulars see special notices issued by

G. FINDLAY, General Manager.

Euston Station, March 1887.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

ON GOOD FRIDAY, SATURDAY, EASTER SUNDAY, and MONDAY, CHEAP THIRD CLASS EXCURSION TICKETS, available on day of issue only, will be issued by certain trains from PADDINGTON, Kensington (Addison Road), Uxbridge Road, Hammersmith, Shepherd's Bush, Latimer Road, Notting Hill, Royal Oak, and Westbourne Park; and from certain stations on the Metropolitan and District Railways, to the following stations at the fares shown:—

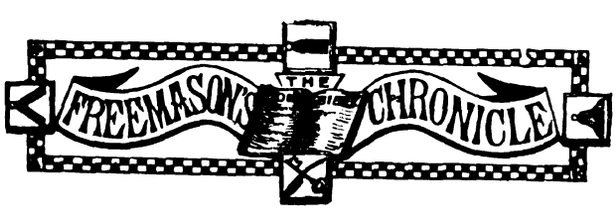
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On GOOD FRIDAY the trains on the Great Western Railway will run as on Sundays, with a few exceptions.

For particulars see special Bills.

J. GRIERSON, General Manager.



THE HENRY BELL LETTER OF 1754.

JUDGING from the immense value placed upon this celebrated letter by some of our fellow-labourers in the Masonic Historical Quarries, it would seem as if the priority of Freemasonry in the City of Philadelphia were grounded solely on this letter, written from Lancaster in November 1754.

If this letter were in the possession of the Grand Lodge Library, we venture to say that its great value would be considered to have much deteriorated.

We have a strong and abiding faith in what we have written, for we know the full meaning and intent thereof. Now to the history of the letter, which is now for the first time given to the Masonic Fraternity.

In the year 1873, when the Craft were preparing for the dedication of the new Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert-streets, one day, desiring to make some examinations for the Grand Lodge Library, I went into Bro. John Thomson's, the then Grand Secretary's office, where I found Bro. Francis Blackburne, one of the clerks, at his desk. As I entered the office a gentleman was just going out. Bro. Blackburne called me to his desk and handed me a copy of a letter he had just made from the original, in the possession of the party who had just left the office. The ink was scarcely dry. The copy read as follows, Bro. Blackburne only copying the Masonic portion. It was dated 17th November 1754:—

"As you well know, I was one of the originators of the first Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia. A party of us used to meet at the Tun Tavern in Water Street, and sometimes opened a Lodge there. Once, in the fall of 1730, we formed a design of obtaining a Charter for a regular Lodge, and made application to the Grand Lodge of England for one, but before receiving it, we heard that Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, had been appointed by that Grand Lodge as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. We, therefore, made application to him, and our request was granted."

The letter was signed by *Henry Bell*, and was dated from *Lancaster*, and addressed to *Dr. Thomas Cadwallader, Philadelphia*.

It is a comparatively easy matter to prepare a document, and give it the marks of antiquity by using paper bearing the water-marks of years past.

Bro. Jacob Norton, of Boston, is quite an expert in the detection of such matters, for it was he who exposed the unsatisfactory condition of the earliest Minutes of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, showing conclusively that the paper used in the Minute-book, purporting to be original, was manufactured some years after the first Minutes were written thereon.

Bro. Norton has written me many times to get this old "Bell Letter," and so has Bro. Hughan. I have used my best endeavours to oblige them, but was not successful up to the time of Bro. Blackburne's death. As Chairman of the Library Committee I offered him one hundred dollars to get the letter long enough to examine it, and photograph it; but he told me that the gentleman who had it was of a mysterious turn of mind, and when he found that inquiries were made about it, he positively refused to part with it, or allow another copy to be made of it, alleging that it was of great value, and the price would have to be very high that would induce him to part with it.

We know, however, that the gentleman was a relative of the Cadwallader family, and that he is since deceased. If I remember correctly, his name was Bancker, and he at the time lived on the North side of Chestnut, below Fifth Street.

I have written to R.W. Bro. Robert A. Lamberton, Grand Master at that time, and who made the address at the dedication of the new Temple, and who used this Bell letter in his remarks, if he has any further information on the subject. He has promised to examine his papers, filed away, and let me know further.

And now the letter stands plain and distinct as a strong link in a chain of circumstantial evidence. A much weaker one has sent many a prisoner to the gallows.

Let us examine the letter critically as to its truth, and also as to how much of it has corroborative evidence to back it.

The writer was one Henry Bell, and he resided in Philadelphia in 1730. He speaks of the attempt made in 1730 to form a regular Lodge at that time, and that they were in the habit of meeting at the Tun Tavern on Water street.

That there were Masons here in 1730 is corroborated by the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, No. 108, 3rd December 1730, printed by Benjamin Franklin, and he says: "As there are several Lodges of Freemasons erected in this Province," &c. Again, the Coxe deputation recites, under the seal of the Grand Lodge of England, 5th June 1730, that the application was made by Bro. Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, and several other brethren, Free and Accepted Masons, residing and about to reside in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, &c.

These were not clandestine Masons, but regular and duly acknowledged under the seal of Grand Lodge, as we have stated above. This should satisfy the most dubious that there were Masons in 1730 in Philadelphia. Now, where was Henry Bell in 1754, at the time of writing this? The tax lists of Derry township, Lancaster county, Pa., bear the name of Henry Bell, as a resident there from 1750 to 1759.

This should satisfy even Bro. Norton that Henry Bell was not a myth.

Bro. Bell writes to one Dr. Thomas Cadwallader, who was an eminent physician, son of John Cadwallader, and he was born in Philadelphia in 1707. He died 14th November 1779, aged 72 years.

Was he a Mason? Yes, in 1730 he would have been 23 years old, and in 1738 he was appointed one of the Grand Wardens of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. See *Pennsylvania Gazette*, 6th July 1738. Now Cadwallader cannot be claimed as a myth.

Where did these Masons meet in Philadelphia in 1730? Why at the Tun Tavern, where they afterwards held their St. John's Day festivals and elections, commencing in 1732, as the printed evidence of Franklin shows.

It might be asked,—Why was not an annual election held on St. John's Day, in 1731? We will answer,—Because the Coxe deputation was for the space of two years, from 5th June 173[illegible] which also required that they should annually dine together on St. John's Day.

In strict conformity with these instructions on St. John's Day, in June 1732, the first election was held.

There is also an important matter that bears out the rights of this Lodge in Philadelphia, it reads: He, the said Daniel Coxe, and the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens for the time being.

This is an additional continuing clause, which is not found in the Price Deputation. There is also this important fact, that there is no record in the Grand Lodge of England's archives of the deputation said to be issued to Henry Price, while there is on record there the copy of the Coxe deputation.

We remember years ago that no one did more to destroy the claims of Massachusetts to Masonic priority than Bro. Norton, and it was from his writings that my attention was first called so forcibly to the investigation of the neglected history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Masonic Fraternity of Pennsylvania are under obligations to Bro. Jacob Norton for making so many of us searchers after the true history of Freemasonry in America, and now that he finds that every day we are strengthening our foundations and buildings, he begins to attack the house that he himself has helped to erect.

We expect ere long to be in possession of the furniture and jewels of this Lodge of 1730. We have heard hints of their being still in existence.

The letter of Bro. Norton to the London *Freemason* is the cause of this long article in reply.

CHARLES E. MEYER.

—*Keystone.*

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Important to the delicate.—It is difficult to determine which is the more trying to the human constitution, the damp, cold days of winter, or the keen, dry, easterly winds of spring. Throughout the seasons good health may be maintained by occasional doses of Holloway's Pills, which purify the blood and act as wholesome stimulants to the skin, stomach, liver, bowels, and kidneys. This celebrated medicine needs but a fair trial to convince the ailing and desponding that it will restore and cheer them, without danger, pain, or inconvenience. No family should be without a supply of Holloway's Pills and Ointment, as by a timely recourse to them the first erring function may be reclaimed, suffering may be spared, and life saved.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Haymarket.—A brilliant and numerous audience gathered at this theatre on Tuesday to honour the début in this country of a lady who for some time has been well known in America. Mrs. Brown-Potter has been connected with the amateur stage for some considerable time, but we believe appeared as a professional actress for the first time last Tuesday. The piece selected for the occasion was Wilkin's Collins "Man and Wife," a play well remembered at the old Prince of Wales's; but the choice was unsatisfactory. We have lately had plays innumerable dealing with the Scotch marriage laws, and but for one or two episodes the present story lacks interest. Nevertheless, there is something to be brought out, and with the talented company that now plays it the work ought to prove attractive for some time. The part of the governess, Annie Silvester, has been entrusted to Mrs. Brown-Potter, but she has scarcely grasped the character. There is strong emotional power required for the part, and certainly the lady does not lack this, but, on Tuesday, her emotion was rather too strongly developed. She is attractive to look at, but has some peculiar mannerisms that really mar her performance. These faults doubtless will soon be amended, for certain is it that Mrs. Brown-Potter has material in her composition, and only wants it brought out. She has much to learn, and for that purpose should study; when this is realized we may be able to speak better of her style. Mr. William Herbert, the only member of the original caste who now takes part in the revival, essayed the part of Arnold Brinkworth, and displayed a true touch of natural feeling. Mr. E. S. Willard acted magnificently as Delamayn, and thoroughly deserved the honours he received. He made his unpleasant assumption acceptable, and to do this an artist is required. Mr. Charles Collette gave an amusing sketch of the Scotch waiter, Bishopriggs, while Mrs. E. H. Brooke was capital as Mistress Inchbare. Mr. H. Kemble made a prosy and natural Sir Patrick, Miss Agnes Hewitt a winning Blanche, and Miss Henrietta Lindley a good Lady Lundie.

Opera Comique.—Running on the lines Miss Kate Vaughan laid down when she took the management of this theatre—a change of programme every fortnight—last Saturday, Tom Taylor and Charles Reade's comedy "Masks and Faces" was revived. To produce such a piece is certainly a bold step, but if success be secured the more praise is due. If we say our highest anticipations have been surpassed, we shall not be wrong; a smoother or a better all-round performance of this old comedy has not been seen for years. The principal points have been well brought out, the different parts well studied, while the staging of the piece was admirable. Miss Vaughan has grasped the character of Peg Woffington; and has endowed it with all the grace and good nature requisite. A more fascinating Peg could not be wished for; indeed to our mind Miss Kate Vaughan was seen at better advantage in this character than any she has yet essayed. Mr. James Fernandez acted splendidly as Triplet; he was natural and effective, but when required light and easy. Mr. Forbes Robertson, as Sir Charles Pomander, gave a good idea of what a fop was supposed to be in the by gone days. Mr. Lewis Waller was well suited as Ernest Vane, while Mr. Lionel Brough gave a quiet yet effective reading of Colley Cibber. Miss Julia Gwynne was excellent as Mrs. Vane, and the Kitty Clive of Miss Susie Vaughan is well worthy of note. The other characters were all carefully portrayed.

Prince of Wales.—Although the hundredth performance of "Dorothy" has long since been given, the piece is almost as attractive as when it was produced at the Gaiety. Who has heard the charming music of Mr. Alfred Cellier and does not long to hear it again? Notwithstanding several changes have taken place in the cast since its production, the different scenes go perhaps better than of yore. Miss Marie Tempest has wide scope in which to distinguish herself as Dorothy Bantam, and this she does not fail to take advantage of. Miss Tempest's charming voice is heard to advantage in both solo and concerted pieces. Mr. Ben Davies has succeeded Mr. Redfern Hollins as Geoffrey Wilder, and materially assists the piece, while Miss Grace Huntley makes a bright and vivacious Phyllis. Of the other representatives we have before spoken; we can only add they are as good as ever.

Ye Antiente Fraternitie offe Ye Rahere Almoners held their final Smoking Concert for the winter season on Monday, the 28th ult., at "Ye Olde Belle" Tavern, Doctors Commons, E.C., when a large gathering of Fratres and their friends enjoyed a pleasant evening. The chair was occupied by Frater Sangster, C.C., the Most Worthy Prior, the vice-chair by Frater Hollinghurst M.W.P.P., and amongst the members of the Council present were—Fratres James Stevens V.W.C., Griffiths M.W.P.P., Emden W.P., Capt. Robertson, Hards, Green, &c. The musical portion of the entertainment was well carried out by members of the Fraternitie, Professor Glessing presiding at the pianoforte, and songs and recitations were given by Messrs. Robertson, Saulsby, Lindley, Marrow, Stevens, E. Jones, Emil Marks, Cooper, J. W. Sydney, J. Payne, A. Payne, C. Cozens, Callan, and others. Before the close of the entertainment Frater Stevens delivered a farewell address, in the course of which thanks were voted by acclamation to the host Frater Hodges, to the members of the Council, and to the vocalists who had given their services throughout the season; and, referring to the good work which the Society had done in relieving distress during the past winter, it was stated that the voluntary contributions at the several concerts lately held had added materially to the funds of the Almonry and had enabled the Council to make many more charitable gifts than they otherwise could have granted. After the usual compliment to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the proceedings, which had been throughout of a most hearty character, terminated with the National Anthem sung in grand Jubilee style.

RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR EASTER.

IT will be seen by reference to our advertising columns that special arrangements are being made by the North Western and Great Western Railway Companies for the accommodation of the public during the Easter holidays. These arrangements are on an increased scale of liberality this year, and it will be no fault of the service if excursionists do not gratify their migratory propensities during the next week. On the Great Western line cheap excursion tickets will be issued on Good Friday, Saturday, Easter Sunday and Monday, to Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Cookham, Bourne End, Great Marlow, Shiplake, Henley, and other delightful Thames-side resorts, where, if the weather be fine, abundant means of recreation and enjoyment is always to be found. The cheap Saturday to Monday tickets will be acceptable to many classes of holiday keepers, especially to those engaged in business establishments. Similar advantages are offered by the London and North Western Railway Company, who announce special express trains on Thursday next for Birmingham, calling only at Willesden, Rugby, and Coventry, thus completing the journey from Euston in less than two and a half hours. The midnight train from Euston on Good-Friday will be extended to Warrington and Preston; and other special arrangements are advertised for intending excursionists to various other parts of the North Western service.

EXTRA RAILWAY FACILITIES.—In order to meet the convenience of the public the Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of tickets at their City and West End Offices, viz., 193 and 407 Oxford Street, 23 New Oxford Street, Holborn Circus, 29 Charing Cross, 26 Regent Street, 5 Arthur Street, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria Street, 43 Crutched Friars, 67 Gresham Street and 4 Cheapside, at any of which places tickets can be obtained during the week preceding Easter. The booking office at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole of the day on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, before Easter. Tickets obtained in London on any day from 4th to 9th of April will be available for use on either of those days. Cheap tickets, at special low fares, and available from 7th to 13th of April, will be issued from London to the Yeovil and Weymouth districts, and to principal Stations in the West of England, and it is announced that a fast excursion train will leave Paddington on Thursday, 7th April, reaching Exeter in 5¼ hours and Plymouth in 7¼ hours; also that other Excursions will be run to other principal Stations on the Great Western system. The Newspaper train, leaving Paddington at 5·30 a. m., will run on Good Friday as usual, as far as Oxford, Exeter and Swansea, and the usual intermediate Stations.

Obituary.

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BRO. JAMES CURTIS.

THE funeral of this worthy Mason, who died at Brighton after a brief illness, took place on Wednesday, the 23rd March at the Extra-Mural Cemetery, and was attended by a large concourse of brethren, the deceased was, at the time of his death, Parliamentary Secretary and Editor of the "Oddfellows Magazine." Bro. Curtis also held several public appointments at Brighton, and was Secretary of the Brighton Parliamentary and Literary Society. The time fixed for the interment at the Cemetery was one o'clock, and by that time a large assembly met at the gates and formed a procession. First came the Freemasons, each wearing a sprig of acacia, and then followed a large body of Oddfellows (the deceased had been Grand Master), including the Grand Master of the Order Brother Stockall, and the principal district Officers, with representatives from nearly all the Brighton Lodges, each wearing a sprig of thyme. The rear was brought up by a number of private friends of the deceased, and representatives of the Brighton Press, with which the deceased was formerly connected. The procession made its way, preceding the hearse, to the Cemetery Chapel, where the officiating clergyman, Bro. the Rev. W. A. Tooth, opened the service, which was chorally rendered by the choir of Holy Trinity Church, assisted by several local amateurs. The Psalm was chanted, and after the Lesson, the hymn "My God, my Father, while I stray," was sung to Troyte's chant. On leaving the Chapel, the choir sang the hymn "For thee, O dear, dear country," and on the conclusion of the service "Now the labourer's task is o'er." The service was most impressively read by the Rev. W. A. Tooth. The coffin bore the inscription:—"James Curtis; died 17th March 1887, in his 57th year," it was covered with floral wreaths, amongst others one to which a card was appended bearing the words "With respect, from the Brighton Press." The Loyal Waterloo Lodge, and the Parliamentary and Literary Society also sent wreaths.

We take the following from a volume of Masonic sonnets, now in the press, by George Markham Tweddell:—

BEAUTY.

Love thou the Beautiful, and there will be
A Mine of Wealth discover'd in thy Brain
Which none can rob thee of. It is quite vain
To seek the Secrets of Freemasonry,
Unless all Beauty has for thee a charm
Which worldly minds ne'er know. The varied forms
Of Beauty must be prized; all that deforms
The Soul must be abhorr'd; all that can harm
Ourselves or others shunn'd. True Beauty ne'er
To Wickedness belongs. A sacred thing
Is Beauty; no mere phantom to take wing
When needed most; through all the changing year
'Tis in thee and around thee, if thy Mind
Only has Culture the great Boon to find.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—At Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall Street, on 31st March, at 6·30 p.m. Lodge was opened by Bro. Josling W.M. elect of Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60. Bro. Williams proved proficiency for passing. Lodge opened in the second. Bro. Josling proved proficiency. Bro. Berry opened the M.M. Lodge, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Preceptor put the brethren through entry drill. Lodge was then lowered to the first degree, and was subsequently closed, and meeting adjourned to the 14th April. Present—Bros. A. S. Josling W.M., J. L. Barrett S.W., D. Hills J.W., J. Eiseman S.D., H. Whitehouse J.D., W. Berry I.G., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, W. Paddle P.M. Treas., W. J. Ball Sec., J. Gaskin, S. Smith, F. C. Rush, and others.

Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1571.—A meeting of the above Lodge was held at Austin's Hotel, 7 London-street Fenchurch-street, on 24th March, when three were present Bros Blake Worshipful Master, Thompson S.W., Hammond J.W. Minnett J.D., Dormer I.G., T. Duffield P.M. Preceptor, T. Lewis P.M. Treasurer, Geo. Hughes Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Westfield candidate. Lodge opened in the second degree; Brother Smith as candidate to be raised was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was resumed. Bro. G. Thompson was elected W.M. for next meeting, Bro. Thompson thanked the brethren and appointed Officers in rotation. Bro. Duffield proposed that Bro. Lewis be elected Treasurer and Bro. Hughes Secretary, and that they be hon. members of the Lodge of Instruction. This was seconded by Bro. Westfield and carried unanimously. Bros. Lewis and Hughes suitably returned thanks. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—A meeting was held on Monday, 28th March, at the Railway Hotel, Putney. Bros. Featherstone W.M., Sapsworth S.W., Grundy Secretary, Bond Treasurer, Radclyffe I.G. Past Masters Bros. J. Carter, W. Carter, Dawson, Radford, Higerty, Recknell, Williams; Bros. Walters, Bugler, Gompertz, Grant, Gentle. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the first ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Gompertz candidate. Bro. Williams proposed and Bro. Dawson seconded, that the resignation of the Preceptorship by Bro. Taylor be accepted, with regret; and that a vote of thanks be accorded to him for his past services; such acceptance and vote of thanks to be communicated by the Secretary; carried unanimously. A discussion arose on the election of a Preceptor, and this brought up the question whether the working of the Lodge was to be on the Stability or Emulation system. Bro. Higerty proposed and Bro. Radford seconded, that the working of the Lodge be Emulation. On the motion being put, 13 voted for, and none against. After some discussion, Bro. Grundy Secretary proposed, and Bro. Bond Treasurer seconded, that Bro. Dawson P.M. 1768, a member of the Committee of Emulation, with Bros. P.M.'s Radford 1420, Higerty 1044, Carter 1044, and Gompertz 869, form a Committee of Preceptors for this Lodge of Instruction. This was put to the meeting and carried unanimously. The brethren named accepted their appointments, and thanked the Lodge for the honour conferred upon them. Bro. Sapsworth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and after hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed in accordance with ancient custom.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839.—Held on Tuesday, the 29th March, at the Restaurant Bibra, 53 Cannon-street. By the invitation of this Lodge, the members of the Star Lodge of Instruction, of New Cross, attended to work the Fifteen Sections. Bros. Walter Martin P.M. 879 as W.M., Wm. Beavis P.M. 879 S.W., J. G. Milbourne S.W. 13 as J.W., A. G. Dixie P.M. 1839 I.P.M. There were 86 members present. Bro. Bibra, the proprietor, tried all in his power to make the visit of such an unexpectedly large number as comfortable as he possibly could, and succeeded in every respect. Each brother present expressed himself highly satisfied with the proceedings of the evening, which passed off without a hitch, either in the working or in the entertainment. The Worshipful Master took the chair punctually at 6·30 as appointed. the Lodge was opened in due form; the minutes were confirmed, and then the Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Anderson, E. Talbot, E. Percival, H. Strickland, W. Beavis P.M., W. Belchamber, J. G. Milbourne J.W. Second Lecture—Bros. L. Lazarus, C. L. Tokely, G. Waterman, W. Beavis P.M., J. G. Milbourne J.W. Third Lecture—J. D. Wilkinson, H. Stockwell, W. Beavis P.M. Shortly before ten o'clock the whole of the sections were finished, and that in a most effective manner. About twenty-five members joined this Lodge of Instruction, amongst them being Bros. J. van Praagh I.G. 1668, Davies 1839, L. Lazarus 879, Beavis P.M. 879, Millbourne J.W. 13, &c. Bro. Millbourne replied for the new members. Bro. A. G. Dixie P.M. and Preceptor of the Lodge proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. for presiding, and begged he would accept the honorary membership of the Lodge of Instruction. The Officers and other Brethren who assisted so efficiently were also thanked. Bro. Spiegel P.M., a zealous attendant at Lodges of Instruction, in seconding the proposition, bore testimony to the experience of Bro. Dixie; no words of his could express the delight and satisfaction it gave him to hear the sections worked in such perfection. The Worshipful Master, in responding, expressed the hope that the brethren of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge will do them the honour of attending to work the Fifteen Sections. This invitation was accepted, and an early date fixed for the visit.

THE AGES OF ROYALTY.

WILLIAM I., King of Prussia and Emperor of Germany, the Nestor of European monarchs, having attained, on 22nd March, the great age of 90 years, we give the following statment of the ages of the rulers of various countries, ranging from the oldest to the youngest, namely:—The German Emperor, aged 90; William III., King of the Netherlands, aged 70; Christian IX., King of Denmark, aged 69 on 8th April next; Victoria, Queen Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India, aged 67; Charles, King of Wurtemberg, aged 64; Dom Pedro II., Emperor of Brazil, aged 61; Albert King of Saxony, aged 58; Oscar II., King of Sweden and Norway, aged 58; Naser-ed-Din, Shah of Persia, aged 57; Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, aged 56; Leopold II., King of the Belgians, aged 52 on 9th April next; David Kalakaua, King of Hawaii, aged 50; Dom Louis, King of Portugal, aged 48; Charles, King of Roumania, aged 47; Abdul Hamid II., Sultan of Turkey, aged 44; Humbert, King of Italy, aged 43; Alexander III., Emperor of Russia, aged 42; Otto, King of Bavaria, aged 39; George, King of the Hellenes, aged 41; Mahomed Tewfik Pasha, Khedive of Egypt, aged 34; Mutsu Hete, Emperor of Japan, aged 34; Milan, King of Servia, aged 32; Phra Bat Somdetch Phra C. Yahua, King of Siam, aged 32; Kuang Hsu, Emperor of China, aged 16; and Alfonso XIII., King of Spain (a minor), in his first year. In addition to the above, it may be stated that Francois Paul Grevy, President of the French Republic, is in his 80th year; and that Grover Cleveland, President of the United States of America, has just completed his 50th year, having been born on 18th March 1837. Of the Regents who virtually exercise kingly power, Prince Luitpold, Regent of Bavaria, is 66 years of age; and Maria Christina, Queen Regent of Spain, is in her 29th year:—*Daily Chronicle.*

The following gatherings took place at Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 2nd April:—

Monday—Old King's Arms Lodge, De Grey and Ripon, Royal Somerset House, Robert Burns Chapter, Eclectic Chapter, Societé National Française Ball. Tuesday—Lyceum Supper. Wednesday—Italian Ball, Lodge of Progress, Smeatonian Society, Galloway Dinner. Thursday—Licensed Victuallers' Dinner, Victoria Rifles Lodge, Jerusalem Chapter. Friday—Royal Kensington Lodge, Thistle Lodge of Mark Masters. Saturday—Imperial Federation Lodge.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
30—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon

MONDAY, 4th APRIL.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
60—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
63—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden 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, 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.)
1606—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
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1685—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
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.
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street, Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
2096—Harleaden, National School, Harlesden
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
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
336—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
406—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
923—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
950—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
958—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Peterfield
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1046—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1106—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, 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
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 5th APRIL.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 9 (In.)
1360—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1380—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
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)
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (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. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Criterion, 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
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Barnsley
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
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.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
996—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1022—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1473—Bootle, 148 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1543—Roselyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1674—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1799—Arnold, Pebbello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
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. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
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, 6th APRIL.

Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's 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)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytons one
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. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent

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128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
626—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
646—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
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1383—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8 30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
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. 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. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
R.A. 1218—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 7th APRIL.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
37—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)
227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction
743—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1458—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1692—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)
1628—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldwych 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)
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 763—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, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 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
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
248—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
264—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
284—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
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.
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Brandon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
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1015—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
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155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
408—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Oxse Street, Goole
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1051—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1054—Ecclesall, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesall
1057—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Longton, Staffs
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1239—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 149—Sun Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
R.A. 153—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 400—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop

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103—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
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179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
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1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
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VOTERS AND THEIR PRIVILEGES.

WE took occasion to refer, at some length, in our issue of the 26th March, to the general position and scope of the Battersea Rise Institution, and the measures which are in contemplation for extending its sphere of usefulness. It is unnecessary to repeat those observations, further than to remark that the decision of the Executive to admit the whole of the candidates on the list without contest has been cordially endorsed almost everywhere by the Craft; and this action, in a general sense, is regarded as commendable and graceful in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee year. Still there are some who, without absolutely finding fault with this arrangement, feel aggrieved that their privilege of voting should be curtailed, and to these it may be opportune to address a few words, especially as some of our correspondents think it desirable we should give expression to their views with our own on this matter. In the first place, it is certain that the absence of a contest will deprive some of the brethren interested in the Institution of that amount of rivalry and emulation which are inseparable from all competitions, but there is no ground for apprehension that there will be any relaxation of effort on behalf of this Charity, which is decidedly the most popular of the three amongst its special circle. It will in some measure upset the calculation of those who may either have forestalled or borrowed votes at previous Elections, and we can foresee a considerable amount of friction as likely to result from this action on the part of the Executive. There can be no gainsaying that Life Governors will lose their votes, while on the other hand the Annual Subscriber who pays his guinea and is thereby entitled to two votes during the year will avail himself of the option provided for in the Laws, which state that "every subscriber shall for every guinea subscribed have one vote at each of the two succeeding Elections." These rules apply to both our Educational Institutions, and have always been found to work satisfactorily. In the exceptional position in which we this year find ourselves, however, the case is altered, and many Annual Subscribers are fearing lest they should lose one of their votes in consequence of there being no contest. It would meet the case, and in our opinion save a considerable amount of dissatisfaction, if, notwithstanding the generous decision of the Special Court, two votes were given to all Annual Subscribers at the Election in October, in order to prevent any feeling of soreness that may be excited under the impression that they have not received value for their money.

Another feature to which we have been asked to direct attention is the exchange or loan of votes. Now, the whole system of borrowing votes seems to require overhauling, so to speak, and we have continually expressed the opinion in these columns that it should be deprecated in every possible way. We have no hesitation whatever in endorsing the views of some of our correspondents, that it is time the whole question was taken into consideration, with a view of sparing many brethren who are led—perhaps unwittingly—into a practice from which unpleasant consequences often follow. That we may not be misunderstod, and in order to illustrate more distinctly what we wish to impress upon our readers, we will cite a case. Supposing a man lends a hundred Girls' votes for use in October, and stipulates that they are to be paid back in April. If there be no contest in April, as is the case this year, it has been suggested that the candidate on whose behalf the votes were lent having been admitted without a contest the obligation between the parties so far as that particular transaction is concerned should be cancelled. We can scarcely go so far as some writers have ventured to do in that direction, though we can endorse the opinion that the matter is worthy consideration. Although the lender might strictly enforce the full discharge of such an obligation, yet, having gained his point, he should be magnanimous, and not maintain a demeanour too strongly savouring of the Shylock proclivity. There is absolutely no rate of exchange, no standard value, in this matter of voting, for one set of votes cannot be set against another set. For this reason: The man who wants Boys' votes is more in need of them than is the brother holding Girls' votes; but there is no absolute basis as to relative value. The idea must be taken as we would treat a "token" coinage, and in the same light that a five-pound note might be regarded as a worthless piece of paper so long as it is not backed by the firmness and stability of the establishment by which it may have been issued so these votes are useless when any exceptional circumstances arise to upset their nominal value in the way of exchange. The same rules apply to all contests, and the Annual Subscribers have reasonable ground for expecting their two votes, especially when, under the exceptional circumstances of this year, they may be utilised at the October Election. We trust that some resolution may be formulated at the next Quarterly Court which will have a tendency to obviate all the difficulties which our correspondents apprehend. With some there has always been a notion that Boys' votes are worth more than Girls', but such an idea is based upon an erroneous foundation. There are in every contest so many votes and so many candidates, and, like water, the whole thing must find its level. We may look forward to it as a moral certainty that there will be a contest in October, whereas in the following year, being the Centenary, some of our sanguine brethren are anticipating that however numerous the candidates they will be taken on without a contest. We, however, would advise those who may be interested in candidates to discard such an anticipation. The granting of two votes to Annual Subscribers in October next will, we believe, work satisfactorily, and will show them that the Executive are acting in good faith towards them, and are not providing for the Jubilee extension at the expense of subscribers forfeiting a vote each by the fact of there being no contest this month. We certainly trust the question will be considered from all these points of view, and that such a decision may be arrived at as will meet the convenience and gain the approbation of all interested in the movement, and at the same time prevent any of that confusion which so many of our correspondents have foreshadowed.

THE EXPENDITURE OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Statement of Accounts for the year 1886, recently issued by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will cause astonishment in the minds of many who read it, while not a few of those who professed to know exactly

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how the financial affairs of the Charity were being managed will be more than surprised when they see the official statement of the expenditure for the past year, and compare it with the totals of preceding ones. The question of expense in connection with the two Masonic Educational Charities has frequently led to fierce attacks from brethren who considered that the funds subscribed by the Craft were dispensed with a too lavish hand, and if we may judge from last year's figures it might appear a much larger sum has been expended year after year in the past, over each boy, than is necessary if the strictest economy is practised on every side. We are not prepared to say that the lowest figure has yet been reached, but we feel sure the supporters of the Boys' School will hail with satisfaction the reduction of the average expenditure per boy, from £46 19s 9½d, at which it stood for the year 1885, to £40 6s 7½d, the cost per head for 1886, especially when, as we have reason to believe, the reduction is likely to prove of a permanent character. Considerable alterations have lately been made in the inner working of the School at Wood Green, and if the balance sheet for last year may be taken as a criterion, the results are eminently satisfactory.

The year just concluded shows the lowest average of expense of any twelve months during which the present system of maintenance and education has been in operation, and it presents such a falling off as compared with its immediate predecessors as to make it all the more noticeable. The only period in which the average expenditure nearly approached that of last year was 1875, when the total cost was £40 9s 8½d per head, with an establishment of one hundred and seventy-three pupils, whereas there are at present two hundred and forty-two lads receiving the benefits of the Institution. In order, however, that our readers may see exactly how the totals have varied in the past, we append the following table, which forms part of the Statement of Accounts issued by the Institution, and is intended to show the cost per head and the number of boys in the Institution, in each year during which the present system of maintenance and education has been in operation :—

Year	Establishment	Office	Total	No. of Boys
1866	37 19 10	9 16 3	47 16 4	100
1867	37 13 2	9 1 11	46 15 1	103
1868	36 15 9	8 17 8	45 13 5	115
1869	35 6 8	8 14 10	44 1 6	115
1870	36 1 4	8 19 6	45 0 10	119
1871	34 10 9	8 4 7	42 15 4	124
1872	38 4 7	7 0 10	45 5 5	126
1873	37 19 11½	7 1 0½	45 1 0	146
1874	37 13 11½	6 3 0	43 16 11½	164
1875	34 8 5	6 1 3½	40 9 8½	173
1876	37 3 8½	6 15 1½	43 18 10½	180
1877	38 4 6	6 7 6	44 12 0	192
1878	37 14 1½	5 18 4½	43 12 6	212
1879	37 16 2	5 14 3½	43 10 5½	215
1880	38 1 8½	5 3 0½	43 4 9	218
1881	37 16 6	5 9 0	43 5 6	218
1882	39 2 3	6 11 10	45 14 1	215
1883	38 9 6	6 9 6	44 19 0	215
1884	38 19 6	6 11 6	45 11 0	215
1885	39 14 4½	7 5 5	46 19 9½	215
1886	34 6 1½	6 0 6	40 6 7½	242

These figures will no doubt speak volumes of themselves, but they also present some peculiar features, foremost among which we may mention that the total of last year's expenditure, with two hundred and forty-two boys to be provided for, was considerably below that of 1885, when the number of lads on the establishment was only two hundred and fifteen; in other words, such care has been used of late that the addition of twenty-seven pupils to the Institution has not only entailed no additional outlay, but has actually resulted in a saving of upwards of £342 on the total cost of the year.

Taking the accounts seriatim as they appear in the Statement issued by the Institution, we have first a summary of the year's receipts, from which we gather that the actual total received by the Charity on the General Account was £11,813 19s 5d, upwards of eleven thousand pounds of which consisted of Donations and Subscriptions from Private Donors, Lodges, Chapters, &c. The other principal items were Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £160; Dividends on invested Funds, £580; and Legacy, £50. When we say that the whole of these amounts, in addition to the balance brought forward, were expended to provide the necessities of the year, it will be at once recognised how small a part of the total annually required for the Institution arises from what may be described as a permanent source, and how much depends on the liberality of the members of the Craft, who year by year are appealed to for funds with which to continue the work of the Charity. We next have a statement of the year's expenditure, which is subdivided under three heads: Ordinary, Special and Building Accounts. The first embraces the expenses of the office; salaries, rent, postages, printing, stationery, advertising, hire of rooms for elections, &c., which together total up to £1,457 18s 10d; Salaries and wages at School, £2,352 8s 4d; Provisions, £2,437 16s 11d; Clothing, £1,583 4s 1d; Education and maintenance of Boys out of the Institution, £80; Household requisites, £414 15s 11d; Infirmary, £110 3s 4d; Head Master's residence, £287 11s; and various, £1,295 5s 9d; giving a grand total of £9,760 1s 1d as the "Ordinary Expenditure" for the year. Included in this sum is an item which many supporters of the Boys' School consider they should be relieved of, as likewise do a large proportion of those who contribute to other Charities throughout the country. We allude to the matter of rates and taxes, which in the case of the Boys' School amount to upwards of £1 per head on all the boys in the Institution, while we are further informed that there are matters in arrear—pending items in dispute—which, if the Institution eventually has to pay, will increase this amount by, say, ten shillings per head. This sum may not be excessive, if taken in comparison with what has to be paid by the occupiers of private houses in the same neighbourhood, but it nevertheless appears to be a tax on benevolence which should be removed at an early date. Doubtless good arguments can be used against such a course, but on the whole we think the opinion of the country would be averse to the taxation of Charitable Institutions if a vote could be taken on the subject. The matter is one which will ere long be brought more prominently under public notice, for the daily papers of a month since announced that a bill had been prepared for presentation to Parliament by the friends of some of the London and other hospitals, which proposes "to restore the exemption from taxation which Charitable Institutions enjoyed for 250 years," but to which it is alleged they have been subjected since 1866, owing to the decision of the House of Lords in the case of an appeal carried to that tribunal. When we look at the sums payed by other great charitable institutions in London and the suburbs for "rates and taxes," we see that the outlay of the Boys' School under this head may be described as about equal to the average, but we are certainly of opinion that all Charities should be exempt from such charges.

The "Special Expenditure" of the year shows a total of £1,047 11s 3d, and embraces a variety of items which will be allowed as reasonable by all who recognise that the Institution has some other claims on its resources than the mere education and clothing of its pupils. The expenditure on the Building Account for the year was £1,753 5s 2d, so that the total outlay under these three heads was £12,560 17s 6d.

We next have particulars of the "Sustentation Fund" receipts and expenditure, and then details of the small farming operations which are carried on at Wood Green, from which we may infer that the production of butter, eggs, milk and hay, is a much more profitable undertaking than the ordinary farmer—with his long continued "bad times"—would have us believe. Of course we recognise that there are special considerations in connection with this miniature farm, which make it different to the general run of those from which farmers are expected to get a living; no doubt we should hear very different tales if every farmer had, for instance, as ready a market as that enjoyed by the Wood Green venture. However, the Executive are to be congratulated on the results they are able to show under this heading.

The special "Preparatory School Building Fund" is next considered; the statement shows an income for the year under this heading of £1,150 16s 2d, the whole of which has been expended on works connected with the supplementary building. There is still a balance outstanding on this account, but the figures supplied are hardly clear as to the amount, the statement for 1886 gives the balance due to Bank, &c., as £1,635 7s 5d; while another summary — for 1883-86 — puts the debit to Bank at £1,290 5s 11d. No doubt both are capable of explanation, and we are equally sure that the balance, whatever it is, will soon be cleared off. The total con-

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tributed by the Craft to this special account during the four years 1883-86 was £20,746 7s 11d, and the expenditure for freehold land, building, &c., &c., £22,036 13s 10d.

A summary of the amounts expended on enlargements and improvements at Wood Green is next given, and from this we learn that £94,010 0s 4d has been spent on buildings, &c., and a further £9,013 10s on freehold land, so that the actual cost of the Institution, &c., at Wood Green up to the close of last year has been £103,023 10s 4d.

The summary we have given will, we think, be sufficient to convince our readers that the work of the Institution is being carried on with a due regard to economy. If the working expenses of the future can be kept within the limits of last year there will be ample cause for congratulation; if they can be reduced, so much the better; but we are sure it is not the wish of the subscribers that they should be reduced at the expense of efficiency. All we can hope is that equal prosperity may attend the Institution in the future as has been experienced in the past, and that equal care may be taken in its management as that at present shewn by the various committees and officials.

CONVERSATION.

WHAT a debt of gratitude we owe to the new "fads" of society for the interest they lend to conversasation! How did our grandparents entertain their friends at dinner or reception without discussing palmistry and thought reading, or asking the question as to whether the lady or the tiger first warmly greeted Mr. Stockton's hero? Of course our progenitors talked about the weather—we do now-a-days occasionally—we speak familiarly of London fogs, and say with a pure Anglo accent that the walking is "nawsty," or "beastly." But this is only incidental to the more weighty discussions based upon the varied theories regarding the brain's workings or the curious lines of the human hand. We give receptions and teas to our favourite exponents of the different theories, at which host and guest are not troubled to find subjects for conversation that flows as freely as the wine or tea. But society is as rigorous in her laws as were the Medes and Persians. Woe betide the hapless mortal who ventures to discuss palmistry when mind-reading is the cue of the hour, or alludes to Frank Stockton when Ben Hur is the ruling volume.

Employment bureaus now furnish gentlemen escorts for evening parties or the theatre, lay figures for reception or dance. Poor mortals, their duties are arduous, if they expect to discuss with any degree of knowledge the questions of the day; the day which oftentimes is literally from rising to setting sun, so quickly do sensations vanish. A training school for conversation would not come amiss, if society could find the time to attend, but the text-books would require such frequent revision that no teachers could be found competent to undertake the task. This modern world of ours wags to a new tune every hour in the twenty-four, and what wonder is it that we cannot always keep on the key! Education and experience, are they as potent factors now in society as in the days gone by? No, for in our grandfather's time the standard of accomplishments did not vary, and when to these was added the experience of years—the best fitted to speak was the man thus equipped. Now you may be proficient in Latin and Greek, know of science and quote the ancient poets, your conversation is voted flat and unprofitable, while the débutante is sought for her glib talk upon current subjects which she just brushes with her butterfly wings. But most conversation heard in society is very superficial, and the philosopher wraps his cloak more closely around him and wonders at the vapid talk running ceaselessly on. The ear of Dionysius was a chamber in which the tyrant could hear all the conversation of his suspected subjects in prison. The sounds were carried through various passages to an opening in the rock. What a punishment fitting the crime it would be to oblige poor mortals to listen at this "ear" to their friends' talk for several hours. Coming from that chamber they would certainly talk less, or try to converse more intelligently.

Good talkers are the exception, not the rule. There are many reasons why this is so. New England with all its progress has not quite shaken off its Puritan repression. To be sure there are so many modern Priscillas who would venture to say, "why don't you speak for yourself, John?" that the question would not be so unusual as to merit commemoration. But repression of speech is yet natural to many who dwell amid the eternal silence of New England's hills. But repression is fatal to interesting conversation, a free interchange of ideas, the going out of self in free thought and free expression. Just here comes that other barrier to conversation—self-consciousness. We can never hope to interest others, if in talking we are conscious all the time of our own defects and shortcomings, if we are thinking of the effects of our words. We may practise our speeches as much as we like, we may overcome our faults by private study, but once in society, mingling with others, be natural and unaffected in speech, forget self and acquire ease. A good listener makes a good speaker oftentimes. The story is told of an inveterate talker who once was telling his friends of a delightful conversation he had in a train, for some hours, with a man named Smith. His friends shouted in derision that the said Smith was deaf and dumb. So oftentimes we think A and B entertaining talkers when they only listen patiently to our relating of our own ailments or our children's wonderful precocity. Oh, reader, forbear the discussion of your diseases in public! Your physician has to hear about them, your intimate friend may be interested in them, but society at large will vote you a bore and turn you adrift if you persist. Talk mind-reading or palmistry if you will, but let a rehearsal of your infirmities be a sealed book to the public.

An interesting conversationalist is born, not made. Yet much may be done to improve the tongue, dull in wit or prosy in language. A quick appreciation of all the varying demands of life is needed. An eye for beauty, an ear for harmony, a heart for humanity's broad interests. Quick wit and ready tongue do not always go together, neither do a warm heart and an easy form of expression. But what a world of power there is in the quick play of the intellect, in the graceful speech, the glowing description, the charming fancy that can paint with words, as does the artist with his brush upon the canvas the distant scene!

The perfection of conversation is not to play a regular sonata, but like the Æolian harp to await the inspiration of the "passing breeze." A good talker suits his conversation to the company, and does not, like a certain man, read the encyclopædia upon one subject and make his listeners martyrs to that, whether they will or no. He who talks well has a ready tact and knows what to avoid, as each one of us has his pet corn, in a topic which he dislikes to have hit, and while to one we may not mention "lobsters," to another "mussels" may be as objectionable. We must not hold our listener by bodily force. Lord Chester fieldonce said: "Never hold any one by the button or the hand in order to be heard out; for if people are unwilling to hear you, you had better hold your tongue than them."

Above all to be a good talker or an intelligent listener look your companion directly in the face. Then you will be able to respond to the quick play of his emotions, you will be impressed by what impresses him, you will participate in his thoughts. Why, many a time when I have been talking about the Vatican at Rome, with its art treasures, and its historic interest, my listener has been planning new curtains for the drawing-room, or, if masculine, has been deep in the mysteries of stocks and bonds. Whatever you discuss, be interested in what you are saying or hearing. This will make our salons worthy of the name, and conversation will be an art not wholly relegated to the days of the harpsichord and the spinning-wheel.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

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MASONIC RELIEF BOARDS.

CHARITY is one of the fundamental principles of Masonry. Upon his first admission into the Order the neophyte is taught that to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but more particularly upon Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. He is told that to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the grand aim we have in view. In becoming a Master Mason he makes a solemn pledge to assist needy brethren, their widows and orphans, whenever such shall apply to him for assistance. No duty is inculcated in a more signal manner, and there is none that should be more cheerfully performed. Every true Mason understands and appreciates the obligation thus resting upon him, and is always ready to discharge them to the full extent of his ability. There is no duty which a brother performs, as a Mason, that imprints upon his heart and memory the same degree of satisfaction, when he reflects upon it afterwards, as that of having performed some kind act towards a needy brother or his family.

In the present situation of Masonry, having upon the rolls of membership of her Lodges hundreds of thousands of brethren scattered over the entire habitable world, and engaged in almost all the pursuits of life known to men, the calls for help are frequent, and the demands for charity require large appropriations of time and money. The open-handedness of Masonry has a tendency to make these demands larger and much more frequent than they otherwise would be. It also presents an opportunity for *dead-beats* and impostors to ply their nefarious vocation of living upon others by concealing their true character. It is a well established fact that a large proportion of what has been given as Masonic charity, in the past, has gone into the hands of those not entitled to receive it. It was thus worse than thrown away, for it has kept upon the road a vast hoard of travelling impostors, who have lived upon this bounty, while needy brethren, or their widows and orphans, in many instances, have been left to suffer for a want of even the necessities of life.

The worst feature of this whole business is that these scoundrels, who are thus defrauding worthy Masons and their widows and orphans, are but seldom punished for the crime. The footpad who robs upon the highway is arrested and sent to prison, there to expiate his crime in penal servitude, clothed in a convict's garb. The fraud who robs a Mason, or a Masonic Lodge, is no less a criminal, and should be made to suffer in like manner. He is a worse criminal than the highwayman, for the latter selects for his victims those to whom the loss of a purse is but a trifle, while he robs the poor as well as the rich.

This condition of affairs makes it the imperative duty of Masons and Masonic Lodges to protect themselves, so far as is possible, against unworthy applicants for Masonic charity. The exigency of the case demands their most serious consideration and united co-operation. In the smaller towns, where there is but one Lodge, the usual plan of constituting the Worshipful Master and Wardens a Committee on Charity, with authority to draw from the funds of the Lodge, is perhaps as good a plan as they can adopt. But from a lack of proper facilities for detecting impostors, it is here that they are generally most successful in accomplishing their purpose. If these officers would be more vigilant, and withhold relief until they can obtain some proof of the worthiness of the applicant, there would soon be but few frauds on the road. In large cities, the general plan of having a Masonic Relief Board, to which all applicants for assistance are sent, has been worked very successfully in many of them. These Boards are generally composed of the Worshipful Masters of the several Lodges of the city. Here brethren of experience employ every means possible to dispense charity in a systematic manner. The Board selects some brother from his peculiar fitness for the place, and makes it his duty to investigate all applications for relief, and the applicant is temporarily provided for, if necessary, until he is satisfied whether help should be extended or not. The charity fund is created by a small assessment *per capita* on the membership of each Lodge, made quarterly or semi-annually as the funds may be required. In this way the burden is prorated among the Lodges, and each bears its proportionate share. No better plan for helping the worthy needy brother, detecting the unworthy, and distributing the burden so that each Lodge shall contribute its just share, could be devised.

A Masonic Relief Board was organized in this city several years ago, all the then existing Lodges joining in the organization and contributing in proportion to their membership. New Lodges, since organized, entered at once into this arrangement, and the Relief Board performed its duty up to the close of the year 1886, when it appeared that only four of the seven Lodges now in this city were contributing to the relief fund. This was so manifestly unjust to these four Lodges that, at a meeting, for reorganization for 1887, it was decided to make an effort to get all the Lodges once more to join in this noble work, and for that purpose they were asked to appoint a Committee for consultation. Six Lodges responded favourably to the call, the Committees met in joint convention, and unanimously agreed that it was the duty, as well as for the interest of their respective Lodges, to continue the Relief Board. This action now goes to the Lodges for ratification or disapproval at their next stated meeting. If all unite in maintaining the Board the estimated necessary contributions will not exceed thirty cents *per capita*, and may be less. Brethren of Indianopolis, what shall be the result? Can any Lodge afford to refuse this trifling sum for charity? We have tried to make the matter plain so that all may understand it. Do your duty as Masons, remembering the divine injunction that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and the Masonic one that "the greatest of these is charity."
—*Masonic Advocate.*

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION.

THE report, presented at the annual general meeting of this Institution, held on Saturday, the 26th March, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, states :—

That the operations of the Royal National Life-boat Institution were actively carried on during the past year—a year which caused more than usual anxiety to the Committee, the resources of the Society have been at times unusually strained; but, notwithstanding, the results which were obtained in the saving of life more than compensated for all the care, trouble and expense which were bestowed on the work, and cannot but call forth expressions of thankfulness from all friends to the Life-boat cause. In the year 1886 as many as twenty new Life-boats were placed on the coast; all furnished with the latest improvements, including water-ballast tanks, and most of them supplied with transporting carriages. Reports of the most gratifying description have been received from many of the stations where they were placed, indicating that the Local Committees, coxswains and crews entirely concur with the Committee in considering them in important particulars superior to the boats they superseded, the opinion having been formed in many instances on experience which had been obtained in them whilst performing excellent and gallant services in heavy seas. The Committee are most anxious to adapt the Life-boats to local requirements and to meet as far as possible the wishes of the crews both as regards the design of the boats and as to their equipment. They fully recognise the fact that self-righting boats are not popular on some parts of the coast, and their desire is to provide boats in which the crews, who so gallantly risk their lives, have the most perfect confidence. Last year four new stations were formed, each of which was provided with a Life-boat. At the end of the year the Institution's fleet comprised 293 Life-boats. Gales of remarkable force, notably during the months of October and December, devastated the coast in the year, and brought into bold relief the value of the Life-boat service. The Life-boats were launched on service on 286 occasions, being 96 times oftener than in the preceding year; and also about 800 times for exercise and inspection. It is with the deepest regret that the Committee have to record that of the many gallant launches made by their brave crews, three were attended by fatal consequences, resulting in the loss of no less than 28 valuable lives. The terrible Life-boat catastrophe off Southport, which excited the sympathy of the whole country, was the worst that has ever befallen our Life-boat service. Public subscriptions were opened for the relief of the widows and orphans of the gallant men who so heroically sacrificed their lives in endeavouring to save others, towards which the Institution, always considering it to be its duty to afford prompt and efficient help in cases where life is lost in the service, contributed liberally, and ample funds flowed in from all parts of the country, and even from the Continent. A special Sub-Committee was appointed early in January last to inquire into the self-righting properties of the boats of the Institution, and although their labours are not concluded, the Sub-Committee have made an *ad interim* report, with many important recommendations, which it is hoped will prove a great and lasting benefit to the Institution. It has been resolved to offer a gold and silver medal for drawings or models of a mechanically propelled Life-boat best adapted to meet the conditions under which Life-boats are called upon to perform their work. Also a gold

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and silver medal for models or drawings of a propelling power suitable for the self-righting boats of the Institution. Last year the Life-boats saved 601 lives and 33 vessels. Besides this, 160 lives were saved from shipwreck by shore-boats and other means, all of which services were rewarded by the Institution, making up a total of 761 lives rescued during the year. Thirteen Silver Medals, 1 second service clasp, 32 binocular glasses, 35 votes of thanks on vellum, and £6,630 were granted by the Committee in rewards and grants to widows and orphans of Life-boat men drowned on duty during the year. Altogether from its foundation the Institution has voted 97 gold medals, 987 silver medals or silver clasps, 94 binocular glasses, 15 telescopes, and £93,500 in cash, for saving 32,671 lives from shipwrecks on our coasts. The financial statement, which was produced at the meeting, has been audited and signed by Mr. Lovelock, chartered accountant; it furnishes full details of the items of receipt and expenditure. The subscriptions, donations, dividends, &c., amounted during the past year to £43,044, which sum included £9,116 in special gifts to defray expenses connected with various Life-boat establishments. Several legacies were also received. The total expenditure for the past year was £47,066. The gallant services performed by the coxswains and crews of the Life-boats were gratefully acknowledged, as well as the valuable assistance received from the Local Committees and their Honorary Secretaries, the Coast Guard, and the Press of the country. The Committee have decided, with the sanction of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Patroness of the Institution, to place on the coast and maintain in perpetuity a Life-boat to be named the *Queen Victoria*. Increased help is more particularly needed at the present time, owing to the decision recently arrived at by the Committee, after many weeks' careful inquiry and deliberation, to remove from the coast, with as little delay as possible, all self-righting Life-boats which will not pass far more severe tests than were formerly considered necessary, and which are not provided with such of the latest improvements as they deem to be of the greatest importance. The cost of this work will be very great, but the Committee are confident that in carrying it out they will not only meet with the full approval of the British Public, but will be supplied with the funds they so urgently solicit and require for the purpose.

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THE BORROWING OF VOTES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Not long ago I saw in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE an article which set forth that the borrowing or forestalling of votes was "to be deprecated in every possible way." I fail to see, however, how the borrowing, or rather the exchange, of votes is always to be avoided; and, seeing that all such transactions are entered upon in good faith, they must in the end be mutually advantageous. Supposing, for instance, a Province knew itself to be too weak in votes to ensure the success of its candidate, where is the harm in the system so frequently adopted of asking the assistance of a neighbouring Province, and borrowing all the available votes for that particular election? They would be repaid at the following contest, and probably with interest, on the principle that "one good turn deserves another." The same rule would apply to individuals who choose to borrow and lend votes, so that I can scarcely follow you in the opinion you expressed that the system is to be utterly condemned.

There is, however, one matter in which I confess I am in somewhat of a fog, and perhaps you may be able, in your usually kind manner, to help me out of it. You are aware that at the approaching Election of candidates to the Girls' School all who are on the list will be admitted without a contest. This may be a very wise thing for the Executive to do—in order to mark their devotion to the Queen, and to commemorate Her Majesty's Jubilee year—but will it not seriously interfere with the holders of votes for the various Institutions? For instance, taking my own as a particular case; long before any one knew, or thought of such an arrangement, I borrowed a hundred Girls' votes, on the promise of repaying them by an equal number of Boys' votes, later on. But this decision of the Special Court upsets my apple-cart altogether. My Girls' votes are of no use to me, seeing that there is no contest; but I suppose I shall be expected to recoup the brother from whom I borrowed the Boys' votes, and in the way agreed upon. You may argue that I ought to be very well satisfied, inasmuch as the candidate in whom I was personally interested has been admitted to the benefits of the Institution. So I personally am; but the case might have been different. Suppose there had been a contest this time, my votes would have come in very useful, and I should have felt bound, even more than I do under present circumstances, to return them. But let us also suppose the possibility of a "walk over" for the Boys' next time, the hundred votes would be of no value to the Brother from whom I borrowed them, and I only should have benefited from the exchange. This seems to me likely to be the experience of a good many of us in the coming Election of the Girls' School, and I should be much obliged if you can point to any means which will tend to reduce our inconvenience and uncertainty to a minimum.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

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REVIEWS.

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Freemasons' Manual for Kent, 1887. Edited by Thomas Samuel Warne, Rochester, P.M. and P.Z. No. 20, Prov. G.S.W. Kent, &c.

IT is only to be expected that with such a roll of Lodges and Masonic organisations as the Province of Kent possesses, the Calendar, or rather "Manual," as the editor designates it, should be a somewhat more bulky form than are most of its companion works. In a book of some 160 pages, Bro. T. S. Warne has brought together a vast amount of information which is essential to the brethren of the Province, and the compilation is as complete, we should say, as it is possible to make one. After devoting sufficient space to the record of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Stewards, the Board of General Purposes, the Colonial Board, and the Board of Benevolence, the names are given of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent who were invested in Provincial Grand Lodge held in July last, at Folkestone, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Amherst Prov. Grand Master. Then follows a roll of the fifty-five Lodges in the Province, with their dates and places of meeting; months in which installations are held, and towns in Kent in which Lodges meet, with days of meetings in each month. A record is kept of the Provincial Grand Festivals that have taken place since the year 1860 l and facing this is a list of the Provincial Grand Masters of Kent, dating from the year 1773. The Lodges to which centenary warrants have been granted by Grand Lodge are enumerated. The number of members subscribing to Kent Lodges is tabulated, reaching in the aggregate to 3,174 in 1886, as against 2,857 in 1883. Similar information is given respecting the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter, giving the dates of the Festivals held under the present Grand Superintendent, Bro. Earl Amherst, the towns in which Royal Arch Chapters are held, &c. The bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Kent are printed in full, and abstracts of accounts are given relative to the various Masonic organisations in the county. There is a large amount of information also respecting the "higher" grades of Freemasonry, and Bro. W. J. Hughan contributes a few short notes on the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham, which is the oldest in connection with any Provincial Grand Lodge, and is the tenth oldest Lodge in England. The little work is admirably compiled, and contains all that the brethren in the Province require to know from a local standpoint.

Dr. Franklin's Newspaper accounts of Freemasonry, 1730-1750. Edited by Clifford P. MacCalla. Philadelphia: Masonic Publishing Co.

IN this little brochure has been collected a series of early newspaper accounts of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, England, Ireland, and Scotland, which are reprinted from the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, with illustrated comments by the editor. Dr. Benjamin Franklin, the author of the accounts, was made a Mason in the St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, in 1731, and the Secretary's Ledger of that Lodge, discovered in 1884, gives the records of Franklin's Lodge life from that year until 1783. We dare say many of our brethren have perused the articles as they appeared from time to time in the pages of our contemporary, *The Keystone*, but Bro. MacCalla has done well to collate them into a handy book of reference, which is far more convenient than reading through the file of a Masonic journal, when enquiry upon any point might be deemed necessary. The little work contains very interesting chapters and anecdotes which will be hailed with cordiality by Masons on both sides of the Atlantic, and forms a welcome addition to our stock of Masonic literature.

Life of Colonel Daniel Coxe, the Father of Freemasonry in America. By Clifford P. MacCalla.

THE same remarks apply in reference to this work as to the above, so far as its general utility is concerned. There are, however, many features of the life of Colonel Coxe which are of peculiar interest to English Freemasons. It appears that Daniel Coxe, afterwards Colonel in command of all the forces in West Jersey, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, and the Prov. Grand Master of Masons in the Province of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, was born in London in 1673, the date of his baptism being registered in St. Botolph's Church, Aldersgate. He was the son of Dr. Daniel Coxe, of London, the physician to King Charles II. and Queen Anne, and from 1687 to 1691 the largest landed proprietor in, and the Governor of, the Province of West Jersey—"a man of large wealth, gifted intellect, varied acquirements and remarkable enterprise." The story of the Colonel's romantic marriage, and his subsequent career, to the latter portion of which Bro. H. Sadler has contributed much information, will be read with interest, especially as it throws light upon the history of the Craft in this country, and the pamphlet forms a companion work to Franklin's "Accounts," noticed above.

Olympia. The Official Programme.

THE management of this leviathan establishment at Kensington, which will in future be known as the "National Agricultural Hall," have recently issued a bulky shillingsworth, containing, in addition to the ordinary programme of entertainments to be given there, several chapters of readable matter on a variety of subjects. In the opening pages is a concise and interesting account of "Olympia"

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and the games indulged in by the athletes of ancient Greece; this is followed by a well written paper on "Modern Olympia," the origin and construction of the immense building at the West End; the programme, including horse, poultry, dairy, dog, and implement shows, "and all and any other displays which will illustrate in an instructive way the agricultural industry of this and other countries." For all-round diversions there are to be national and international exhibitions, military tournaments, horse-racing, trotting matches, foot races, assaults-at-arms, and athletics generally; theatrical performances, concerts, bazaars, balls, picture galleries, and so on. Science will be illustrated not only in the national exhibitions, but by special displays demonstrating the progress made in inventions, engineering, electric lighting, and other branches of science. Railways, traders and farmers, sportsmen, and other classes will have their own expositions; circuses will from time to time occupy the building, as the Great Hipprodome was lately doing; youth and beauty will be provided with lawn tennis and racquets, archery, and other *al fresco* amusements; public men will find ample facility for holding meetings and banquets; and the benevolently inclined will be enabled to indulge at all times in that fashionable form of philanthropy—charity *fêtes*. In natural association with some of these shows it is intended to hold regular sales of live stock of every kind, carriages and other vehicles, agricultural implements, sanitary appliances, and so on; thus visitors will not only be able to admire what they see, but to transact business on the spot, combining, under the best conditions, pleasure and business. The most accessible means of reaching Olympia are described by plans and guides; a minute description is given of the enormous building and its accessories, the stables, gardens, electric lights, machinery, and many other subjects, all of which are treated in facile and interesting manner. Lady Florence Dixie contributes an excellent paper on "Dogs and Horses, and their Treatment;" P. T. Barnum discourses on "Shows and Showmen;" Herbert J. Gladstone deals briefly with "National Physical Recreation;" and Edmund Tattersall, advocates the establishment of a National Stud in England. Then there is a chapter on "Exhibitions" generally, by Godfrey Turner; John Thornton gives us the value of his admitted authority on "Cattle Shows;" and Benjamin Ward Richardson throws in an admirable treatise on "Cycling and Health." The work is printed in the old style of the typographical art, is profusely illustrated, and in addition to the contents we have enumerated there is an "Ode to Olympia," written by W. Alex. Barrett, Mus. Bac. Oxon, F.R.S.L., and set to music composed by Alfred J. Caldicott, Mus. Bac. Cantab. The names of the contributors are in themselves sufficient to indicate that the best known authorities have been called to the aid of the compiler; and the work is altogether one that will not only be essential to the visitor to Olympia, but serves as a means of pleasant reading long after the temporary enjoyment of an hour or two in the "big house" may have subsided.

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JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

A REGULAR Convocation was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 28th March, when there were present. Comps. L. Lazarus M.E.Z., J. W. Dewsnap H., L. M. Myers J., M. J. Emanuel S.E., A. Jacob S.N., J. Lazarus Treasurer, E. Liebmann P.S., H. Davis 2nd Assist. Soj.; P.Z.'s M. J. Emanuel, S. M. Lazarus, Littaur, H. P. Isaac; I. Botibol, L. Isaac, J. Lyon, J. Myers, A. Botibol, J. Klein, J. Wynmann, H. Van Stavern, S. Jewell, J. Davis, E. Weigel, J. B. Musquita, Jusoof Ali Khan, Lewis Davis, W. Lyon, H. Saqui; Visitors—Grove P.Z. 55, Frewen P.Z. 1319. The Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Saqui, Joppa Lodge, and Bro. Yusoof Ali Khan, 1422, were exalted. The ceremony was perfectly and impressively performed, and the M.E.Z. received the hearty good wishes and congratulations of the Visitors. After Chapter was closed, the brethren repaired to the banqueting room, where the M.E.Z. proposed the health of the Queen, wishing her, during the fiftieth year of her reign, health and happiness. The toast was received most heartily. Comp. Littaur, in graceful terms, proposed the health of the M.E.Z., which elicited a cordial reply from Comp. L. Lazarus. To the compliment paid the Visitors Comp. Grove replied, and expressed the satisfaction and pleasure he had experienced in seeing the working done in such excellent style. The M.E.Z. possessed all the qualifications a Chapter could desire. The M.E.Z. proposed the health of the Exaltees, and Comp. Saqui thanked the M.E.Z. and Companions for receiving him into the Chapter; he also thanked the M.E.Z. for having proposed, and Comp. J. S. Lyons for having seconded him. Comp. Yusoof Ali Khan also replied; in the course of his remarks he expressed himself gratified in being able to state that he had been privileged to visit this grand old country. He was not aware that any member of his immediate family circle had ever visited England, but he had obtained some slight knowledge of the language, and was anxious to see the country. On his arrival here he was introduced to a few brethren, who extended to him the right hand of fellowship. Since then he had been raised in the Joppa Lodge, and he considered it a great privilege to be allowed to join the Joppa Chapter. He had been much impressed with the beauty and solemnity of the proceedings. He tendered his heartfelt thanks to the M.E.Z., and to all who had assisted. For his own part he felt that the kindness he had received at all hands would ever remain as a happy remembrance of his visit to this great country. The toasts were interspersed with a choice selection of songs, by Comps. Grove (Father Molloy), Saqui, and others.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 584.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 10th March, under the presidency of Bro. Oliver Bryant W.M., Tongue S.W., Apsey J.W., Dr. Jackson P.M. as S.D., J. Nowakowski J.D., Banks Tyler; P.M.'s Dr. Jagielski, Runtz, Smith, Dr. Jackson, F. Rath, J. O. Bieling I.P.M., Nowakowski Treasurer, Lancaster Secretary. After communications had been considered, the members of the Audit Committee were selected, viz., Bros. Lincoln, Cooper and Dane. Lodge was advanced to the second degree and Bro. Bernard Abrahams, who was in attendance, was entrusted. After he had retired, Lodge was advanced to the third degree and the candidate was readmitted and raised to the degree of M.M. by the W.M. After this followed the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. The selection of the brethren unanimously fell upon Bro. Tongue S.W. All other business being ended, Lodge closed in the usual manner, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room. After grace had been sung and the cloth removed, the Worshipful Master proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, reminding the brethren that it was the anniversary of the wedding day of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Miss Ada Patterson sang "O Luce." I.P.M. Bieling then proposed the health of the retiring W.M. In doing so, and for the last time, Bro. Bieling said that he felt he was expressing the feelings of all present when he thanked Bro. Bryant for having tried to make them happy and comfortable, and for the excellent music and singing he had provided for their enjoyment. Bro. W. G. Forrington here sang "An Old Garden," by Hope Templeton. The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had responded to the toast of his health. He then proposed the health of the W.M. elect, alluding to the manner in which Bro. Tongue had always stuck to his work; he felt sure that the brother chosen would always be found a firm friend and good Master. Miss Lena Law now favoured the company with "A Summer Night," by Goring Thomas, and then Bro. Tongue thanked the brethren most heartily for having elected him to the chair of K.S. Bro. Sidney Towers sang, "I seek for thee in every flower," Ganz. The Worshipful Master then proposed the Visitors, viz., Bros. Saegert P.M. Wellington, Hobbs and Ardine Great Northern Lodge, N. Hempstead St. James's Union, H. E. Tower St. James's Lodge, Harry Hutchinson 661, Pangbourne 1288. Previous to the responses, Miss Paterson and Miss Law gave the popular "I know a Bank." Bro. Hempstead now replied; the Visitors had much appreciated the kindness they had received from the brethren, and almost felt they belonged to the Lodge, so great was the cordiality extended to them. Miss Ada Paterson here sang "Robin Adair." After this followed the toasts of the P.M.'s and Officers. After another capital song by Miss Law, the Tyler's toast completed a most enjoyable evening.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 14th ult., at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, the W.M., Bro. Wm. Brown, presiding. There were also present Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., Geo. Simpson P.M., W. B. Dyson S.W., S. J. Dalton J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, Jas. Kay Secretary, W. Lackenby S.D., W. Storry I.G., P. Pearson, J. H. Shonksmith, T. W. Halliwell, W. H. A. Coates, W. Routledge, J. T. Spetch, J. H. Hewdry, A. Archer, W. Wreglesworth, G. G. Pook, R. Ware, R. M. Hayden, W. T. Nance, W. Read, W. Sharp, and E. Thackray. Visitors: Bros. G. Bond, Old Concord Lodge, and Alfred Tyler, Jordan Lodge. Two candidates were initiated by the W.M., the tools being presented by the J.W., and the charge being given by Bro. Geo. Chapman, Past Warden, brother to one of the candidates. The matter of the Indian and Colonial Institute proposal of the Pro Grand Master, which had been referred to a Committee, came up for decision, and the W.M., after saying that the Committee was unanimous in its decision to support the proposals, moved the following resolution.

"That this Lodge, appreciating the national importance of the scheme of the Most Wor. Pro. Grand Master for the formation of the Indian and Colonial Institute, approves the opening of a subscription list under the auspices of the Eboracum Lodge, by means of which members may forward individual contributions."

This was seconded by Brother Blenkin, and supported by Bros. Simpson and Whytehead, and was carried unanimously, and a list was forthwith opened, and a number of brethren entered their names for various sums. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then presented to the Lodge library copies of Dr. Oliver's "Star in the East," Chevalier Ramsay's "Travels of Cyrus," and a long series of Grand Lodge Calendars, A. and A. Rite Regulations, Bye Laws of Lodges, and Lodge Histories, &c. Bro. Halliwell gave a coloured diagram, framed, of a Mosaic Pavement found at Pompeii. Bro. Routledge presented a splendid pair of polished ram's horns supporting a silver snuff box, suitably engraved. These brethren received the thanks of the Lodge for their gifts. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren met in the smoke room, where they enjoyed for an hour or two the pleasures of Masonic converse, their comfort being materially advanced by the success of a new ventilating apparatus lately fixed in the room, and which rendered the atmosphere more pleasant.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—On Wednesday, the 30th March, Bro. Jenkins occupied the chair, at the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, when he was supported by Bros. Bleakley, Coste, Ament, Jackson, Messer, Ferguson, Silvester, and Dimsdale in the various offices, besides several other brethren. Lodge having

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been opened and minutes read and confirmed, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ferguson acting as candidate, after which the Worshipful Master worked the second section of the lecture of the degree. Lodge was resumed to the first, and the W.M. worked the second and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Bleakley was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bro. R. W. Hobden 1328 was elected a member. Lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 31st March, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk Road, W. Present: Bros. Lindfield W.M., C. R. Cross S.W., Spiegel P.M. J.W., Austin Treasurer, Chalfont P.M. Secretary, P. J. Davies S.D., Purdue P.M. J.D., Jennings I.G., Cavers Steward, Davies Preceptor; W.M.'s: Bros. Wood and Stroud; P.M.'s: Bros. Sims, Child, Cubitt, Breitbart, and Lewis; and Bros. Curtis, Higginson, Benton, Stonnill, Craggs, Bull, Barbrook, Lichtenfeld, Cotton, Head, Whittell, and Bonham. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Bull as candidate. Lodge was opened in 2nd degree, and the 1st and 2nd sections were worked. The 4th section was worked by Bro. P. M. Spiegel and the answers given by Bro. Davies (Preceptor). Bro. Cross was elected W.M. for next meeting. The Secretary announced that next Thursday another ballot for the Benevolent Fund would take place. A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Davis and seconded by Bro. Cross, to be recorded, to the W.M., who for the first time had occupied the chair. The Lodge was then closed.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Saturday, the 2nd instant. Bro. W. Roebuck, Vice Patron and Trustee, G.S.B., presided, supported by Bros. F. Adlard, J. S. Cumberland, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., G. P. Gillard, Charles Belton, Edgar Bowyer, A. E. Gladwell, Joyce Murray, Alfred Williams, C. H. Webb, H. Young, C. F. Hogard, H. Hacker, J. L. Mather, J. Glass, W. A. Scurrah, W. Pass, H. Webb, R. Berridge, W. Maple, Thomas Cubitt, and Fred. Binckes (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, an application on behalf of an ex-pupil for a grant of £40 towards payment of stamps on articles entered into with a solicitor—with due regard to the present state of the funds—was not entertained. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the procendings to a close.

The following gatherings took place at Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 9th April:—

Monday—Old King's Arms Chapter, Lodge of Union, Caxton Lodge, Robert Burns Lodge, Lodge of Joppa. Tuesday—Old Acquaintance Musical Society. Wednesday—Hackney Carriage Proprietors. Thursday—Westminster and Keystone Lodge, St. James's Chapter, Universal Chapter.

An Order of Honourable Service.—The Empress of Germany has just written to express the great pleasure it has given Her Majesty to learn of the success which has attended the Honourable Order of Domestic Service instituted in connection with *The Quiver*. This Order was established in January last, since which date about 6,000 letters have been received and answered by the Editor, and over 2,000 members have already been received into the Order. Of these nearly fifty have been in their present situations upwards of half a century (the length of service extending up to sixty-five years), whilst some hundreds have served more that twenty-five years. Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian has graciously consented to become Patron of the Order, the Vice-Patrons being the Marchioness of Tavistock, the Countess Waldegrave, the Lady John Manners, the Lady Brabazon, the Lady Sophia Palmer, and Lady White Cooper. About £2000 has been expended in prizes, medals, and certificates. Nearly one hundred letters continue to reach the Editor daily from persons desirous of being enrolled as members of the Order.

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Princess's.—"Held by the Enemy," a drama in five acts, by Mr. William Gillette, was produced here last Saturday, with great success. The play is essentially one of startling incidents, but they have been woven together so successfully that even where there are flaws in the writing they can be readily overlooked. Mr. Gillette certainly knows what playgoers affect; from beginning to end he has handled his materials in workmanlike fashion, and has dished them up so tastefully that they hold the attention of the audience from beginning to end. Again, the author has several fresh incidents in his plot; characters both humorous and pathetic, yet not exaggerated in their conception. But very few alterations need be made, and when the first act has been curtailed, and the first part of act 3 somewhat toned, all will be in working order. The action of the play takes place in America, during the War between North and South, and opens at the house of the McCreery's. Lieutenant Gordon Hayne (a scout in the Confederate service) is betrothed to his cousin, Rachael McCreery. This engagement, however, is not of the latter's seeking; she secretly loves Colonel Charles Prescott, a Federal. Hayne is arrested by Prescott, with some compromising papers in his possession; he is tried by court martial, and condemned to death, notwithstanding Prescott and Rachel have made strenuous efforts to save him. Hayne is placed under Prescott's charge, and during an engagement between the two armies, Rachel seeks Prescott, and endeavours to induce him to allow her cousin to escape. Though sorely pressed to yield, Prescott resists temptation, and resolves to be true to his side. During their conversation a shell breaks through the prison cell, thus enabling Hayne to effect his escape. This eventually brings him face to face with Prescott, who is wounded. After a struggle the latter is overpowered, only for Hayne, to be shot by Brigade-Surgeon Fielding, who enters at the critical moment. Hayne is now taken to the military hospital, and is tended by Rachel. When her charge has fallen into a stupor, through loss of blood, she secures an order from the General to have the supposed corpse removed at once. On its way through the hospital the procession is stopped by Surgeon Fielding, who asks that he may be allowed to examine the body. This proposal is strenuously resisted by Rachel, backed by Prescott, who this time is not in the secret. An altercation follows, to which an end is put by the General himself, who arrives on the scene. On learning the occasion of the dispute he orders the surgeon to examine the body. This is done, and after the doctor places his head over the heart, he pronounces life extinct; Hayne has died during the altercation, and thus saves Rachel and Prescott from disgrace. The ability with which this scene was worked up can scarcely be done justice to; it must be seen to be realised. We need only say it wrought the interest of the audience to the highest pitch. The last acts consist of explanations between Bean and Susan, two really clever comedy characters, and Rachael and Prescott, which prove satisfactory to all concerned. The lighter portions of this ingenious play are brightened by the characters above mentioned, capitally rendered by Mr. Yorke Stephens and Miss Annie Hughes. The latter, in particular, developed a sound idea of humour, which backed up by Mr. Stephens's spirited acting, made an agreeable contrast. As Colonel Prescott, Mr. Warner has not a showy part, but he played to better advantage than we have seen him do for some time; he made the most of each situation, yet there was not that scornful bearing so redolent with his acting of late. We heartily congratulate Mr. Warner on his realisation of Colonel Prescott. Miss Alma Murray was impressive as Rachel, while Mr. E. W. Gardiner deservedly gained sympathy as the spy. Mr. William Rignold was at home as Surgeon Fielding, while Mr. Charles Overton gave a strong military air to Major-General Stanburg. Mr. S. Calhaem was effective as the old servant, while Mr. E. Gurney and Mrs. Canninge were well fitted with the parts of Lieutenant McPherson and Euphemia McCreery respectively. The call for the author, which certainly was deserved on this occasion, was acknowledged by Mr. Warner, who stated Mr. Gillette had not yet reached the theatre, the piece terminating earlier than had been expected. "Held by the Enemy" will be put in the regular bill this (Saturday) evening, when we feel assured additional success will attend it.

Miss Hawthorne announces that in consequence of unforeseen delay in the preparation of scenery for the "Golden Band," she has decided to postpone its production for a few weeks, and intends, in the meantime, to give West End Theatre-goers an opportunity of witnessing Messrs. Willing and Douglass's successful play "A Dark Secret." The piece will be produced at the Olympic on this (Saturday) evening, with all its startling scenic and mechanical effects—including the famous Henley Regatta scene. There will be a matinée performance on Easter Monday, and on each Wednesday and Saturday during the run of the piece.

Mr. Charles H. Hawtrey, of the Globe Theatre, announces that he will revive "The Private Secretary" (for a limited number of nights, prior to the production of the adaptation of "La Doctoresse," by F. C. Burnand) this (Saturday) evening, with the original cast. That this is a wise step we feel sure, for although the piece has already run for over two years, many will be glad of the opportunity thus afforded to renew acquaintanceship with this highly amusing piece.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 16th April 1887, at twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider Notices of Motion, as under, and to declare elected the whole of the Eligible Candidates on the list for this Election.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

By Bro. J. A. Birch:

(a) "That, in order to suit the better convenience of the brethren representing the Provinces and to facilitate the Business of the Election it is desirable that the Day of Election be altered."

(b) "That the Election of the Girls' Institution be held on the Wednesday before the Fourth Friday in May, and that the rules be altered in accordance with this resolution."

By Bro. Robert Wylie, P. Prov. G.W. Lancashire, W. Division:

"That it is desirable to have the Elections of the Three Masonic Institutions, which occur in the early part of the year, held on three consecutive days in the same month, say, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in the month of May, and that a Committe be appointed to consider the matter, and confer with the Committees of the two other Institutions, and to report to the next Quarterly General Court."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Office—5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, W.C.
9th April 1887.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE following Resolution having been passed at a Special Meeting of the General Court, held on Monday, 21st March 1887, there will be no *contested* Election on 16th April, and consequently no voting papers will be issued.

Resolved—"That in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, five further vacancies be declared for the Election in April next, thereby admitting of the Election of the whole of the Candidates on the List without contest."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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24th March 1887.

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THE NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of this Institution will take place

On WEDNESDAY, the 11th MAY next,

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Sir OFFLEY WAKEMAN, Bart.

R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire.

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F. R. W. Hedges.

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Rev. J. W. Palmer, Grand Chaplain.

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(AGED 64 YEARS),

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The Case is strongly recommended by

Bro. H. Beaumont W.M., and the Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton.
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Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked * or by the Widow, 2 Palace Road, Upper Norwood; or, Mrs. Turner, "The Chase," Farquhar Road, Upper Norwood.

APRIL ELECTION, 1887.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys

Are earnestly solicited on behalf of

JOHN FAWCETT,

AGED NINE YEARS.

Whose Father, Bro. John Gascoigne Fawcett, late of the "Limes," Herne, Kent, was initiated in the "St. Augustine's Lodge," No. 972, on the 18th of May 1881, and continued a subscribing member until February 1886. He was one of the Founders of the Ethelbert Lodge, No. 2099, and was Senior Deacon of that Lodge up to the time of his death, which took place (after a protracted and severe illness) on the 6th of August 1886. He was always ready to help in the cause of charity and his fellow creatures. He has left a widow and six children almost totally unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the following Lodges:—

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Also by the undermentioned brethren:—

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*Edward Ayre W.M. 2099, Herne, near Canterbury.
*Henry Grey W.M. 1820, Ridley House, Herne, Canterbury.
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PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield, on Wednesday, 30th of March, under the banner of Harmony Lodge, No. 275, when there were present:—

Right Wor. Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Past Grand Deacon of England, Prov. Grand Master; Bros. Henry Smith P.M. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, J. Craven as Prov. G.S.W., Edwin Woodhouse Prov. G.J.W., Revs. T. C. Smyth, D.D., and W. S. Turnbull Prov. G. Chaplains, F. M. Tindall Prov. G. Treasurer, Joseph Binney Prov. G. Registrar, Herbert G. E. Green Prov. G. Secretary, James Ambler and Wm. Hy. Stewart Prov. G.S. Deacons, Robert Craig as Prov. G.J. Deacon, George Mashall Prov. G.J. Deacon, Thos. Wm. Roome Prov. G. Supt. Wks., George Buckley jun. Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, S. T. Oates Prov. G. Deputy Dir. of Cers., J. Ramsden Riley as Prov. G. Asst. D. of C., J. B. Hargreaves Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Thos. Woodhead and William Laycock Prov. G. Standard Bearers, W. B. Townsend Prov. Graud Organist, Wm. Thos. Sugg Prov. G. Pursuivant, J. W. Monckman as Prov. G. Asst. Pursuivant; John Wm. Fourness, Edwin Lee, Thos. Denby, Thomas Michael Holmes, Samuel Sugden and John Harling Prov. G. Stewards, Joshua Lee Prov. G. Tyler, Alfred Smith as Prov. Asst. Grand Tyler. The following Past Provincial Grand Officers were present:—Colonel J. Day, John Wordsworth and Simeon Hayes Wardens; Revs. Geo. S. Dunbar, Benj. Town, James Gallie and J. J. Needham Chaplains; Thomas Ruddock Treasurer; Captain J. O. Bottomley, J. G. Hutchinson and A. W. Stanfield, G. Registrars; Wm. Blackburn, M.D., George Normanton, Samuel H. Stocks, Allen Jackson, John F. Moss, George F. Crowe, Wm. Harrop, W. F. Smithson, C. T. Rhodes, Dr. R. W. Thomas and Reuben Williamson Deacons; John Beanland, John Barker and Thomas Winn Superintendents of Works; H. N. Crowther, George Newton, Alfred Stephenson, H. S. Holdsworth, Thomas Pickles and George Sykes Directors of Ceremonies; Frederick Crossley, Rawson Kelley, T. Bateman Fox Sword Bearers; Joseph Quarterman, James France and Alfred Austin Standard Bearers; Joseph Cawthorne, John Richardson, John Marshall, Wm. Schofield, B. P. Parker, William Haigh, William Hall and John Seed Pursuivants; also Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Acting Wardens, and Brethren from Lodges Nos. 61, 139, 149, 208, 242, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 307, 308, 337, 380, 387, 401, 408, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 603, 652, 750, 810, 827, 837, 904, 910, 971, 974, 1001, 1018, 1019, 1034, 1042, 1102, 1108, 1211, 1214, 1221, 1231, 1239, 1283, 1301, 1302, 1311, 1462, 1513, 1514, 1522, 1542, 1545, 1645, 1648, 1736, 1779, 1783, 2035, 2069, 2091. Two Lodges only, viz., 154 and 439, were not represented. Visitors—Bros. Thomas Tyers P.M. 518 E.L., and C. G. Busby P.M. 681 P.P.G.W. Derbyshire and Cheshire.

The Right Worshipful Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers entered at 2·45, and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master having been saluted, the roll of Lodges and the roll of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers was called. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, holden at Bradford, on Wednesday, 20th October 1886, were presented, taken as read, and unanimously confirmed. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master then acknowledged the cordial salutation of the Brethren, and said:

Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Acting Wardens, and Brethren from the various Lodges of the Province of West Yorkshire,—The third Bye Law of the Regulations of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, confirmed by the M.W. Grand Master, April 1885, provides that "The Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge shall be held on a Wednesday in April, unless the Provincial Grand Master otherwise directs, and at such place as shall seem to him most convenient." A Communication from the Pro Grand Master, of the 8th of January; a Special Meeting of our Charity Committee, of the 15th of January; a Circular Note from the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, of the 17th of February; the coming Festivals of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys; the approaching Election of Candidates, and the recommendations thereto, all requiring immediate consideration, necessitated the application of this Bye Law to assemble ourselves together a fortnight earlier than usual. I would the season of Lent could have been avoided for this meeting, but I hope, in thus calling you together for the despatch of urgent and divers Masonic matters, that religious feelings may not in any way be infringed upon, or the sensibilities of the sentiments of people outside our circle be outraged, by the discussion of our charitable and coming Jubilee affairs in a quiet and unpretending manner. I cannot conceive Freemasons being engaged in any pursuit more worthy than that of promoting Benevolence and Charity, which I take to be the principal object of our existence as Masons. There will not be a Banquet to-day, but after our labours that refreshment, for those who have come long distances, which their bodily necessities stand in need of, and recruiting demands. The two great watchwords of our Order, as stated by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, at his Installation in April 1875, are "Loyalty" and "Charity." The development of these two watchwords is our especial and important business to-day. To these two considerations I ask your diligent and business-like attention, and to deal with them in a worthy and patriotic spirit, as befitting the Craft in this Province. Loyalty I consider to mean, "Fidelity to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and to our Prince, her Son. To hold in veneration the Rulers and Patrons of the Order of Freemasonry. To cheerfully conform to every lawful authority. To uphold on every occasion the interests of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of our country." Thus Craftsmen have bound themselves by peculiar ties to support these ancient definitions of "Loyalty." Lord Carnarvon's letter is now before us. I know you will respond to its suggestions so as to demonstrate your "Fidelity" to the M.W.G.M., and "Loyalty" to our beloved Queen; and consider what action this Province should take to celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee. On the 8th of January, a circular was issued to every Lodge, with a copy of the letter of the Pro Grand Master, to ascertain whether the brethren approve or disapprove of the scheme therein set forth, so far as the subscription to the Imperial Institute is concerned. This letter has settled the Grand Masonic Demonstration in London, and the Jubilee Jewel; but the charge for admission, and the disposal of the proceeds, as well as the separate subscription, are the points which are the test of your "Loyalty," and upon which the opinion of the Lodges has been sought. From the analysis of the opinions expressed by the Lodges respecting the "Imperial Institute," I find 25 Lodges in favour of supporting the Institute, 22 against, 3 neutral, 19 have not replied. I fully exemplified some of the modes of treating the proposals of Grand Lodge in my address before the Philanthropic Lodge, Leeds, on 26th January last. I adhere to those suggestions, and I hope this Grand Lodge will give its sanction and approval unanimously to the proposals originating from our Grand Master, that a voluntary subscription be raised in each Lodge for the purpose of contributing to the erection of the proposed "Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India," and of which building the Queen has signified her gracious intention to lay the foundation stone. Let me mention one circumstance why H.R.H. the Grand Master is entitled to our support to prosper this work which he has taken up. When a noble Marquess most unexpectedly retired from the Mastership of the Grand Lodge, and from the Mastership of this Provincial Grand Lodge, the Prince of Wales gallantly stepped forward, and became the Head of this Ancient Order, which, since this great event, in 1875, has prospered wonderfully. If one brother from every Lodge under my jurisdiction accepts the Pro Grand Master's letter, and will attend the London demonstration, and subscribe but the minimum shilling to the "Institute," so that it can be said this Chair was supported by every Lodge in West Yorkshire, I should be grateful to you all. More I do not expect; less (pardon me for saying it) I shall be disappointed to receive. I make this appeal to your loyalty "as Craftsmen," and I ask you to let me go to the Grand Lodge Jubilee demonstration with one brother at least from every Lodge.

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Brethren, in this year of the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, our Grand Registrar has prepared a humble and dutiful Address to Her Majesty, of our loyalty and devotion, which I trust you will approve. He will also propose a resolution applicable to the letter received from the Prov. Grand Secretary of North and East Yorkshire, thanking Lord Zetland for an opportunity for the Members of the Northern and Midland Provinces to attend, on the 14th of July, a local celebration of the Jubilee at York, and I hope every Brother, and let me add, sisters also, will accept and be present on the occasion. There will be a procession from North and East Yorkshire Grand Lodge to the Minster, where there will be a Special Masonic Service, and a Sermon will be preached by the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Past Grand Chaplain of England. Later in the afternoon there will be a Conversazione, Masonic Exhibition, and Concert. I hope this grand idea of a local celebration will be warmly taken up by the Craft in the Northern and Midland Counties, and that this Province will give a cordial co-operation to Lord Zetland for this opportunity of publicly thanking the G.A.O.T.U. in Saint Peter's, at York, for the blessings and mercies He has vouchsafed to this country and nation during the past fifty years of Her Majesty's beneficent reign over an empire on which the sun is always at high meridian at one point or another, and comprising territories of ten and three quarter millions of square miles, and occupied by five hundred and fifty-nine millions of Her Majesty's subjects. The other watchword of our Order, "Charity," as I understand it, is comprehended by "my duty towards my neighbour." The ancient Charges define it as "Brotherly love," the foundation stone and cope stone, the cement and glory of this ancient Fraternity. A Special Meeting of the Charity Committee was held at Dewsbury, on the 15th of January this year, when it resolved to recommend to this Provincial Grand Lodge to purchase two presentations in perpetuity for the Widows (the Queen herself being a Widow) in connection with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. I feel so sure that the chairman of the Charity Committee will not enunciate his scheme in vain; that you will confirm it by the requisite resolution to carry it into effect. Another resolution, proposing an appropriation from the Prov. Grand Lodge Funds, with which to commence the "West Yorkshire Victoria Jubilee Presentations." Do this, brethren, and thus celebrate and hand down, as a suitable memento of this auspicious occasion, which to us will never occur again to witness the Jubilee of Her Majesty's Reign, by subscribing the sum of 2000 guineas, as suggested. It is with deep regret I have to tell you of the death of our esteemed Bro. S. White P.M., of Bingley, which sad event took place on the evening of the 25th inst., and of Bro. John Hirst, J.P., of Doboross. I wish to impress upon Wor. Masters and Secretaries of Lodges, the importance of strict compliance with Bye-law 30 of this Provincial Grand Lodge, that greater care should be exercised with regard to communications between one Lodge and another which are headed "Confidential," and when these replies as to the fitness of candidates are read in Lodges duty convened, that visitors should be courteously invited at such stages of the Lodge's proceedings to retire until such business is concluded, as it concerns each particular Lodge alone. I do hope, and let us pray, that the Great Architect of the Universe will mercifully bestow upon the 560,000,000 of her Majesty's subjects the blessings of peace, and that this year we may be spared the plague of the war, with its miseries of "pestilence and famine," and that Her Majesty's Jubilee may be enjoyed by all races of mankind under her sway, in the spirit of "Unity, Peace, and Concord." In acknowledging the valuable services the outgoing Provincial Grand Officers have rendered during the past year, let me say, that on the appointment of new Officers I have done the best to recognise merit under the limited circumstances at my disposal; with 957 Past Masters worthy of rank, the acceptance by them of any Collar must be considered equivalent to the highest Office it is in my power to offer them. With these remarks, I wish you all a prosperous and a happy "Jubilee" year.

It was then moved by Bro. Joseph Binney P.M. 139, Prov. G. Registrar, seconded by W. Bro. A. W. Stanfield P.M. 1019, P.P.G. Registrar, and resolved, "That the following Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen, and that the D.P.G.M., Prov. G. Registrar, and Prov. G. Secretary forward the same through the proper channel for presentation":—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Officers, and Brethren of the Sixty-nine Lodges of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons forming the Province of West Yorkshire, in Grand Lodge assembled, crave permission to humbly approach your Majesty as Patroness and Head of our Order.

We, as representatives of the Three thousand three hundred Masons of this Province, who are Members of our Lodges, sincerely tender our loyal and dutiful congratulations on the happy attainment of the Fiftieth year of your Majesty's prosperous and glorious Reign.

We earnestly pray that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe long to spare your Majesty to Reign over your vast Empire, on which the sun never sets, and over the various races of mankind who have gratefully enjoyed your Majesty's beneficent rule.

Given at Huddersfield, the thirtieth day of March, A.L. 5887, A.D. 1887.

The circular letter from Lord Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, relating to the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee and the erection of an Imperial Institute was then discussed. It was moved by W. Bro. Edwin Woodhouse P.M. 2069, Prov. G. Warden, seconded by W. Bro. Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth P.M. 2069, Prov. G. Chaplain, and resolved, "That each Lodge be invited to contribute a sum of at least Three Guineas to the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India." The annual report of the Charity Committee was read and adopted, on the motion of W. Bro. W. F. Smithson, Chairman, seconded by W. Bro. William Harrop, Vice-Chairman. Pursuant to notice, it was moved by the Chairman of the Charity Committee, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, and resolved, "That the sum of Two Thousand Guineas (£2,100) be raised by Subscription to purchase the right of two permanent Presentations to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund for Widows, to be named the 'West Yorkshire Queen Victoria Jubilee Presentations;' and on a further motion the D.P.G.M. was elected Treasurer to the Fund. Moved by Bro. F. M. Tindall P.M. 1239, Prov. Grand Treasurer, seconded by Bro. T. Bateman Fox P.M. 208, P.P.G. Sword Bearer, and resolved, "That the sum of Three Hundred Guineas (£315) be paid out of the Funds of Provincial Grand Lodge, £157 10s to each Presentation." A letter from the Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, inviting the cordial co-operation of Provincial Grand Lodge and the Brethren of this Province in the celebration of the Royal Jubilee at York, on the 14th of July, was read. Moved by Bro. Henry Smith D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. W. R. Thomas P.P.G. Deacon, and resolved, "That the thanks of this Prov. Grand Lodge be given to the Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire for his invitation, and that the same be cordially accepted." The Prov. Grand Treasurer presented his balance sheet for the past year, as printed on the summons, and it was taken as read and adopted. Bro. T. W. Roome P.M. 904, Prov. Grand Supt. of Works, presented the inventory of property and regalia of Prov. Grand Lodge, and stated that it was in good order, and the two silver vases bequeathed by the late Mrs. Charles Lee were ordered to be added to the inventory. Moved by Bro. F. M. Tindall P.M. 1239, Prov. Grand Treasurer, seconded by Bro. G. F. Crowe P.M. 1211, P.P.G.D., and resolved, "That Bro. John William Fourness P.M. 1211 be elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year." The Prov. G.M. then appointed and invested the following as Provincial Grand Officers for 1887-8 :—

Bro. Lieut-Col. J. E. Bingham	Senior Warden
John Ambler	Junior Warden
Rev. James Gilmore, M.A.	Chaplains
Rev. Thomas Greenbury	Chaplains
John Wm. Fourness (re-elected)	Treasurer
John Kitson Ibberson	Registrar
Herbert G. E. Green	Secretary
Charles E. Rhodes	Senior Deacons
John Foster	Senior Deacons
Geo. Ed. Bennett	Junior Deacons
Francis Drury Walker	Junior Deacons
Reuben Castle	Supt. of Works
Joseph Dobson	Dir. of Cer.
Thomas Denby	Deputy Dir. of Cer.
James Kaye	Asst. Dir. of Cer.
William Stott	Sword Bearer
Thomas M. Holmes	Standard Bearers
Edwin Lee	Standard Bearers
William Ash	Organist
W. B. Alderson	Asst. Secretary
Job Harling	Pursuivant
Samuel Sugden	Asst. Pursuivant
Francis Smith	Stewards
Thomas Gibson	Stewards
Lewis Buckley Brierley	Stewards
John William Turner	Stewards
Thomas Davis	Stewards
Edmund Lord	Stewards
Joshua Lee	Tyler
Jim Sheard	Asst. Tyler

The sum of £10 was granted for the relief of a brother of Lodge 971, subject to the petition being completed in accordance with Provincial Bye-Law No. 39. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, on behalf of the brethren of the eight Leeds Lodges, presented Bro. W. B. Townsend P.M. 1211, P.P.G.O., with a jewel and set of full dress Provincial Grand Organist's clothing, as a mark of esteem and regard for valuable services rendered to the Craft. Bro. J. H. Simpson W.M. 1102, on behalf of his Lodge, invited the Provincial Grand Master to hold the October meeting at Mirfield, and at the same time consecrate their new Masonic Hall. Bro. A. Macaulay W.M. 258 invited the Provincial Grand Master to hold the October meeting at Heckmondwike, and assist in celebrating the Centenary of their Lodge. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master said he would consider the applications, and shortly acquaint them with his decision. Provincial

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Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and with solemn prayer, at five p.m. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master presided at the tea at the George Hotel, at which upwards of 100 brethren were present.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

A REGULAR Communication was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Friday, 7th January 1887. Bro. J. I. Miller District Grand Master presided, and he was supported by

Bros. C. Thorne Past District Grand Master, C. H. Dallas Past District Grand Master of Japan, T. W. Kingsmill Deputy District Grand Master, J. M. Cory District Senior Grand Warden, Lewis Moore Past District Senior Grand Warden acting as District Junior Grand Warden, W. H. Short District Grand Treasurer, O. Middleton President of the District Board of General Purposes, Reginald D. Starkey District Grand Secretary, E. P. Lalcaca Past District Grand Warden acting as District Senior Grand Deacon, T. F. Hough District Grand Standard Bearer acting as District Junior Grand Deacon, G. R. Wingrove District Grand Director of Ceremonies, A. M. A. Evans Assistant District Grand Director of Ceremonies, A. P. Macgregor District Grand Sword Bearer, R. W. Astill District Grand Pursuivant, G. M. Hart Assistant District Grand Pursuivant, H. J. Fisher, F. M. Gratton, James Baird and John West District Grand Stewards, Chas. Merritt District Grand Tyler, with representatives from Royal Sussex Lodge No. 501, Northern Lodge of China No. 570, and Tuscan Lodge No. 1027. The following visitors were present:—Bros. C. Lalcaca, R. Pestonjee, Pestonjee Cooverjee, J. M. Land, E. Belbin, S. S. Adams, Royal Sussex Lodge No. 501, E.C.; G. Lanning, J. Clements, T. Liddell, D. O'Rourke, G. J. O. Rowland, R. E. Toeg, Tuscan Lodge No. 1027, E.C.; A. Mack, Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Const., H. C. Kofoed, Zetland Lodge No. 508, E.C., H. Stead, West Kent No. 692, E.C., and C. F. Kirkland, Govandale, S.C.

The brethren and visitors having assembled in their respective places in the Lodge, the District Grand Master, accompanied by Bro. C. Thorne, Bro. C. H. Dallas, and the District Grand Officers, entered, and the District Grand Lodge was opened in due form with prayer. The circular convening the meeting was read, and the minutes of the last regular Communication, held on the 22nd September 1886, which had been printed and circulated, were confirmed. The next business was to receive the report of the District Board of General Purposes, and Wor. Bro. O. Middleton, the President, read the report. On the proposition of Rt. Wor. the D.G. Master, seconded by W. Bro. A. P. Macgregor, the report was adopted. The District Grand Treasurer next presented the accounts for the past year. The receipts had amounted to Tls. 292·74, against which there had been an expenditure of Tls. 632·54, leaving a balance of expenditure over receipts of Tls. 339·80, and deducting from this the balance brought forward from last year the accounts showed Tls. 159·50 due to the Treasurer. The debit balance was accounted for by two items of extraordinary expenditure, viz., cost of Regalia Tls. 282·42, and subscription to the Masonic School Fund Tls. 100. Taking this and the value of the assets into consideration the accounts were deemed satisfactory. A report, with a suggestion from the D.G. Treasurer as to insurance of the Regalia, was adopted. In proceeding to the election of a District Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, the D.G. Master said that escape from greater indebtedness was greatly owing to the exertions of the P.D.G. Master, to whom the best thanks of the D.G. Lodge were due. In alluding to Wor. Bro. Short's willingness again to accept the office of D.G. Treasurer, he bore testimony to the way that brother had managed the finances during his terms of office, and to the interest he had taken in its duties, to carry out which he had foregone well-earned promotion. While the ballot was proceeding, letters from Wor. Bros. Allcot and David, of Chinkiang, regretting their inability to attend the Communication, were read, as also a letter from the D.G. Secretary of Bombay conveying the congratulations of the Rt. Wor. the Grand Master of that District to Rt. Wor. Bro. Miller on his installation as District Grand Master of Northern China. The result of the ballot was in favour of the election of Wor. Bro. Short. The elected members of the District Board of General Purposes were Bros. Wingrove, Johnsford, and Hough. Bro. Miller was elected representative of the D.G. Lodge on the Masonic School Fund in place of Bro. Thorne, who suggested that some other brother should take his place. The Rt. Wor. District Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as District Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Thomas William Kingsmill	Dep. Master
John Morris	Senior Warden
Reginald Digby Starkey	Junior Warden
William Henry Short	Treasurer
Algernon Mountford Adams Evans	Registrar
John Findlay	Pres. Bd. of G. P.
George Mercer Hart	Secretary
George Albert Allcot	Senior Deacon
George Richard Wingrove	Junior Deacon
Alexander Pendarves Macgregor	Sup. of Works
Thomas Frederick Hough	Direc. of Cer.
Henry John Fisher	Asst. Direc. of Ce
James Baird	Sword Bearer
Robert William Astill	Standard Bearer
Sydenham Montrie	Standard Bearer
George Lanning	Organist
Frederick Montague Gratton	Asst. Secretary
John West	Pursuivant
John Fryer	Asst. Pursuivant
Charles Merritt	Tyler
Samuel Robert Gale	Stewards
Rustonjee Pestonjee	
Raymond Elias Toeg	
Charles William Ure	
Jesse John Mansfield	
Augustus Hildebrand Alsing	

THE MASONIC LADDER.

FAITH in your own honest mission,
Whenever the right is your cause,
And trust to see fruits of your labour,
Whenever you follow God's laws.
Faith in the words of the prophets,
And in the deep power of love,
And better than creed or profession,
All trust in the Father above.

HOPE for a joyous to-morrow,
And work in the field of to-day,
Believing that even earth's sorrow
Refines our true souls in the clay.
Hope for the grander réunion
When life and its trials are o'er,
If Brother is true to his Brother,
And each seeks the golden bright shore.

CHARITY for faults of each pilgrim,
Who struggles with us on the road,
Enough to give hand and assistance
In sharing a part of the load.
Charity broad as the ocean,
Unfettered by creed or by race;
For all of our gifts from the heavens
Are sent by the Master's free grace.

The rounds of the ladder are triple,
And lead from the earth to the skies;
Up one at a time is the method,
Apparent to only the wise.
Beyond, in the courts of the Temple,
By Faith the GRAND MASTER we see.
Approval our highest ambition—
He's waiting for you and for me.

The steps from the outer to inner
By three's o'er our pathway are cast;
Faith, Hope, and Charity golden—
The greatest of all is the last.
For Faith must end in fruition,
And hope in the sight of the soul;
But Charity dwelleth for ever
Where heavenly visions unroll.

'Tis part of the grandest of anthems
To sweep through the Paradise land;
The harps of the redeemed will sing it,
And so will the angelic band;
That He who sits on the heavens,
And judges His creation, earth,
Is Charity's fount of emotion,
GRAND MASTER, who gave man his birth.

—*Voice of Masonry.*

THE RATING OF CHARITIES.

A Bill has been prepared for presentation to Parliament by the friends of some of the London and other hospitals which proposes "to restore the exemption from taxation which Charitable Institutions enjoyed for 250 years," but to which it is alleged they have been subjected since 1866 owing to the decision of the House of Lords in the case of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board. In Ireland and also the Colonies the public charities are, it is said, free from rates and taxes, and in England churches, chapels, meeting-houses, ragged schools, and literary institutions are exempt, and the rating of the charities themselves by the local authorities is very unequal and anomalous. St. Thomas's Hospital, with 590 beds and an annual expenditure of nearly £39,090, has to pay £2,133 for rates and taxes, whereas the London Hospital, with 790 beds and an expenditure of about £49,000, has only to pay £56; [illegible] Hospital, with 51 beds and an expenditure of about £3,360, p[illegible]d, whilst Chelsea Hospital for Women and Children, with 63 beds and an expenditure of £3,043, has to pay as much as £146.—*Daily News.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 9th APRIL.

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', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
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, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith
140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 11th APRIL.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
186—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
257—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
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
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
461—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
797—Hearsey, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Perseverance, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1263—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1477—Sir Walkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1906—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 17—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 37—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 49—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich

TUESDAY, 12th APRIL.

[illegible]—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
[illegible]151—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
[illegible]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.
1212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
654—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—De Lousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
[illegible]61—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
1033—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)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
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, Lalbroke 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)
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
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
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1260—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
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
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beach Street, Herne Bay, Kent
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodmin
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 162—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 13th 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, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, 8 (Inst)
548—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.
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.
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1527—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1601—Beverbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Cleaners, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Rooms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1903—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 93[illegible]—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)
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
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)
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, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle

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1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llandilo, Trewythen Arms, Llandilo
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1845—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1892—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 350—Meridian, Grapes Inn, Stonecough, 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. 193—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 14th APRIL.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.)
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.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1305—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., 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.
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
1626—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Ins.)
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, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
R.A. 765—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, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
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
738—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
780—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1069—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1164—Equanity, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1167—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, Skellingthorne
1369—Bala, Pinegoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1467—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1563—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1636—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1667—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1762—Macon, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wellington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1916—Shakspeare, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 116—Lune, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
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M.M. 19—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
M.M. 186—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 15th APRIL.

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)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1156—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, Laybrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1789—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, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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. 176—Era, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (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
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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
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)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 86—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

SATURDAY, 16th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
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)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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
2013—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. 142—St. Thomas's, Canyon Street Hotel
M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

WE are now coming within measurable distance of the Annual Festival in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which is fixed to take place at Freemasons' Hall, on the eleventh of next month; and very naturally there exists a certain degree of hopeful speculation in the minds of many as to the magnitude its results will assume. The Institution is so grounded in the affections of the Craft that there need be little fear as to the outcome of the united exertions of its supporters; at the same time it is absolutely necessary to occasionally remind the brethren of England of the responsibilities which devolve upon them in connection with this and the other Charities of the Order. Time passes so swiftly that there almost seems to be one continuous appeal before the Craft on behalf of its three Institutions; no sooner is one Festival disposed of than preparations are made for its successor, and the various Lodges are again asked to lend a hand in raising the funds actually required to meet the expenditure of the year. It is just this necessity of providing for current expenses which renders such frequency of appeal imperative, and it is just this urgency which should influence brethren when they come to decide on the answer they shall give. It is not sufficient to refer to the large sums contributed in the past—they have been spent, and they have induced a line of action which virtually demands a continuance of past liberality; promises have been made by those who have contributed in years gone by which have to be redeemed by the present generation of Masons, and we feel it is only necessary to remind them of what is expected in order to ensure its being supplied.

Freemasonry in this country owes no small part of its popularity to the three Charities which are so intimately associated with it, and it is not therefore out of place for special attention to be devoted to the Festivals of the Institutions as year by year they come round. The actual continuance of Freemasonry is, in a measure, dependent on the success of those Festivals, for however much any one may urge that the Charities are not essential to the Order, there is no gainsaying the fact that without the practice of charity on an extensive scale Freemasonry would have no particular object in the United Kingdom. If we took away from Freemasons the privilege of benefiting their fellow creatures nothing would be left sufficiently attractive to keep them together for any length of time, and accordingly the Order would gradually dwindle away. Benevolence being, then, the main object of Masonry's existence, the practice of it on a large scale naturally follows, but unfortunately there are far more applicants than it is possible to relieve. This will explain how it is that so little provision has been made for the future by the Institutions entrusted with the distribution of the Craft's bounty. In their desire to do the greatest amount of good at the time, the subscribers have spent the money as fast as it has come in, feeling sure that brethren who came after them would do as much in their turn as their predecessors. The Festival to be held next month will no doubt prove, as those which have gone before have done, the correctness of this surmise, but it behoves us to look around and make sure that every effort is being used to preclude the possibility of failure, especially when, as is usually the case, we have in our midst a body of carpers ready to use every opportunity of throwing a shadow of doubt and distrust upon any well-intentioned scheme. The "wet blanket" class have not been behind-hand this time, but shall we be too sanguine if we venture to express our belief that notwithstanding the vapourings of a few who conjure up sentimental grievances and apprehensions, the coming Festival will be a success, worthy to be reckoned amongst the prominent Masonic events of the Jubilee year?

We have already witnessed the celebration of one Anniversary Festival this year—that on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—and the exceptional result of that gathering induces us to hope that a like measure of success is in store for the other Masonic Festivals of this auspicious year. Anyhow, we are not disposed to encourage any gloomy prognostications in regard to that on behalf of the Girls' School. Judging from what we hear around us on every side there is as healthy and robust a feeling of interest in the School this year as ever. Up to present time two hundred and fourteen Stewards have offered their services and support to the President of the day, Brother Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire, and undoubtedly in the few weeks that have to elapse before the Festival this number will be further augmented. With such a body of supporters the Festival can hardly fail to be satisfactory, and we trust there is an abundant store of disappointment in waiting for the "croakers" who would throw cold water upon the affair.

Within the last few weeks ample evidence has been given to prove how thoroughly the Charity is fulfilling its mission, all the candidates eligible for the April election having been admitted without the cost, trouble and anxiety of a contest at the poll. But this step has added to the number of pupils in the School, and has consequently increased the claims which the Charity has on the sympathies of the Craft, while it has also given rise to a report that the Institution is not really in need of funds. The mere fact of admitting all who were eligible is sufficient in the eyes of some to prove that the Institution has as much as it wants; but what is really the case? As a special matter, a few children who would otherwise have been rejected have been admitted to the Institution, on the supposition that the Craft will do as much on its behalf in the future as it has done in the past. There is no room for a falling off of support; on the contrary, additional responsibilities have been undertaken, and to meet them increased funds are necessary, so that instead of calling for lessened aid the action of the subscribers should cause renewed enthusiasm; for it is only by such means that the Institution can be maintained, or its work among the daughters of English Craftsmen continued.

It would be idle to speculate as to what the result of the coming Festival will be. So many matters have an influence on the ultimate total that any estimate we might give would be little else than the result of guesswork; at the same time there are indications sufficient to justify our prediction of a success, although we cannot say we are convinced that this year's "success" will be a comparison with some of the totals which have been realised in the past. It does not follow that a satisfactory Festival must be in advance of all its predecessors in regard to total of donations, although we naturally look for a regular upward tendency. All we can hope for is, that sufficient

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will be realised to allow of the Institution being continued in its present condition, while if there is a balance of receipts over expenditure during the year we shall be all the more delighted. This and much more can be achieved if the Chairman of the day is as liberally supported as he deserves to be, and for this reason we earnestly plead on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE JUBILEE AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

ONE effect of the action of the Executive of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in deciding to admit the whole of the candidates upon their list for the next election without a contest, in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, has been to raise an inquiry as to whether a similar course might not be adopted with regard to the Boys' School. Now, as we briefly pointed out in these columns a fortnight ago, such a step, however desirable in itself—and no matter how unanimously it would be approved by the whole body of subscribers, if the responsibility which would attach to it were not greater than they feel justified in taking upon themselves—is impracticable. Under existing circumstances a "consummation so devoutly to be wished" must be at once and for all dismissed from the minds of the most enthusiastic and ardent supporters of the Institution. In the first place there were only five candidates unprovided for in connection with the next Girls' election, against twenty who must be left out in the cold after the admission of those provided for at the Boys' election on Monday next. That of itself would prove an insurmountable barrier against clearing the sheet and admitting the applicants *en bloc*; but there are other and more cogent reasons why such a suggestion is rendered impossible of being entertained. These have been tersely and practically set forth by the worthy Secretary of the Institution, and we commend Brother Binckes's letter to the perusal of all who are interested in the sustenance and progress of both our educational establishments. Bro. Binckes always writes with the outspokenness and frankness which characterize his public utterances, and for which he has achieved proverbiality; but his diction is sharp and decisive, and based on sound common-sense. It will be well, therefore, for the brethren to take heed of what he has to say on this momentous question, and we trust his last letter on the subject will serve as a text for reflection, and an incentive to continued efforts on behalf of "Our Boys" at Wood Green.

In the first place, it is pointed out that the Girls' School possesses a funded property of fifty-nine thousand pounds, added to year by year from the surplus of receipts over expenditure; its permanent annual income is £1,931; and there was a credit balance at the bank up to the end of last year of £7,047. Quite a different state of affairs exists with reference to the Boys' School; and, as many of us are forcibly reminded that strong, healthy lads cannot be fed and clothed—to say nothing of their educational training—without the expenditure of money, it will be seen how hopeless it is to wish for the admission of the twenty applicants for the benefits of the School at the election next Monday, in excess of the twenty-five for whom vacancies are happily to be found. Bro. Binckes reminds us that the Boys' School possesses a funded property of seventeen thousand pounds only; that its permanent annual income is but £755; and that the balance at the bank at the end of last year was to *debit* £2,250. The last item is the most serious of all, but of course it is well known that the reason why the Boys' account is so much "to the bad" is attributable to the extensive alterations, enlargements, and additions which have been made to the Wood Green establishment of recent years, by the express resolve of the general body of the subscribers. There have been large extensions carried out from time to time in connection with both Institutions, the total expenditure on which, it is presumed, has been pretty equal; but whereas the Girls' School has, happily, the means to meet all such expenditure, the Boys' School, is unhappily heavy in debt on that account. The ultimate value of securing funded property is thus fully exemplified, and it will be a fortunate thing when the day arrives in which the Committee are enabled to secure some permanent and substantial additions to their reserve fund. Another point in the Secretary's communication is with regard to the relative cost of the education, maintenance, and clothing of boys and girls; and it will be accepted as a fair deduction that the expenditure needed for, say, 250 girls may be taken at little more than two-thirds of the similar expense for the same number of boys. Paterfamilias knows to his cost how frequently the wardrobes of his young hopefuls require replenishing and repair, what justice they can do to the trencher after their out-door athletic games, and how essential it is to give them a superior education, so as to fit them for the battle of life and enable them to hold their own in an age when competition becomes every day more keen. In all these matters boys are—at any rate in their earlier stages—more expensive to maintain than are their sisters, and the computation made by Brother Binckes is very fairly proportionate. If so, the admission of twenty boys beyond the number for whom vacancies already exist, reckoning the cost at the very low estimate of forty pounds a year, would involve the necessity of an additional income of nearly a thousand pounds per annum. It is self-evident that in the present position of the funds, the idea suggested by some writers that the Executive of the Boys' School should imitate the example of the Girls' is far beyond the range of practical consideration.

In the next clause of his letter Bro. Binckes alludes to the fact that the Centenary celebration of the Girls' School next year will be an event unprecedented in association with a Masonic Charitable Institution, and will most assuredly be attended with a result also unprecedented. We quite concur with him in the opinion that it is not altogether improbable that the decision of the Special Court in the present instance may be repeated, and that all candidates offering themselves will be again admitted without election. But, be that as it may, "there can be no hope—no possibility—of this course being imitated in the Boys' Institution until a very considerable improvement be effected as regards its resources." The Centenary of the Boys' School does not occur until the year 1898; and Bro. Binckes says truly, "whether I may be spared to assist in such celebration is a matter of uncertainty." Of course it is, as are all things mundane, but it is the sincere and genuine wish of every subscriber to the Institution that its great support and mainstay, so far as hard work is concerned, may be spared to help in the "work before us," at any rate for eleven years longer, and that he may joyfully assist at the Centenary of an Institution to whose solidity, progress, and efficiency he has so largely contributed. Reference is briefly made in the communication under notice of the want of a swimming bath at Woodgreen, without which the accommodation at the School, excellent as it may be pronounced, must be regarded as deficient. The force of this remark cannot be doubted for a moment; there are few Institutions of the magnitude of our Boys' School that are unprovided with the means of enabling the boys to practise natation and to acquire the art of swimming. But this, we fear, like the admission of additional candidates, must be deferred until a "more convenient season;" at any rate, until the works already in progress are turned out of hand. After touching, *en passant*, upon the annual cost per boy at the School—a subject that was fully commented upon in our columns last week, Bro. Binckes concludes his letter by fervently trusting that in this year of Jubilee the genuine cases of Masonic distress exhibited by the many appeals to our Boys' Institution may not pass unrelieved, and that the Festival in June next, closely approximating the date of the Jubilee Celebration, may, by the assistance of the brethren whose services as Stewards are urgently needed and anxiously awaited, be attended with so large a success as to render the future one of pleasurable contemplation. Applying an old adage in a somewhat original sense, he adds, "There are localities to which coals may be sent as readily as to Newcastle, and where they are more needed." We commend Bro. Binckes's statements, the main points of which are embodied in this article, to the thoughtful consideration of our readers, and trust they may be the means of stimulating interest in an Institution so eminently deserving of support, and which is at the same time particularly in need of increased funds.

To-day (Saturday) at noon the Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, when several motions will be brought forward for consideration.

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The purely ornamental Past Master is one who loses not his interest in the Lodge sufficiently to be induced to remain absent from it—but who, when present, is satisfied to sit in the army of his *confrères* of like grade, be perfectly quiet when business is under discussion, and exceedingly noisy while work is in progress. Such a one may be a "good fellow," but he is only an ornamental Past Master. He occupies his place, but he does not fill it. He visits his Lodge for his own amusement, not for the welfare of the Fraternity. He wears his jewel and wears his title, but he never wears himself.

The Past Master that is neither useful nor ornamental is one whose name graces the Lodge rolls as one of the Past Masters, but who is never present at a Lodge meeting. He, likely, never should have been Master, and the result is that practically he is not a Past Master—he is never seen in the "noble army" to which he belongs. The fewer the Craft has of these the better for its welfare and reputation.—*McCalla, in the Keystone.*

MASONRY LIVES.

TIME glides away, leaving every heart dissatisfied by the remembrance of opportunities unimproved, or of possibilities unaccomplished. As we grow older we turn our faces backward; our hearts are stirred by the memories of the past. With what longing we turn toward that which can be recalled never more! Since we last assembled how brief the days seem to have been! How swiftly have they flown! And each one has been but one more step trodden in that journey which ends at the grave.

But while we cannot create time, we can make it serve our best interests by exchanging it for something tangible, permanent, real; something we can appreciate—something that does not evade our grasp.

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It is upon this principle that our Order is founded. Hence it cannot fail to exist. It must grow and prosper, necessarily, with the growth and development of man's better sentiments. It is not aggressive. It is not obtrusive. It makes no issues. It sets up no rivalries with other institutions of the day. But, gathering up the ages, it recognises the inner cravings of the soul, and the universal brotherhood of man, forgetting all else in its devotion to his higher and better needs.—*New York Dispatch.*

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex will meet under the banner of the Stanmore Chapter, at the Abercorn Hotel, Stanmore, on Saturday, 14th May.

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The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Charles Belton presided, and there was a large attendance of the supporters of the Institution. The minutes of the previous meeting having been verified, the Secretary reported the death of one female annuitant, one widow receiving half of her late husband's annuity, and two approved candidates (one male and one female); also the withdrawal of one male candidate's name from the list for the May election. The Warden's report for the past month, with that of the Finance Committee, was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bros. J. A. Farnfield, John Newton, and Charles Lacey were appointed a Committee to draw up the annual report. It was arranged that the Stewards of the late Festival be invited to pay the customary visit to the Institution at Croydon early in the month of June. Bro. Edgar Bowyer's motion, of which due notice had been given, to the effect—

"That the sum of one hundred guineas be presented to the Secretary, Bro. James Terry, from the funds of the Institution, in acknowledgment of the zeal he has shown during the past 12 months, whereby the sum of over £19,000 was realised at the recent Festival,"

was carried by acclamation. Bro. Terry, who during the consideration of this motion, had withdrawn, re-entered the room, and returned his sincere thanks for the handsome compliment paid him. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held on Monday, 18th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, when several motions, of which notice has been given, will come under discussion. These will be found fully set forth in our advertising columns. Twenty-five—or if a motion by Brother Roebuck be adopted, twenty-seven—boys will be elected from an approved list of forty-five candidates.

We learn from the *City Press* that Bro. Charles Greenwood, Provincial Grand Secretary of Surrey, who three or four years since was elected to the office of Vestry Clerk of St. Saviour's, Southwark, out of 28 selected candidates, has intimated his intention to resign this appointment. It appears Brother Greenwood has attended over one hundred parochial meetings during the past year, and, by the assiduous attention he has paid to his duties, has given general satisfaction. Still he finds these duties more onerous than he can perform, having regard to his legal practice as a member of the firm of Messrs. Nye, Greenwood and Moreton, of Serjeants' Inn, Temple, combined with the calls made on his time by other important appointments which he has held for some years. At a Vestry meeting, on Easter Tuesday, a vote of thanks was passed to Brother Greenwood, and he was requested to continue his duties as Vestry Clerk, &c., pending the appointment of a successor. A vacancy has therefore occurred in a public appointment which it will be well for our brethren to keep in mind, especially in view of the fact that those who are not solicitors are eligible. We may add that the duties involve the management of the Wardens' Estates, the collection of rents and dividends (amounting to some £10,000 per annum), the management of the Charitable Institutions, and also the conduct of the business devolving upon the Overseers of the Parish.

Eboracum Chapter, No. 1611.—A meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 5th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, there being present Comps. M. Millington Z., J. Blenkin H., W. Brown J., J. Kay S.E., W. Storry as S.N., G. Chapman P.S., W. Lackenby and P. Pearson Assistants, T. B. Whytehead P.Z. as Organist, J. T. Seller P.Z., G. Simpson P.Z., R. Ware, S. J. Dalton, W. Sharp, E. Thackray, and others. Visitor: Comp. G. C. Lee 236. Successful ballots were taken for three candidates, after which Bros. W. N. Cheesman W.M. 566, W. T. Nance 1611, and J. H. Shonksmith 1611, were exalted by the M.E.Z., Comp. W. Brown giving the historical, and Comp. T. B. Whytehead the mystical lecture. After the close of the Chapter the Companions met at supper, and spent a harmonious and social evening.

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ROB MORRIS'S REPLY TO Bro. JACOB NORTON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Returning from a tour westward, of considerable length, I have just seen your issue of 29th January. Upon the first page the heading attracted my eye,—"What a great American Mason believes." Laying aside the magazine until this evening hour, I trim the lamp, turn the light upon my better half, in deference to her weaker eyes, and prepare to enjoy the fun always afforded me of reading articles from the pen of our Masonic agnostic, *Brother Jacob Norton*. For a score of years Brother Norton has been breaking down the Masonic fences one after the other, digging *lacunae* broad and deep in our history, showing the improprieties with which our rituals are choked, ridiculing our claims to antiquity, and exposing what we deemed esotery to a profane world. He has been the Thomas Carlyle of Masonic literature—"in Freemasonry are half a million men, mostly fools." Personally a charitable and amiable gentleman (I mean Norton, not Carlyle), venerable from age, wealthy as to pecuniary affairs, happy in his domestic relations, Brother Jacob Norton *on his legs* is one of whom your convivial clubs might justly affirm, with large and emphasized repetitions—"He's a jolly good fellow," and nobody would deny it. But *seated at his desk* Jacob becomes as different a man in temperament as his namesake the first Jacob was different *at Bethel* from Jacob as described in the latter part of Genesis xxx. Then he takes up his steeliest steel pen; then he mingles his ink with gall. He uses sand paper; he puts on a frown calculated to disturb the digestion of the beholder, and having decided what Masonic landmark he will next demolish, he proceeds to demolish it.

Now I have rather enjoyed the Nortonian shot-and-shell—when directed *at other persons*. The utter discomfiture of Dr. Mackey, Albert Pike, *et id genus omne*, was especially gratifying to my self pride, knowing well that I had never sinned according to *their* sins. Therefore, I open your issue of 29th January, as before remarked, re-read the pleasant heading—"What a great American Mason can believe"—and proceed to enjoy the inquisitorial tortures that Brother Norton will surely inflict. But, oh, dismay! the first line confounds me! When I read "Bro. Rob Morris is an LL.D., a P.G.M. of Kentucky, a linguist, a scholar, an orator, an author and a poet," then I know what Brother Jacob has in store for me. This is the anæsthesia, the chloroform, what in Arkansas we style the *honeysuckling*, by which he prepares his subject for dissection; yes, vivisection! Then I feel convinced that he has before him all the errors and shortcomings of my forty-one years of Masonry, and will expose and torture me with them *seriatim*. The venerable lady on the other side of the table looks up with surprise at the emphasis with which I pronounce the name of the infernal regions, and I am obliged to prevaricate by affirming to her that "it is that bad tooth again!"

(Two hours later).

Recovered from the first shock, I find that Bro. Norton has been more kind to me than to others, more kind than I deserve. And really, omitting his extravagant manner of expressing my faith in Masonic tradition, he has not made a bad story of it. In the jocular sense he has told the truth of me. Yes, "this great American Mason" *does* believe in the traditions as supplementing Masonic history. And so did Brother Jacob, until he got mad with the Boston Masons, because they would not leave out "the two Saints John," and "the Star in the East," and demitted from the Order. Had the Boston people inherited his hatred of Jesus, and inserted a lot of Talmudic traditions, Brother Norton had even now been a Master in Israel, a paying member, perhaps "an LL.D., a P.G.M., a linguist, a scholar, an orator, an author, and a poet," like the present writer.

If time and space permitted I should like to give a sketch of what Brother Jacob Norton believes, or professes to believe, as a member of his religion and a worshipper in his synagogue. When I recal the matters contained in his creed,—and a hundred treatises, whose very names are portentous, I can only wonder how he gets time to perform his duties as the great American Agnostic. What leisure hours can a man have to concoct such furious declamation upon Masonic faiths after studying daily the twelve treatises?

Really now, would my Boston friend like to see the forms and beliefs of Modern Judaism, mostly traditional as they are, shown up ludicrously and as objects of mirth? He knows how the different sets of Jews revile each other and put each other to scorn. He knows that the Modern School of Hebrews, through their newspapers and oral instruction, are as clearly agnostic with regard to the old beliefs of his church as Brother Norton is in regard to the old beliefs of Freemasonry. Would he enjoy such a treat as he is giving the Masonic world in making a travesty of *my* opinions were I to make a travesty of *his* opinions? But I hope I have too much respect for him, and too much respect for myself to do it.

Finally, I give voice to a large number of persons who are aware of Brother Norton's unhappy pessimism when I request him to tell us *what he does believe*? Come now, take a softer pen and milder ink, and a placid hour, and sketch the Masonic system that you would *recommend*; omitting all landmarks, all Palestine discoveries, all of Rob Morris's foolish beliefs, all of Brother Pike's unutterable stuff, all of Mackey's bosh, all of Montague, and Weeping Virgins, and Price, and Philadelphiaisms; tell us, oh Sage of Boston, oh thou long demitted, yet not graceless and hopeless teacher, tell the yearning and anxious *what is Masonry*, Nortonian Masonry. It is said of a lady, who had gone astray under Theodore Parker's teaching, that she came to him once, broken-hearted and hopeless, and said, "You have taken away my Lord and I know not where you have laid him!" So, even so, Brother Jacob Norton, you have removed our Solomon, our Hirams, all that we deemed traditions and landmarks!—what is there left?

Awaiting your reply,

I subscribe myself,

"Faint yet pursuing,"

Your Brother,

ROB MORRIS.

La Grange, Kentucky, 31st March 1887.

THE IDIOSYNCRASIES OF TYLERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was rather amused by your article on the above subject lately, and perhaps as one of the class who, like every other species of the *genus homo*, are afflicted with "idiosyncrasies," you may permit me to have my little say. It is no very great matter for surprise that amongst Tylers there should be little differences, and that, as in even the best regulated families, "accidents will happen" occasionally amongst them. But, without blowing my own trumpet with unnecessary vehemence, permit me to say that, in a majority of cases, we Tylers do behave ourselves in a reasonably moderate, sensible, and intelligent manner, and are deserving of some little degree of respect. I myself am exceptionally fortunate; I am thankful that my lines have fallen in pleasant places. True, I do not, as you describe it, tout for the sale on commission of collars, aprons, jewels, calendars, &c., and therefore I am bold enough to exclude myself from the category of those whom you stigmatise as trading on Freemasonry. Then, again, being on the verge of entering into the sere and yellow leaf, I carefully avoid all flippancy and frivolity such as you appear to have detected in some of my companions; and I am told I maintain a firm, dignified, yet respectful demeanour towards all the members of the Lodges whose Tyler I am. It is true that at one period of my life I was in a far better position than I am now, but because I am grateful to be able to eke out my scanty means by acting as a Tyler, it is by no means necessary that I should be flouted as a flunkey or snubbed as a servant. I am not; but I know some poor fellows who are. I have known some Tylers, who though far better off pecuniarily than many of the brethren they "serve," are treated a shade worse than a "self-made aristocrat" would treat his footman. On the other hand, there are some described to me who perk themselves up in their "little brief authority," and perform such cockatoo antics that they excite amusement rather than dissatisfaction. There is one Tyler, whose name you will pardon me for concealing, he being a personal friend, who is remarkably fond of exercising his prerogative of taking round the charity-box at Lodge banquets. This, I suppose, is part of a Tyler's legitimate duty, though in the Lodge I tyle I am not required to perform such a service. But my friend above referred to delights in dancing round with the box, handing it with obsequious politeness to all the company—visitors included!—amidst a perfect torrent of winks and laughter, showing plainly that the brethren are fully alive to the "idiosyncrasy" of their Tyler. But having done all this, he trips up like a teacher of dancing to the Worshipful Master, and announces in stentorian voice "his pleasure" that so much money has been collected during the evening. This is the narrative as it was explained to me, but it was impossible to suppress a guffaw when told of the crowning act of my friend's *sang froid*. Having replaced the box in its wonted corner, he drew a chair near the entrance doorway, and producing his short-briar-root pipe and tobacco, he puffed away with the utmost complacency until summoned to discharge his final duty, which he did with the most majestic and stentorian tones. I confess that in the early stages of my official life I was a little "stage struck" with the Tyler's toast, and had my peculiar ideas as to how it should be delivered; but experience has, I venture to hope, cured me of a little "idiosyncrasy" in that respect.

Amongst the other "Tylers whom I have met," was one who earned my respect, and the respect also of all the brethren with whom he came in contact, by his strict regard for courtesy, and his own position in the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, who was young in office, commanded this Tyler in rather imperious manner to go to another part of the hotel to fetch some books or documents to which he desired to refer. Without deigning to touch his forelock, as you might expect a cabman to do, he quickly turned to a waiter who was standing by, with the remark, "Waiter, the W.M. requests you to do something for him; attend and await his instructions." There was a mutual look of puzzled surprise between the W.M. and the Tyler, but subsequently the former took an opportunity of making a personal explanation at the banquet table, absolving the Tyler from any act of discourtesy, and the episode tended to raise that Officer in the estimation of the members, who warmly applauded him for his little "idiosyncrasy." There are many other anecdotes that might be related of the peculiarities exhibited by Tylers; these would make an interesting volume if one had only the time to collect them. But I will not trespass too long upon your valuable space just now. For instance, I was present in a Lodge once when the candidate for initiation did *not* come properly prepared, and the consternation depicted on the countenances of the brethren when the just and upright man in the north-east corner produced his purse, in response to the appeal of the Junior Deacon, was a sight never to be forgotten. I do not mean to impute the whole of the blame to the Tyler, or to exonerate the Director of Ceremonies—who by the bye was a Past Master—but the extraordinary occurrence nevertheless took place with the result that every Mason knows.

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Of all the Tylers that come in for a large share of criticism, and no little contempt, are those of the flunkey class, who are ever pestering the brethren with the query, "Can I do anything more for you?" and so on, like the waiters at hotel dinners who, when handing round the toothpicks insinuate that they "hope you have been well attended to, sir," and hoping still more fervently that the guests whom they thus address have so enjoyed themselves that they will be disposed to "tip up" generously.

I may perhaps send you a few more remarks on the question you have raised on "Idiosyncrasies" at some future time, and should like some others of my calling to join in the correspondence. Meanwhile, allow me to apologise for the length of this letter, and to remain,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

AN OLD TYLER.

The following communication, addressed to our contemporary the *Freemason*, is the one referred to in a leading article on another page of the present issue :—

THE JUBILEE—BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will your correspondent "A VICE-PRESIDENT," in your issue of the 26th ult., and those who think with him, accept the following as a reason why a similar course cannot be adopted in the Boys' School to that resolved on in the Girls' School?

The Girls' School possesses a fund property of £59,000, added to year by year from the surplus of receipts over expenditure.

Its permanent annual income is £1,931.

The balance at the bank on 31st December last was to *credit* £7,407.

The Boys' School possesses a funded property of £17,000 only.

The permanent annual income is £755.

The balance at the bank on 31st December last was to *debit* £2,250.

The absolutely essential expenditure for the education, maintenance, and clothing of (say) 250 girls may be taken at little more than two-thirds of the similar expenditure for the same number of boys.

In connection with both Institutions large extensions have been carried out from time to time, the total expenditure on which will I think, be found to be pretty equal.

The Girls' School has, happily, the means to meet all such expenditure.

The Boys' School is, unhappily, heavily in debt on account of such expenditure.

The centenary celebration of the Girls' School next year will be an event unprecedented in association with a Masonic Charitable Institution, and will most assuredly be attended with a result also unprecedented, in association with which it is not altogether improbable that the decision of the Special Court in the present instance may be repeated, and all candidates offering themselves be again admitted without election.

There can be no hope—no possibility—of this course being imitated in this Institution until a very considerable improvement be effected as regards its resources. The centenary will not be celebrated until the year 1898. Whether I may be spared to assist in such celebration is a matter of uncertainty; but it is certain that between "now and then" we have still work before us. Notably is the want of a swimming bath, without which our accommodation, excellent as it may be pronounced, must be regarded as deficient.

A friend, over the signature "Q." in your number of the 2nd inst., has done us good service, and is deserving of our best thanks. In addition to what he has there stated, permit me to direct attention prominently to the fact, that our cost per boy during the past year shows a reduction of nearly £6 as compared with the previous year, and of £4 4s 2d when compared with the average of the ten previous years; and that the cost per boy has never been within £15 of the amount which those unfavourably disposed have industriously circulated as fact. In one sense only can I sympathise in the "pity" expressed by your earlier correspondent, "that the Boys should lag behind the Girls." It is a "pity"—true 'tis pity, pity 'tis, 'tis true" that in pecuniary resources we do "lag." I fervently trust that in this year of Jubilee the genuine cases of Masonic distress thus exhibited may not pass unrelieved, and that the Festival in June next, closely approximating the date of the Jubilee Celebration, may, by the assistance of the brethren, whose services as Stewards are urgently needed and anxiously awaited, be attended with so large a success as to render the future one of pleasurable contemplation.

There are localities to which coals may be sent as readily as to Newcastle, and where they are more needed.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

FREDERICK BINCKES,

Secretary R.M.I. Boys.

6 Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 4th April.

We have been requested to remind our Norfolk brethren of the meeting of the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, to be held at Norwich, on Monday next, when Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. is to deliver his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry, 1813-86." The Lodge meets at 43 St. Giles Street, and the lecture is announced for 7 p.m., the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. J. B. Aldis presiding.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

AN emergency meeting was held on Monday, 4th April, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, W.C. Bros. Wall W.M., Lion S.W., Botibol J.W., Gardner S.D., Dodson P.M. D.C., Lyons Treasurer, L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, Dewsnap I.P.M.; P.M.'s L. Alexander, M. Spiegel, Hickman, and M. Alexander. The emergency was called for the purpose of initiating Messrs. Henry Garrard, George Plushrose, Elias Ansell, Abraham Cohen, H. S. Owden; and also to pass Bros. Lowrie, Rosenberg, Bernstein and Waller. The ceremonies were very ably performed by the W.M. After closing, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the loyal toasts, Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund, and the health of the Initiates were proposed, and respectively responded to. Bro. Dewsnap proposed the health of the W.M., in elegant terms, and at the same time informed the brethren that their W.M. would represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. His appeal for support was heartily responded to by the brethren present. The W.M. replied, and the brethren parted in harmony. The Visitors were Bros. Marks 185 and H. H. Myers 1017.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

AN emergency meeting was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, 6th inst. Present—Bros Collick W.M., Williams S.W., Strong J.W., Watkins Treasurer, Williams P.M. Secretary, Collings P.M. Dir. of Cers., Wing S.D., Harding J.D., Wright acting I.G., Stacey P.M. Organist, Oliver Steward, Walkeley Tyler, Pardoe I.P.M. and P.M.'s Mansell and Whitley. Visitors—Bros. C. Boning P.M. 441 P.P.G.D.C. Cambridge, W. Carter P.M. 141, G. Restell P.M. 1681, G. Bishop 1319; also Bros. Grundy, Page, Coleman, Murray, Windsor, Graveley, Elden, C. Moore, and the candidates for the various degrees. The Lodge having been opened in due form, with solemn prayer, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The real business of the evening then commenced by the raising of Bros. Bosworth, Tildesley and Fayers to the sublime degree of M.M. This was followed by the passing of Bros. Mucalow, Warlow and G. W. Moore. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. Godwin, Stern, Jamieson, Gordon and Green, who had been proposed and seconded at the last meeting, and for the purpose of initiating whom the present meeting had been called. The ballot having been declared in their favour, these aspirants were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The Worshipful Master worked the whole of the three ceremonies in a manner rarely excelled. One gentleman having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till the first Wednesday in May. The notice paper said dinner at seven, but the prolonged duties of the evening, followed by the alteration of the room from a Lodge to a dining-room, made it eight o'clock before the brethren could sit down. However, at the latter hour the brethren received their reward in the shape of an excellent repast, served up in the faultless style of the worthy host, Bro. C. Page. After a free discussion of the edibles the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were enthusiastically received. Bro. Page sang "The Bugler" The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master; and Bro. Windsor sang "Anchored." The W.M. having replied, he proposed what he called the toast of the evening, "The Initiates," which was vociferously received. The Initiates severally responded (Bro. Green in a peculiarly witty strain). Bro. Gordon sang the "Toreador," and the W.M. complimented the Visitors, remarking how favoured the Royal Commemoration generally was in the matter of Visitors, and regretting that there were so few that evening. Bro. Green sang an eminently amusing song, with a sort of laughing chorus. Bros. Boning and Carter, speaking for the Visitors, said that from considerable experience they could bear flattering testimony to the excellent working of the three degrees. The W.M. sang "Come into the garden, Maud;" Bro. Page "In cellar cool." To the toast of the Past Master's, Bros. Pardoe and Whitley responded. Bro. Gordon sang "Will Watch." Bro. Watkins responded to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, apologising for the latter, who had been compelled to leave early. To the toast of the Officers, Bros. Strong and Oliver responded. The Tyler's toast, in due course, closed one of the pleasantest evenings spent at the Royal Commemoration for some time.

GODERICH LODGE, No. 1211.

THE installation meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on the 4th instant, at Leeds, when there was a large and representative gathering of Masons both from Leeds and the surrounding districts. Bro. W. W. Yonings, the W.M., was in the chair, and amongst those present were W. Bros. H. Smith P.P.G.M., H. E. Green P.G. Secretary, W. F. Smithson P.M. P.P.G.D. and W.M. 2128, J. W. Fourness P.M. Prov. G. Treasurer, C. L. Mason P.P.G. Treasurer W.M. 2068, T. Winn P.M. P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, T. Ruddock P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, G. Sykes P.M. P.P.G.D.C., G. F. Crowe I.M. P.P.G.D., W. B. Townsend P.M. P.P.G. Organist, W. J. Beck P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Dobson P.M. P.G.D.C., J. W. Monckman P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Dr. Smyth P.M. P.P.G. Chap. Tom R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, and other distinguished brethren wrote regretting inability to be present. The Lodge having been opened to the second degree Bro. Dr. Green was passed by the W.M. who was efficiently aided by his Officers. Bro. W. H. Bradford, the W.M.-elect, was then presented by Bro. Scrivener P.M., for the benefit of installation, this ceremony being most impressively worked

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by Bro. Youings. Bro. Bradford W.M. then, on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Youings I.P.M. a most beautiful and massive P.M.'s jewel, as a recognition of his great services to the Lodge during his year of office. The jewel was of the Lodge pattern, and bore a suitable inscription. Bro. Youings expressed the pride and pleasure the presentation gave him. His earnest endeavour during his year of office had been to promote the welfare of Goderich Lodge in particular, and Freemasonry in Leeds in general, and that beautiful presentation was a proof that his efforts had been successful. Bro. Bradford then invested his Officers, as follow:—W. Bros. A. W. Youings I.P.M., G. F. Crowe P.M. P.P.G.D. S.W., W. Smith J.D., Rev. A. B. Coombe Chaplain, J. W. Fourness P.M. Prov. G. Tr. Treasurer, W. Ward Secretary, T. Craister S.D., John Franks J.D., T. Winn P.M. P.P.G.S.W. D.C., G. F. Crowe P.M. P.P.G.D. Charity Steward, Townsend P.M. P.P.G.O. Organist, A. K. Scattergood I.G., W. J. Gwilland and J. R. Smith Stewards, and J. Barraud Tyler. W. Bro. Bradford, the newly-installed W.M., presided at the banquet, which was attended by upwards of 60 brethren, and in addition to those whose names have been mentioned he was supported by the W.M.'s of the other 7 Leeds Lodges, namely, Bros. A. Scarth W.M. 289, Jno. Brownfoot W.M. 304, Councillor Binns W.M. 305, Flockton W.M. 1042, Harris W.M. 1221, and Mason P.M. W.M. 2069. The usual loyal and complimentary toasts having received hearty recognition, W. Bro. W. F. Smithson P.M. P.P.G.D. W.M. 2128, and Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, responded in a vigorous speech on behalf of the London Charities. He drew special attention to the fact that his recommendation that 2000 guineas should be raised on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Widows' Fund) had been unanimously adopted by the Provincial Grand Lodge at Huddersfield the previous Wednesday. Such a movement would be thought most fitly commemorate in that Province the Jubilee year of our most gracious Queen, especially as she was a widow herself. They would be paying a graceful compliment to their sovereign, and at the same time they would be nobly benefitting an Institution which more particularly commended itself to Her Majesty. He also reminded his hearers of the great advantages reaped from this Charity by the Masons of West Yorkshire, there being no fewer than 13 males and 13 females of that Province at present enjoying benefits of the two funds. If the large sum for which he pleaded was raised, and of this he had no doubt, it would greatly facilitate in future elections the work of the Executive, seeing that they had 4 widows on the list for the forthcoming election, whereas their present voting strength was only equal to carrying one. This powerful appeal of Bro. Smithson's no doubt will be most warmly responded to in Leeds, and his efforts will lie in an endeavour to induce every Lodge and Chapter in the Province to do something to forward the good cause to a triumphant conclusion. W. Bro. G. F. Crowe P.M. P.P.G.D. also spoke on behalf of the Leeds Benevolent Institution and expressed his warmest thanks for the hearty support accorded to it, to which was due the fact that it was in a most flourishing condition. The speeches were interspersed with songs and music, and a happy evening was spent.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

A REGULAR meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 12th instant, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, when there was a good attendance, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Fredk. T. Bennett, who was supported by Bros. H. Dickson S.W., H. Lindfield J.W., A. Green P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, P. H. King J.D; Past Masters H. Martin, Usher Back, J. Laver, W. W. Morgan, T. H. Peirce, and F. J. Hentsch. The Visitors included Bros. Adam Stodart, Mother Kilwinning, W. G. Jennings 1580, C. James I.P.M. 15, and J. A. Collings 1693. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of previous meetings read and confirmed, was advanced, when Bro. Horace Henry Hunt, Arthur Henry Hancock, Edmund Thomas Bagley and William John Dyer were raised to the sublime degree, the impressive ceremonial being admirably carried out by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. The sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to the list of Bro. Greenwood, who represented the Lodge as a Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Some other business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed, and the brethren and Visitors partook of a supper, at the conclusion of which the customary toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

THE LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

THERE was a very gratifying attendance at the installation meeting of this Lodge, held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Wednesday evening, 13th inst., when the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. G. T. Holdom, presided, supported by a full body of Officers and Brethren. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a satisfactory financial condition, was submitted and approved. Bro. J. G. Twinn, who had ably discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the past twelve months, was then presented as the Worshipful Master elect, and having formally assented to undertake the responsibilities of the office, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the impressive rite was performed in masterly manner by Bro. A. G. Clements P.M., who acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of all present. On the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed, and saluted with the customary Masonic honours, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow: Bros. G. T. Holdom I.P.M., J. Loftus S.W., J. Oxley J.W., William Beck P.M. Treasurer, W. McCreddie Secretary, W. O. Swetman S.D., H. J. Hirst J.D., A. W. Flack I.G., J. Magrath P.M. D.C., A. T. C. Dickson Steward, George Longstaff Tyler. After the addresses had been delivered, the Worshipful Master said a very agreeable duty devolved upon him, that of presenting to his predecessor a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the members of the Lodge, as a token of the esteem and regard in which he was held by them, and in recognition of the ability with which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office. In making the presentation, Bro. Twinn spoke in eulogistic terms of the manner in which their Immediate Past Master had studied the best interests of the Lodge, and endeavoured to promote the peace, comfort and harmony of the brethren. Might he live for many years to wear that jewel, which should remind him of the many happy hours he had spent with the members of the Lodge of St. John. Bro. Holdom I.P.M., in accepting the gift, thanked the Worshipful Master for the kindly expressions he had used in presenting it, and the brethren generally for that mark of their appreciation. He should endeavour to retain their good wishes by doing all he could in the future, as he had done in the past, to uphold the prestige of the Lodge, in which he had ever met with the utmost courtesy, kindness and consideration. The ballot was now opened for Mr. W. Henry Waters, who had been proposed by Bro. C. Dawe, and seconded by Bro. J. Magrath P.M.; and the result being unanimous in favour, the candidate was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed by the newly-installed Worshipful Master in a manner that served as a happy augury of his future working. The Charity-box was next passed round, and the sum of 14s 9d realised, after which several applications for assistance were considered. Lodge was then closed amidst the usual interchange of fraternal amenities, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. East, in excellent style. In proposing the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master said it was especially gratifying to him to occupy that position in the year of Her Majesty's Jubilee. He anticipated that the year would be a memorable one in Masonic annals, and that the members of the Fraternity would not be behindhand in their expressions of loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the Craft. In proposing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, he spoke of the immense progress which Freemasonry had made since the accession of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to that exalted position; and subsequently, in the next toast, he paid a deserved tribute of praise to the Grand Officers for the ability with which they carried on the business of Grand Lodge. The Immediate Past Master then assumed the gavel and proposed the health of the newly-installed W.M., speaking in felicitous terms of the zeal and ability which Bro. Twinn had displayed in the minor offices through which he had passed in the Lodge. He was perfectly convinced that Brother Twinn would fulfil his duties in the chair with the same discretion and assiduity, and that on his retirement he would have secured the respect and admiration of all the members. Bro. J. G. Twinn W.M., in responding, tendered his sincere thanks to the Immediate Past Master for the eulogiums he had poured upon him, and the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. His heart was too full for words, but he could assure them he should do his utmost to perform the duties of the position he now filled, through their kindness, to the utmost of his ability. He thanked them for the support they gave him during his recent Stewardship at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when he was enabled to take up a list with over £200. The bulk of that money was contributed by members of the St. John Lodge, and the result was, in his opinion, very creditable to them. In proposing the health of the Installing Master, the W.M. referred to the masterly way in which Bro. Clements had performed the ceremony of installation, which had given the utmost pleasure and satisfaction to all who witnessed it. Bro. Clements, in response, said it afforded him the utmost pleasure at all times to do the best he could for the Lodge, and of this he thought the brethren were aware. Though he was now, in the common acceptation of the term, "on the shelf," he should still continue to do all he could to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and to assist in any way that might be considered necessary in the work. The W.M. then proposed in suitable terms the Initiate, whom it was a pleasure to have admitted as a member of the Lodge of St. John; and Bro. Waters, in acknowledging the heartiness with which the toast had been received, said he was much gratified at having been made a Mason; he esteemed it a great honour. He should strive to become a good and sincere member. A cordial welcome was extended to the visitors, all of whom responded, speaking of the excellent working they had witnessed in the Lodge room, and the hospitality with which they had been treated at the festive board. The other toasts were those of the Past Masters and the Officers of the Lodge; and the list was closed in the usual form by the Tyler. During the evening some excellent singing was listened to, and the proceedings throughout were of a very enjoyable description. The visitors included Brothers H. Trask 1327, W. H. Myers P.M. 820, T. C. Ward 1076, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, H. Brocklehurst S.D. 862, James Piper 1076, W. Greenwood W.M. 1571, R. Dixon S.D. 1259, J. T. Dormer 1871, &c., &c.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, York, on the evening of Easter Tuesday, when there were present Bros. W. Brown W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., M. Millington P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., G. Balmford P.M., W. B. Dyson S.W., S. J. Dalton J.W., J. Kay Secretary, W. Lackenby S.D., G. Lamb J.D., W. Storry I.G., P. Pearson Steward, F. W. Halliwell, J. Thorpe, A. Archer, W. H. A. Coates, G. P. Pook, H. Chapman, F. H. Vaughan, G. Chapman, and W. Sharp. Visitors: Bros. H. E. Whytehead

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Portland Lodge, and Major McGachen 1991. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, author of "Masonic Records, 1717 to 1886," was, on the proposition of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, seconded by the W.M., unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. Bros. Beanmont and Pook were passed to the second degree, the work being done by Bro. M. Millington P.M., at the invitation of the W.M. Bro. J. Blenkin reported progress as to the list of subscriptions for the Imperial Institute. The S.W. gave notice to move "That £30 be voted from the Lodge funds to the Proprietary Fund." Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented to the Lodge Hollar's large engraving (1661) of the "Templum Salomonis," and Bro. J. T. Seller volunteered to frame the same. Bro. Whytehead also presented, on behalf of Bro. J. Appleyard, two antique firing glasses, formerly the property of his father and grandfather, who were distinguished members of the Minerva Lodge, Hull. A vote of thanks was passed to the donors of these gifts; a candidate was proposed, and the Lodge was closed. A most pleasant evening was subsequently passed with abundance of musical harmony, Bro. Padel presiding at the pianoforte.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—At the weekly meeting, on the 6th inst., there were present Bros. Bleakley W.M., Patland, Hansen, Gregory, Hobden, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ferguson acting as candidate. This being the evening on which the monthly meeting of the Fidelity Charity Society meets, Lodge was closed in due form at an early hour. Two Life Subscriberships were then drawn for; these were secured by Bros. Barlow and Coote respectively.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. On Monday, 4th inst. Bros. Forge W.M., Snook S.W., Stretch J.W., Collingridge S.D., Richardson I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the two last Lodge meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. Monk 228, a new member, answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Monk candidate. This brother also answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Trewinnard gave the lecture on the tracing board, with his usual impressiveness. Bro. Forge moved that the Lodge be adjourned from the end of April to the commencement of September; this was carried. Bro. Snook was elected Worshipful Master for Monday, 18th inst.

REVIEWS.

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

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Freemasons' Calendar for Suffolk. Ipswich: S. H. Cowell, the Butter Market.

HERE we have another example of the improvements which have of recent years been effected in the compilation of Provincial Calendars, rendering them increasingly valuable to the brethren for whose use they are intended. The work presented to the Province of Suffolk, by Bro. Tracy, the Prov. Grand Secretary, is in every respect an admirable one, full of information as to the Masonic operations in the various Lodges. Following the Calendar are a few brief Masonic notes, the names of the office bearers in Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge, a list of the Prov. Grand Masters since the formation of the Province in the year 1771, and the names of towns in which the annual Prov. Grand Lodge has been held since 1816. The towns in Suffolk in which Lodges are held, and the dates of their several meetings, installations, &c. are given, followed by a list of Suffolk Lodges in order of seniority, and the dates of their warrants; the same remarks apply to the Prov. Grand and other Chapters and Mark Lodges in East Anglia. Similar information is given respecting Rose Croix and Knight Templar Masonry, and then follow the rules of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, and the Suffolk Life Subscribership Association for the Royal Masonic Charities, from the latter of which we learn that fourteen Subscriberships of ten guineas each have now been taken in the three Institutions. The brethren who have attended the various Festivals in London, as Stewards, since 1878, are named, and a table is appended shewing the voting power of the Province in the various Charities. Many other matters of local interest are dealt with, and the whole of the pages are enclosed in a neat wrapper of purple and gold, forming an ornamental, as well as a useful and indispensable book of reference to Masons in the Province of Suffolk.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Oxfordshire and Neighbourhood. Edited and Published by Comp. W. R. Bowden P.P.G.O. (R.A.C.) Oxon, &c.

LIKE many other Provincial Calendars this useful little work appears rather late in the year, a circumstance which the Editor regrets, in consequence of the delay of Secretaries of Lodges and Chapters in sending returns of the Officers and other Masonic information necessary to make the Directory perfect. Bro. Bowden says he will be glad in the future to receive these returns as soon as possible after the several installations have taken place, with a view of publishing the Manual earlier in the year; it should be in the hands of all subscribers by 1st March, a matter of impossibility through delays on this occasion. It appears that Bro. Bowden's appeal last year to the Berkshire and Buckinghamshire brethren to support his Manual elicited no response, and he is now reluctantly advised to confine his efforts to the Province of Oxfordshire, taking exception only if any Lodge outside should express desire, by subscribing, to be included. The Province of Berks and Oxon in Mark Masonry will, as before, be fully reported. Every information is given respecting the constitution and meeting places of Prov. Grand Lodge, and the various Lodges in the Province, the names of present and past Officers, &c. The report of the Charity Committee shows that there was no candidate from the Province during the year, that Amy Dalton Cutbush, to whom 100 votes were given, at the request of Bro. Rev. H. C. Cooper-Smith, was elected at the April Election, head of the poll, with 3,074 votes. A portion of the votes were used to pay off all outstanding claims, and the remainder were lent to other Provinces. For the Election of Monday, the 18th April, there are about 800 votes in hand. The Editor congratulates his readers on the fact that during the year the sums forwarded to the Institutions through Stewards at the Festivals amounted in the aggregate to £279 13s, which in a Province of only ten Lodges is very creditable. Last year the subscriptions to the Charities exceeded £207, while in 1884 they reached £293. The Editor also announces his intention of representing the Alfred Lodge, 340, as a Steward at the Boys' Festival in June, and will be happy to receive contributions generally in aid of the Institution, or in furtherance of the Jubilee Fund specially to defray outstanding liabilities on the Preparatory School Building Account. There is a mass of other information, which will be of great value to the brethren in the Province of Oxfordshire, the whole being bound up in handy form and size for the pocket, as a book of reference.

Writings for the Aged. By Mrs. Jane Lee Weisse. New York: Trow's Printing and Bookbinding Company, 201-213 East Twelfth-street.

IN this volume the author has collected a number of her poems and selections of poetry, suited especially to aged persons, the printing being in large type, so as to be less trying to the sight. She reminds us, in her preface, that whilst we have books for children, poetry for the age of romance, and blank verse for the gravity of mature years, no one writes for the aged; nothing is devoted to the beautiful twilight of life. "To deck with flowers the silver hair, and scatter sweets along the downward path, has been forgotten." She takes the ground, and a sensible one, that veteran readers must have strong mental food: no tinkling of sweet words charm the aged; thoughts and hopes are stretching forward to the great future: Angels are bending down to take by the hand. It is unquestionably true that the aged mind is too often left to feed on painful memories or else to struggle with the perplexing theories with which it is difficult to cope. The object of the author, therefore, is to "lead from the contemplation of the setting sun, and rather call attention to the radiant glories that surround it, giving promise of the unlimited brilliancy of its future course." This is the spirit breathed throughout the whole of the poems included in the volume, the general style and get up of which is all that could be desired. It is a tone calculated to solace the aged mind in contemplation of the inevitable dissolution, to shed rays of peaceful sunshine over the pathway of declining years, and without partaking of a hymnal character, the verses are pervaded by a lofty and devotional inspiration. This is a work which we opine will be largely taken up by those who feel a special interest in aged persons, and by these latter the volume will be cherished as a means of solid consolation and pleasure in their moments of quiet calm and leisure. Subjoined is a sample of the poems:—

GOOD ANGELS (1873).

In silent watches of the night,
When memories crowd my brain,
And gentle sleep is put to flight
By thoughts, that give me pain.
Good Angels, come to me!

Bring down an influence from above
To stay each baleful power,
And wait, like sentinels of love,
To guard the midnight hour.
Good Angels, come to me!

Come, white-winged messengers of Heaven,
Borne on the silent air;
Through them all blessings have been given,
Answering to mental prayer.
Good Angels, come to me!

I know the light touch of your hand
My throbbing pulse to stay;
You rally sinking self-command,
And smoothe the troubled way.
Good Angels, come to me!

Calm thoughts your sacred presence tell,
Sweet dreams your sway attest;
The Power, that '*doeth all things well*,"
Hath soothed an aching breast.
Good Angels *are with me.*

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London or Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

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.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,
WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 18th day of April 1887, for the transaction of Ordinary Business of the Institution:—

To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

To elect as Members of the General Committee, representing the Life and Annual Subscribers, Twelve Brethren not being Life Governors.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1. By W. Bro. CHARLES FREDERICK HOGARD, V. Pres.:
"That Clause 3, Law 25, be rescinded."

2. By Bro. JAMES ARTHUR BIRCH, L.G., P. Prov. J.W. East Lancashire:
"That, in order to suit the better convenience of the brethren representing the Provinces and to facilitate the Business of the Elections, it is desirable that the Day of Election be altered;"—That the Spring Half-Yearly Election of the Boys' Institution be held on the Thursday immediately preceding the fourth Friday in May;"—and "That Law 29 be altered in accordance with this Resolution."

3. By Bro. ROBERT WYLIE, L.G., P. Prov. G.S. West Lancashire:
"That it is desirable to have the Elections of the Three Masonic Institutions, which occur in the early part of the year, held on three consecutive days in the same month, say, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in the month of May, and that a Committe be appointed to consider the matter, and confer with Committees of the two other Institutions, and to report to the next Quarterly General Court."

4. By Bro. JOHN L. MATHER, V. Patron:
"To add to Law 53—'Provided that a Candidate shall not be disqualified by reason of his age exceeding eleven years at the date of Election in cases were such excess would not have arisen had the Election been held on the Monday immediately succeeding the second Saturday in April.'"

5. By Bro. WILLIAM ROEBUCK, V. Patron and Trustee, G.S.B.:
"That twenty-seven boys be elected at the Quarterly Court on the 18th April instead of twenty-five boys."

To elect Twenty-five, or—should the Notice of Motion by Bro. Roebuck be adopted—Twenty-seven Boys from a list of Forty-five 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.
2nd April 1887.

THE EIGHTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF JUNE.

The services of Brethren as Stewards representing Lodges, or Provinces, are earnestly solicited, and will be gratfully acknowledged.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE following Resolution having been passed at a Special Meeting of the General Court, held on Monday, 21st March 1887, there will be no *contested* Election on 16th April, and consequently no voting papers will be issued.

RESOLVED—"That in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, five further vacancies be declared for the Election in April next, thereby admitting of the Election of the whole of the Candidates on the List without contest."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, W.C.
24th March 1887.

MAY ELECTION, 1887.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

AMELIA M. MAHOMED,
(AGED 64 YEARS),

WIDOW of the late ARTHUR AKLIBAR MAHOMED, 14 years member of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton, whose Father first introduced the Shampooing and Vapour Baths into England, in 1784. The son continued the Baths in the King's Road, Brighton, with the assistance of the present applicant, until his sudden death, in 1872. Up to the present time the candidate has earned her living as a medical rubber, but her health having broken down, she is compelled to apply for the annuity.

THE CASE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED BY

Bro. B. BEAUMONT W.M., and the Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton.
Bro. L. R. STYER, W.M. of Stamford Lodge, No. 1947, and Secretary Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton.
Bro. W. R. MORTON P.M. No. 263, M.E.Z. Caveac Chapter, 176, "St. John's," The Avenue, Upper Norwood.
Bro. Dr. GALTON, Sylvan Road, Auckland Road, Upper Norwood.
*Bro. W. HOPEKIRK P.M. 179 1586 1936, P.Z. Crystal Palace Chapter, 76 Westow Hill, Upper Norwood.
*Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS P.M. P.Z., P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Life Governor of all Masonic Charities, City Conservative Club, Lombard Street, E.C.
*Bro. S. H. PARKHOUSE P.M. 511 and 1612, 152 Lancaster Road, Notting Hill, W.
Bro. A. M. BETHUNE P.M. 1397, Anerley, Life Governor of Masonic Charities.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked * or by the Widow, 2 Palace Road, Upper Norwood; or Mrs. Turner, "The Chase," Farquhar Road, Upper Norwood.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,
ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

Chief Patroness:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Patron and President:
H.R. HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

Grand Patroness:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

THE NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of this Institution will take place

On WEDNESDAY, the 11th MAY next,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

Sir OFFLEY WAKEMAN, Bart.
R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire.

Board of Stewards.

President.
R. G. VENABLES, Deputy Grand Master Shropshire.
Acting President.
A. C. SPAULL, Past Prov. Grand Registrar Shropshire.
Treasurer.
R. EVE, P.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, G. Treasurer elect.
Secretary.
F. R. W. HEDGES.
Chairman of Ladies' Stewards.
Rev. J. W. PALMER, Grand Chaplain.

*** Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward are *very urgently needed*; they will much oblige by forwarding their names as *early as possible* to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

APRIL ELECTION, 1887.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys

Are earnestly solicited on behalf of

JOHN FAWCETT,
AGED NINE YEARS.

Whose Father, Bro. JOHN GASCOIGNE FAWCETT, late of the "Limes," Herne, Kent, was initiated in the "St. Augustine's Lodge," No. 972, on the 18th of May 1881, and continued a subscribing member until February 1886. He was one of the Founders of the Ethelbert Lodge, No. 2099, and was Senior Deacon of that Lodge up to the time of his death, which took place (after a protracted and severe illness) on the 6th of August 1886. He was always ready to help in the cause of charity and his fellow creatures. He has left a widow and six children almost totally unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the following Lodges:—
ETHELBERT, 2099, and St. AUGUSTINE, 972;
Also by the undermentioned brethren:—

V.W. ROBERT GREY President of the Board of Benevolence, 41 Russell Square, W.C.
*C. F. WACHER P.P.G.D. Kent I.P.M. 2099 P.M. 1209, Wrayton House, Broadstairs.
GEO. PILCHER P.P.G.D.C. Kent P.M. 972, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury.
*T. B. ROSSITER P.M. 972, Fleur de Lis Hotel, Canterbury.
S. F. PRINGUER P.M. 972, 37 London-road, Canterbury.
*S. NEWMAN W.M. 972, St. George's-street, Canterbury.
R. WESTWOOD S.W. 972, Nunnery Fields, Canterbury.
*H. F. PRINGUER J.W. 972, 70 Northgate-street, Canterbury.
*J. F. COZENS P.M. 972, 16 Longport, Canterbury.
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CAPITULAR MASONRY.

Address delivered in the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, at the Annual Communication, held at Philadelphia, 27th of December 1886. *By Companion Matthias H. Henderson, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.*

I DO not address you with the desire to discharge perfunctorily a duty which custom has made it necessary to perform; but because I consider the occasion of his installation the proper time at which the Grand High Priest should express whatever appreciation he may feel of the honours which his associates have conferred upon him, and give his views concerning the condition and proper government, under the Constitution, of Capitular Masonry in his jurisdiction.

Four years ago, at a time when I had no expectation of such action on your part, you elected me Grand Scribe. The circumstances of that election were gratifying in the extreme. The names of other worthy Companions had been mentioned for the office, and when at the eleventh hour mine was suggested, the Grand Chapter responded so kindly and so promptly that it never will be effaced from my memory. With one exception there never had been in the history of this Grand Chapter a Grand Officer elected outside of the shadow of this Masonic Temple, and that exception occurred twenty-five years ago. At each succeeding election I have received continued assurances of your confidence, the last elevating me to the highest office in your gift.

Just here it may be well to consider whether it would not be wise to elect at intervals an officer from some portion of the jurisdiction outside of Philadelphia county. By the returns to the Grand Secretary on 27th of December 1885, it appears that the Philadelphia Chapters have a membership of 4293, while those outside of the city have 7067, or nearly twice as many. The amount of dues paid to the Grand Chapter by the Philadelphia Chapters and those outside of the city are in the same proportion. It would seem that that portion of our jurisdiction that has a majority of the membership and contributes so largely to the revenues of the Grand Chapter should be represented among the elective Grand Officers more often that it has hitherto been. Aside from the justice of the country's claim I believe it would tend to the benefit of the Grand Chapter, by binding the country Chapters more closely to the parent body, and making them realise more than they do at present their ownership in it. The country has not asserted itself in this matter as it might have done, and has no right to reflect upon the city, and I feel sure that if they would present at intervals the name of a Companion who in his private character and Masonic record deserves the honour, the city would assist in electing him. I leave the subject for your consideration.

Honourable as the stations of the Grand Scribe and Grand King are, there is but little responsibility attached to them when compared to the station of the Grand High Priest, and I assume the mitre and sceptre with a full realization of all the exacting cares which they bring with them, but with a firm and stedfast purpose to discharge my duties as faithfully as I can, and not to prove recreant to the trust you have given me, through any fault of my own.

The distance at which I am situated from Philadelphia may prevent me from giving that close personal attention to the Chapters and Mark Lodges meeting in this city which they have had. They have been so thoroughly inspected during the past four years by my two immediate predecessors, whose reports of their condition are so favourable that I am persuaded they will not need further attention, for a time at least. Let them not think, however, that they will be neglected, or that they will suffer for the want of proper advice and inspection of their work. I shall have that general supervision over them and take that interest in their welfare which they have a right to expect of me.

As I am just entering upon the administration of the affairs of this office, I have no record of duties done to submit to your consideration, but I desire to call your attention in a few plain words to some points in regard to the working of subordinate Chapters which have at various times come under my observation. Our Chapters are sometimes applied to for the degrees by brethren who are members of Lodges in other jurisdictions. Some of these applications—and the word application in this sense does not mean petition—are to frontier Chapters by brethren residing across the line, who are nearer the Pennsylvania Chapter than they are to one in their own jurisdiction; the remainder are from brethren residing in our own territory. The obstacle to the reception of these petitions is, that the applicants have not passed the chair. We call it "Passing the Chair," while our contemporaries call it the "Past Master's Degree," and for the purposes of this address we will adopt that form of expression. In Pennsylvania this is done in the Lodge. In all the other jurisdictions of this country it is conferred in the Chapter, except in the comparatively few instances where it is given to the elected Worshipful Master of a symbolic Lodge. Our Constitution, in section 107, says that an applicant for the degrees must be a "Past Master either by election or dispensation." The case of an applicant who holds membership in a foreign lodge is therefore governed by three different conditions, as follows:

First. If he is not a Past Master he cannot present a petition.

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Second. If he is a Past Master and resides within our jurisdiction he can present a petition.

Third. If he is a Past Master residing outside of our jurisdiction, the consent of his own Grand High Priest must be obtained in the usual manner before he can present a petition.

The remedy for those who are not Past Masters is to withdraw from their Lodge, unite with a Pennsylvania Lodge and pass the chair by dispensation, when they will be qualified to make application to the Chapter. It is to be regretted that uniformity of usage regarding the Past Master's Degree cannot be established, and as this is the principal point of difference between the other American Grand Chapters and ourselves, for which we have been mildly referred to as "conservative," "old fogey," and our position alluded to as an isolated one, it may be well to contemplate the subject and ascertain to what extent our practice is supported by common sense and ancient usage and custom. I have taken pains to examine authorities and find that some very eminent ones express views inconsistent with the practice of their respective Grand Chapers. A well known author of New York says:

"In point of fact, the degree of Past Master is out of place in the Chapter, and has no right there. It belongs to the Blue Lodge. * * * In the Chapter it has no significance nor pertinence whatever—it is simply an act without meaning, and mars greatly the beauty of 'Royal Arch Masonry.'"

A distinguished writer of the District of Columbia says, that originally it was always conferred in Lodges and that "the jurisdiction over it by Chapters is altogether an assumed one."

An English author, in a letter to Grand High Priest Meyer, dated 1st October 1872, and published in our Proceedings of that year says:

"It seems to have been the custom (in fact was) of the Grand Lodge according to the Old Constitutions (called the 'Ancients') to confer the Past Master's Degree in a Craft Lodge to candidates for Royal Arch Masonry."

which is precisely what we in Pennsylvania do to-day. In another part of the same letter he says:

"Until recently, in Scotland the system of Capitular Free Masonry prevailing in the United States was adopted, but at the Grand Lodge held 5th of February last, it was decided to return to the old English system, and hence the Grand Chapter of Scotland has retired from the control of the Past Master's Degree, and left it entirely in the hands of the Grand Lodge."

I regret that I have not space to quote this letter in full, and would refer those to it who desire to pursue the subject further. Its whole tenour is that the degree originated in the Lodge, that it was designed for the use of the Lodge, and that it is out of place anywhere else. I might multiply quotations and enlarge upon them, but enough has been said to show that the practice of conferring the degree in Chapters is a modern innovation, and that our Grand Chapter is the only one in this country that has observed that time-honoured precept which admonishes us to reject all attempts to improve Free Masonry and to adhere strictly to ancient usage, custom and landmark. The name, Past Master, signifies that it is an honorary distinction given to a brother who has passed through the office of Master, and as Lodges are the only Masonic bodies governed by Masters, a sensible view of the matter would indicate that it should be given to the brother entitled to it by the body in which he has attained the distinction, and why it should be conferred by any other authority, or how two different bodies can consistently exercise jurisdiction over the same degree is something which our friends have never explained.

In connection with the Past Master's degree, a point of law demands notice. A Chapter has no right to receive a petition for the degrees and membership unless it has Masonic knowledge that the applicant has passed the chair and is in reality what he professes to be, a Past Master Mason. In order to expedite matters and enable an applicant to become a Royal Arch Mason two or three weeks earlier than he otherwise would, Chapters have been known to receive a petition, and the signer has passed the chair after the petition was presented, and before he came forward to take the degrees. This is a violation of the law which cannot be permitted to go unnoticed. A brother cannot conscientiously sign a petition stating that he is a Past Master until he is one, nor can a Chapter acting in the same spirit receive it.

The office of District Deputy Grand High Priest is not second in importance to any in the gift of the Grand High Priest, and not the least of his responsibilities is the selection of competent Companions for these appointments. The ideal officer should be so thoroughly conversant with the ritual as to be able to detect and correct errors in it, and so well acquaintad with the law as to be able to decide questions submitted to him. These things he should know, but these are not enough; he should know how to discharge his duties with tact, and his deportment should be so gentlemanly that intercourse with him will be agreable to the Chapters in his charge. He should never lose sight of his allegiance to the Grand Chapter and should with gentle firmness insist upon strict conformity to its Constitution and edicts. As he is supposed to be better acquainted with the condition and necessities of his District than any one else, the Grand High Priest is disposed to defer to a great extent to his opinions, and therefore the prosperity of Capitular Masonry in his District will depend upon his judgement and discretion. He is the representative of the Grand High Priest, and his Chapters should address him upon all questions affecting their interest. Although the Constitution, in section 21, defines his powers and duties, my own experience is that many Chapters have very crude ideas concerning them, and for the benefit of all concerned I will endeavour to explain them more fully It is his duty to visit his Chapters at least once a year, and oftener if he deems it necessary; to examine their condition and give them such counsel as the peculiarities of each case demand. He should examine the minutes annually, observing that the Proceedings of the Chapter are fully expressed, and that nothing improper is committed to writing. Irregularities are sometimes discovered only by an inspection of the minutes. He should make a written report in the minute book, commending the Secretary when he finds his duties well performed, or suggesting such improvements as may be needed. He should see that the annual returns and dues are forwarded to the Grand Secretary at the proper time, and he should, at the close of each year, make a full report of his official acts to the Grand High Priest. He should visit the Grand Chapter at least twice in each year, to become familiar with its working and details, and should read its annual reports, which will assist him to decide questions submitted to him. He has no power to grant dispensations for any purpose whatever. He is not appointed for the purpose of doing the work of his Chapters, such as conferring degrees, and it must not be expected of him. It is a popular error that he alone has authority to instal newly elected officers. While there can be no objection to his doing so, it is no part of his duty, either expressed or implied, and if High Priests who sometimes ask whether it would be lawful for them to instal their own successors would read the warrants of their Chapters they would not ask the question. He should see that each High Priest in his District is in possession of the order of High Priesthood and is competent to give it to his successor when installed. He should be energetic and active, and constantly on the alert to protect the interests of the Grand Chapter, and of the Chapters committed to his care. If he proves incompetent, or neglects his duty, or any one feels aggrieved by his action, the remedy lies in an appeal to the Grand High Priest, and no Companion need fear that an appeal when properly presented will be unheard.

The Chapter is not sufficiently appreciated and does not receive that consideration and attention which its importance deserves. Too many regard it only as a passage way and probationary station between the Lodge and Commandery. Too many Master Masons, attracted by glittering swords and waving plumes, bewail their fate because obliged to pass through the Chapter, and do so without any proper realization of the beauty and importance of its degrees. Too many Chapters are regarded as necessary nuisances which must be tolerated for the purpose of repairing material for what they are pleased to term the higher body. This is not as it should be, and no intelligent Free Mason holds such an opinion. The Lodge is the source of all Masonic light, and is the trunk which supports and gives life to the different branches of the Masonic system, and while we acknowledge its supremacy with loyal hearts, we must not forget that the Chapter has an individuality of its own, a place to fill and a mission to accomplish; and that were it placed in the background or torn bodily from the fabric that the beautiful proportions of our majestic fraternity would be disfigured beyond repair. In richness of ritual, Masonic significance, and historical importance, the Chapter degrees

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rank second to none but those of the Lodge. The Mark degree in its symbolism and teaching exemplifies the most beautiful trait that can animate the human mind. The Most Excellent degree is the reverent celebration of the completion of the great work of our ancient brethren, and where can be found the equal in sublimity of that matchless invocation in which Israel's King asks the blessing of the Almighty upon His chosen people and the superb creation of their hands? The Royal Arch, the crowning sheaf of ancient Free Masonry, has an historical importance which cannot be estimated. What thinking Free Mason ever failed to comtemplate with wonder and admiration that which perfects and completes the Master Mason's degree and makes him a better Mason than he could ever be without it? A writer already quoted says:

"If we except the Master's, there is no other degree in Masonry that has been so extensively diffused, or is as important in its historical and symbolical import, as the Royal Arch, or, as it has been called, on account of its sublime significance, the 'Holy Royal Arch.' It is called 'the root, heart and marrow of Masonry,' and is indescribably more august, sublime and important, than any which precede it, and is, in fact, the summit and perfection of Ancient Masonry. It is found, in fact, in every rite, in some modified form, and sometimes under a different name, but always preserving those symbolic relations to the *Lost Word* which constitutes its essential character."

"Whoever carefully studies the Master's degree in its symbolic signification will be convinced that it is in a mutilated condition; that is, that it is imperfect and unfinished in its history, and that, terminating abruptly in its symbolism, it leaves the mind still waiting for something that is necessary to its completeness. This deficiency is supplied by the Royal Arch degree. Hence, when the union took place in England, in 1813, between the two rival Grand Lodges, while there was a strong and hereditary disposition on the part of the English Masons to preserve the simplicity of the Old York Rite by confining Free Masonry to the three symbolical degrees, it was found necessary to define Ancient Craft Masonry as consisting of three degrees, including the Holy Royal Arch."

Those superficial members of our fraternity with whom the essence of Free Masonry is public pomp and show might not miss us, but the Masonic scholar and student cannot spare the Chapter.

At the meeting of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, held at Chicago, in August 1880, an amendment to the Constitution was offered, dispensing with the Chapter degrees and making a Master Mason eligible to the Orders of Knighthood; but to the honour of the Grand Encampment be it said, the loyal sons of the Chapter outvoted their disloyal brethren and the amendment met the fate it deserved,—prompt and inglorious defeat. May it ever be so, and let us hope the day will never come when the Chapter, shorn of her strength, sits sorrowful and forlorn among the neglected and forgotten. To him who desires it we say: "Blistered be thy tongue for such a wish."

The condition and status of our Grand Chapter is such that we have just cause to feel proud of it. Our financial resources exceed our most extravagant desires were we disposed to be extravagant, and we are enabled to contribute of our abundance to any worthy object. We are united among ourselves, and our relations with other Grand Chapters are fraternal and harmonious. Here, in the metropolitan city of our jurisdiction, her proper home; in the most magnificent building ever erected to Masonry, in any era or any country, our Grand Chapter sits in the quiet dignity of an honourable old age; acknowledging no superior, brooking no dictation; jealous of her own rights, but trespassing upon none; and from here her good influence extends, not only to the most remote portions of our own territory but even to the ends of the earth, for wherever Royal Arch Masonry is known, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is honoured and respected.

Let us appreciate the blessings we enjoy, and enter upon the duties of the new year with thankful hearts, enthusiastic for our cause, trusting in each other, and with a firm reliance on Him who holds us in the hollow of His hand and without whose blessing and guidance our labours will be fruitless.

THE Liverpool Exhibition will present some very attractive features. There will be gardens and an electric fountain like that so popular at South Kensington, and an accurate reproduction of an old Lancashire village. The refreshment contract has been secured by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, who have had more of such experience than any other firm in the kingdom. A collection of old arms and armour will comprise contributions from the Government, and the war exhibits intended to illustrate the chief wars of the present reign will form a notable and novel attraction to the Exhibition.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Vaudeville. — The poetical one-act play by Mr. Robert Buchanan, "A Dark Night's Bridal," was duly produced at this theatre on Saturday last. The work, which is founded on a prose sketch by Mr. R. L. Stevenson, and as presented on Saturday, records a most improbable story, with but little interest, unless it be to mystify the audience. This it certainly did on its production. The scene is laid at Castle Chasseloup, in Burgundy, where an old baron resides, with an attractive neice, Blanche, who as a matter of course has secured a lover. Some idea of this state of affairs becoming known to the baron, he resolves to assist the lovers, and when a cavalier, Henri de St. Valery, seeks refuge at the castle from a storm, the baron at once mistakes him for his niece's admirer. He tells Henri that unless he agrees to marry Blanche in half an hour he shall die. Henri declares he would rather die than marry, and even when left alone with Blanche he is still of the same opinion. Nevertheless, as can be seen from the opening, the young couple find that after all marriage will be better than death, consequently they are prepared for the ceremony when the baron returns. That Messrs. Royce Carleton, Fuller Mellish, and Miss Kate Rorke have taken a wrong view of the story will readily be conceded; they were in doubt whether to make the thing serious or the reverse. That they acted well we cannot deny, but certainly they did not enlighten their audience as to the motive or idea with which the piece was written. "Sophia," now fast approaching its 300th representation, goes as well as ever.

Gaiety.—On Saturday evening last was celebrated the 100th performance of the popular burlesque "Monte Cristo Jun." Certain alterations have been made, but these are by no means numerous; still the fact that four ladies had been engaged for new parts helped to add to the attractions of the evening. The new comers—Misses Letty Lind, Jennie Hilton, Ada and Addie Blanche—all did well in the songs and dances allotted them. Miss Lind engages in a dance with Miss Sylvia Grey and Mr. Ross, and well, indeed, she acquitted herself. Miss Farren once more delighted her audience by her inimitable acting and singing, while Mr. Fred Leslie, if possible, showed improvement as Noirtier. Mr. E. J. Lonnen is a capital De Villefort, his song, "Ballyhooley," is always enjoyed. Altogether a more successful performance could not be wished for.

Globe.—"The Private Secretary" was revived at this theatre last Saturday, and again secured acknowledgment of its popularity from a full audience. Mr. Penley resumes his impersonation of the meek curate the Rev. Robert Spalding; this gentleman seems to have benefited by the rest he has lately been compelled to take. Mr. Hill is still the bluff Mr. Cattermole. Miss Vane Featherstone and Miss Blanche Horlock are bright and winning as the cousins, while Mrs. Stephens and Messrs. Wilfred Dracott and A. G. Andrews resume their original parts. As we last week intimated, Mr. F. C. Burnand's "La Doctoresse" will be the next production here.

Olympic.—West-end playgoers have at last the opportunity of witnessing the much-talked of boat race at Henley, introduced in Messrs. James Willing jun. and John Douglass's sensational drama, "A Dark Secret." The gigantic tank has been brought from Shoreditch and set up here, though, as might have been anticipated, it has been made smaller. Still the interest of the race has not lost much; the representation is as complete as before. Messrs. Bassett Roe, Louis Calvert, Stanley Pringle, Misses Amy Steinberg, Stella Brereton, and Dolores Drummond repeat their finished renderings of the several parts.

Considerable interest is being manifested amongst local athletes in Southwark in a match, which has been arranged to take place on Jubilee day (20th June), between Mr. Phillips, the popular and esteemed manager of the "Colleen Bawn" Tavern—terminus of Willing's omnibuses—and Mr. F. Hill, a well-known engineer and patentee residing in the neighbourhood. The stakes are £10 a-side, and the contest is fixed to take place within the picturesque grounds of Southwark Park. First there will be a match of single wicket, and afterwards a flat race of 100 yards, Mr. Phillips giving his opponent 20 yards start. In spite of other attractions on that day, it is expected that the sport will be witnessed by a large number of spectators, both competitors being well known and deservedly poplular in Southwark and the district. Mr. May has kindly consented to officiate as referee.

THE CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.—We learn that the Editor of *Little Folks* magazine has, during the past few days, received many thousand literary, artistic, and other contributions from children residing in Great Britain and the Colonies in connection with the Special Scheme which he inaugurated to enable girls and boys to take part in the Jubilee Celebration. The Competitors range in age from four to sixteen years, and the list of successful candidates, together with various selections from their work, will appear in the number of *Little Folks* magazine, published during the Jubilee week.

An important work, entitled "The Australasian Federal Directory of Commerce, Trades, and Professions," has been in preparation some time, and will shortly be published in London under the direction of Mr. J. W. F. Rogers, of Melbourne and Sydney, at 57 Chancery Lane.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 16th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
716—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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
2013—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. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent

MONDAY, 18th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Garden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1275—Rose of Denmark, Garden 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, 203 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.)
1565—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
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
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street, Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (Instruction)
R.A. 13—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
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. 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
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent
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, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 19th APRIL.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions 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,
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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)
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)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
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. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
453—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great WesternHotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1053—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1118—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, 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. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M. 256—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 20th APRIL.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Royal Jubilee Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
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. (Instruct)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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. (Instruct)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (I)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1681—Londesborough, Bernicle Arm, John Street, Mayfair, at 8. (Inst)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 17—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
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—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 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
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, 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
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8 30. (Instruction)
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

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R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 328—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 333—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. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 579—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1567—Oboriton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 21st APRIL.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
48—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)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
167—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruruction)
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
706—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)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nunns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1278—Bardett 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, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1533—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
1636—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
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—Creston, 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, Northampton House, 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.)

43—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
46—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
96—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
209—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
269—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
948—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
533—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
806—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1045—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1206—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1237—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1333—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton
1433—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1560—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1636—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1673—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
R.A. 329—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith
R.A. 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire
R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Balgan Tavern, Plumstead
R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 22nd APRIL.

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)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
824—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
862—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1326—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1709—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 C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square Paddington, W. (Improvement)
R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 255—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)

462—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1326—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1631—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1713—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1621—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 660—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 23rd APRIL.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
186—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1307—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1366—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1304—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2013—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. 1230—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.C. 43—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

1302—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow

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THE JUBILEE COMMEMORATION.

THE issue of a second circular by the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, respecting the manner in which Her Majesty's Jubilee should be commemorated by English Freemasons, is an indication that no time has been lost in bringing that laudable project into working order. There was no necessity this time to make the communication "confidential," and we ventured to suggest when the January circular was issued that it was ill-advised to address it to the Masters of Lodges in any such ambiguous form. The impolicy of that step, however, was speedily seen and rectified, so that the circular was then placed unreservedly in the hands of the brethren of the Craft, and has since been fully considered and well thought out in most Lodges within the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge. It is no matter for surprise to find, as a result of the consensus of opinion which was invited, and which has been expressed, that the proposed celebration has met with the unanimous approval of every section of English Freemasonry. We should have been not only disappointed, but astounded, had it been otherwise. The members of an Ancient and Honourable Institution, whose watchword is "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft," could not fail to recognise the proposal to mark the Jubilee year of their illustrious Patroness with anything but unanimous enthusiasm. In every county in the United Kingdom—nay, we go so far as to believe in every town in which a Masonic Lodge has "a local habitation and a name"—the auspicious event will be celebrated by a special festival of some kind or other; and our beloved Sovereign may rest assured, if indeed any such assurance were needed, that by no body of her subjects will the Jubilee of her benign reign be more loyally and joyfully celebrated than by the solid and compact phalanx of men who bow allegiance to her august son our Most Worshipful Grand Master. The manner in which the epoch is to be celebrated by private Lodges, in the Metropolis and throughout the Provinces, has assumed as diversified a character as the hundred and one other schemes in process of development outside the pale of the Craft. Already we know of arrangements being actively carried on by committees of various London Lodges to make the occasion one in which their female friends may be permitted to have a pleasurable participation in the Jubilee rejoicings. Wives and sisters, and sweethearts of our brethren are even now cherishing golden visions of cosy pic-nics in sequestered nooks where flowers abound and the trees are resonant of singing birds. With happy reminiscences of such réunions in years gone by it is no wonder that they should be on the tiptoe of pleasurable anticipation in regard to the extended scale in which the Jubilee entertainments are sure to be carried out. Of course, in connection with any out-door festivities the weather is an important factor; but there is little reason to apprehend that in the "leafy month of June" that ubiquitous individual the Clerk of the Weather will go upon the spree, and leave Jupiter Pluvius and "rude Boreas blustering railer" to mar the pleasures of the Jubilee festivities. In some parts of the country, where the change of air and scene, the sight of fair fields and the music of gurgling streams, are not so deliciously welcome as to the pent-up Londoner, because of their accustomed familiarity, we hear of balls and parties and conversaziones in prospect, as a means of celebrating the event; and, although it seems to us in town somewhat "unseasonable" to hold in-door entertainments in the sultry summer time, yet, by taking the inverse order of things, we can readily understand that our country friends, who have fewer opportunities of participating in such gatherings than we enjoy in the metropolis, will find in them far more real relaxation and pleasure than in picnicing on the greensward and dancing in a marquee. At any rate, the Jubilee of Victoria the Good has struck a chord which will vibrate throughout the whole of our Masonic ranks, and both in town and country will reverberate the notes of hearty and loyal enthusiasm from the thousands who are ranged under the banner of our Order, and all who are near and dear to them.

But, apart from this general aspect of the commemoration, our attention is drawn to the circular above alluded to, and which is now in the hands of the Masters of Lodges everywhere in the kingdom. It is, of course, a fact virtually accomplished that there shall be a great meeting of English Freemasons held in London this summer, under the presidency of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, when an address of congratulation to Her Majesty will be agreed to, and ordered to be formally presented to the Queen. It is further suggested that a commemoration jewel shall be instituted, which all Masons who are subscribing members of some English Lodge on the 20th June 1887 shall be entitled to wear. We need not weary our readers by commenting upon these portions of the Pro Grand Master's manifesto, for they were very exhaustively considered in these columns some weeks ago. But it is due to repeat that the proposal to hold a great representative gathering of English Masons in the metropolis is one that could not possibly fail to have met with the approbation and welcome of the entire Craft; and we ventured at the outset to predict that the idea was one which would be at once grasped as a laudable one by every member of the Fraternity. In his former circular the Pro Grand Master explained that the arrangements for the meeting in London could not then be made, but that it appeared appropriate and desirable that a considerable fund should be raised on that occasion in behalf of our three Masonic Charities, and that an admission fee should be charged for this object, by means of tickets obtained beforehand through the Masters of the various Lodges. Earl Carnarvon now informs the brethren that it has since been decided by His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master that the meeting in question shall be held in the Albert Hall, during the week commencing on the 13th of June next, and that the fee for the ticket of admission thereto shall be one guinea, the proceeds going to the three Masonic Charities as proposed. It is, unfortunately, as yet impracticable to name the exact day, which will, however, be notified as soon as it is possible to do so. As the accommodation, which necessarily varies in different parts of the hall, will not permit of more than five brethren being present from each Lodge, it is requested that Masters will transmit to the Grand Secretary before the 10th of May the actual number of tickets, not exceeding that number, required, accompanied by a remittance of one guinea for each ticket. It is almost to be regretted that a larger building than the Albert Hall could not have been secured for this memorable event—one that certainly has no precedent, nor in all probability will it

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ever occur again in our history. We heard at first some suggestion that the New Agricultural Hall at Kensington, more familiarly known as "Olympia," should be the locale of the gathering; but we suppose there are reasons for centreing the meeting at the place in which our Most Worshipful Grand Master was installed with such glorious pomp and circumstance twelve years ago. How many of us have still lingering in our minds the feeling of disappointment experienced by the brethren who were then unable to gain admission to the Albert Hall, the fact being that the building was utterly inadequate to the accommodation of the whole of the brethren who were desirous of witnessing that splendid spectacle? When it is considered that since 1875 Freemasonry has made gigantic strides, not only in influence and importance, but also in numbers, it can readily be imagined how much more wide-spread will be the disappointment produced by a similar inability to gratify the wishes of all those who desire to participate in the Commemoration Festival. If we remember rightly, the full complement that could be accommodated in the Albert Hall, on the day of His Royal Highness's installation was seven thousand; but, great as that number appeared at the time, there were hundreds, if not thousands, who strove in vain to participate in those gorgeous proceedings. How many more, therefore, will be involuntarily excluded from the approaching Festival, taking into consideration the great number of Lodges that have sprung into existence since the Prince's accession to office? It is within the bounds of possibility that even yet some means may be devised to meet this difficulty, and we sincerely hope such may be the case, as it is pretty certain there are in the country double seven thousand who would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity of being present, not merely for the sake of witnessing the spectacle itself, but with the comfortable knowledge that they were assisting the cause of Charity, which is so near to the heart of every Freemason. A most sensible and reasonable suggestion comes from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, namely that the Resolution of Congratulation to be voted to Her Majesty at this meeting in London should be considered as emanating from the entire English Craft, and that local addresses will therefore be unnecessary. The wisdom of such a course is obvious, when it is remembered that the Queen will be literally deluged with similar addresses of congratulation from thousands of societies and institutions of every grade during the Jubilee celebration, and that it would be a work of almost impracticability to acknowledge each and all the loving epistles that the two thousand and odd Lodges under the Grand Lodge might be desirous of sending in. In the resolution to be proposed, and which will be carried with such acclaim as resolution has never before been voted in this or any other country, will be embodied the true sentiments of loyal affection and devotion which stir the heart of every member of our Institution, and there is no necessity, therefore, for Lodges to forward addresses independently, which will naturally be couched in nearly synonymous language. In his former circular the Pro Grand Master suggested that, in order to specially show their personal affection and respect for their Grand Master, all English Masons should have the opportunity of joining in a small subscription in aid of the fund now being collected for the erection of the "Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India," the national memorial of the Queen's Jubilee, which has originated with our Grand Master, and has been approved of by Her Majesty. On this point the Pro Grand Master requested the opinion of the various Lodges, and the subject was very freely discussed and commented upon, an opinion being expressed in some Lodges that the subscription should be left entirely and unreservedly to the option of members, seeing that the Institute was not a purely Masonic question. Earl Carnarvon, however, tells us that of the answers yet received, numbering nearly a thousand, a large majority are in favour of the suggestion. He adds that it has since been arranged with the authorities of the Institute that the amount so collected shall be allotted to some particular portion of the building, which shall be permanently identified by some designation, marking it as the gift of the Freemasons of England. This, of course, removes at one stroke all the objections which were at first raised against the Institute scheme, and the Pro Grand Master points out that "it will be optional for Lodges either to report the names of their subscribers to this fund, or to include the amounts contributed in one sum." There is no reason whatever to apprehend that, in spite of a little show of opposition at first made to it, simply and solely on the ground of the non-Masonic character of the movement, the brethren will do their share in supporting the national memorial, as much from sentiments of loyalty to the Throne as for their deep "personal affection and respect for their Grand Master." Looking forward to the event as one of the most important and memorable that will mark the present era, we confidently anticipate that the Freemasons of England will show conspicuously that they possess in an eminent degree all the sentiments of loyal fidelity and love which exist in the hearts of true Englishmen towards the most illustrious Sovereign who has ever swayed the destinies of this mighty Empire, and that in doing so they will raise a solid and substantial monument to the cause of Charity, which will redound to their infinite credit, and be the admiration of the civilised world.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE April Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, under the presidency of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Past Grand Treasurer. After the confirmation of the minutes and other routine business, Brother Horace B. Marshall was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year; and he briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. Twelve annual subscribers were elected on the General Committee. A lengthy discussion took place on motions of which notice had been given, respecting certain alterations which were thought desirable in the days of the Elections to the three Institutions, so as to suit the convenience of Provincial brethren; and it was ultimately resolved:—

> That it being considered desirable by certain Provincial Brethren that the dates for the Elections of the Three Masonic Institutions should be altered, a Committee be appointed to consider the matter, and confer with the Committees of the two other Institutions, and report to the meeting at the October Quarterly General Court.

It was then unanimously agreed that the 28 girls on the list of candidates (one having been withdrawn) should be admitted to the benefits of the Girls' School; and the Chairman, in congratulating the friends of the candidates upon that result, remarked that they had happily been spared the anxiety, trouble, expense and worry of a contested election. Although every case was thoroughly examined by the General Committee, it was a fact that the child who had the support of a Province or a wealthy Patron of the Institution at her back was generally elected, whereas a friendless and destitute child might be left out in the cold. On such an occasion as this it was that such children reaped the benefits of the Institution, and he was sure the beneficent act of the Governors, who took all the candidates in without election, would receive the approval of the subscribers generally. The Board of Management looked with confidence to an increased amount of support from the friends of the Institution at the Annual Festival on 11th May, in consequence of the increased expense, trouble and anxiety which was incurred by taking in so large a number of children. Bro. J. S. Cumberland inquired as to an item of £153 3s 7d for the funeral expenses of the late Matron, and the Secretary explained that the sum, which included mourning for the staff of servants, had been passed with the rest of the accounts by the House Committee; if desired he would produce the particulars on a future occasion. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ON Monday last, the April Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers was held at Freemasons' Tavern, when the chair was occupied by Bro. W. Roebuck Grand Standard Bearer. The meeting was numerously attended. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. George Plucknett was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. On the motion of Bro. C. F.

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Hogard, Clause 3, Law 25, was rescinded. Two motions by Bro. J. A. Birch P.P.J.G.W. East Lancashire, and Bro. R. Wylie P.P.J.G.W. West Lancashire, were set down on the agenda, respecting the alteration of the days on which the elections of the three Institutions should be held; but, in order to save the time of the Court, Bro. Birch said they would be embodied in one resolution, to be moved by himself and seconded by Bro. Wylie, as follows:—

> That, 'in order to suit the better convenience of the brethren representing the Provinces and to facilitate the Business of the Elections, it is desirable that the day of Election be altered; and that a Committee be appointed to consider the matter and confer with Committees of the two other Institutions, and to report to the Quarterly General Court in October.

The Chairman said five brethren were appointed on Saturday as the Committee to act for the Girls' School—three London and two Provincial brethren. After a desultory conversation the motion was agreed to. A committee having been appointed, it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. J. L. Mather, that the following should be added to Law 53:—

> Provided that a Candidate shall not be disqualified by reason of his age exceeding eleven years at the date of Election in cases were such excess would not have arisen had the Election been held on the Monday immediately succeeding the second Saturday in April.

On the motion of the Chairman it was resolved that twenty-seven boys be elected to the benefits of the Boys' School, instead of twenty-five, as previously agreed to. The poll was then opened, the list containing forty-five candidates; and later in the afternoon the results were announced. The names of the successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns, and below we give the list of those who were not successful on this occasion, with the number of votes that they will carry forward for any future effort they may make to secure the privileges of the School.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
Cable, David William Ewart	—	1262	1262
Le Gros, Francis	—	1046	1046
Wood, Joseph	726	117	843
Ball, Charles	—	747	747
Pitt, Edward John	—	700	700
Gray, Harold	235	270	505
Conch, Cyril Courtenay	—	258	258
Turner, Francis Pater	—	243	243
McCoy, Ewart Gilbert	—	208	208
Green, Charles William	59	91	150
Scott, Frederick William John	41	72	113
Fursey, Samuel Henry Reginald	—	104	104
Cannon, George	40	52	92
Burgess, Edgar Holmes	39	13	52
Scholes, Arthur Henry*	—	32	32
Siggers, Clement	—	20	20
Bostock, Martin Roddwell	—	8	8
Crossman, John	—	—	—

* Will be removed from List under Law 53, being eleven years of age, and unsuccessful.

The Board of Benevolence held its monthly meeting on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. R. Grey P.G.D. There was a very full attendance of the members of the Board. Several recommendations, amounting in the aggregate to £450, made at the March meeting, were confirmed, and a long list of new cases was considered. Two were deferred, and two dismissed. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £1,130, which was composed of one recommendation of £150, one of £100, one of £75, two of £50 each, six of £40 each, seven of £30 each, and eight grants of £20 each, one of £15, seven of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

By a supplementary list just issued we learn that Mr. W. W. Wallis, son of Bro. Percy Wallis, Prov. Senior Grand Warden Derbyshire, a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a staunch supporter of the Masonic Institutions, has succeeded in passing the Cambridge Local Examination. We congratulate Brother Percy Wallis on this proof of his son's assiduity in regard to his studies.

The installation of Bro. Herbert Dicketts, the W.M. elect of the Metropolitan Council (T.I.), in succession to Brother Henry Venn, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion Square, on Friday next, the 29th inst., at four o'clock in the afternoon. A banquet will be provided at the Holborn Restaurant, for those only who signify their intention of being present before the 28th April.

Obituary.

BRO. ALFRED MEADOWS, M.D., P.G.D.

Another veteran member of our Fraternity has been called away from the scene of his useful labours in the Craft; and the intelligence of the death of Bro. Dr. Alfred Meadows, Past Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Sword Bearer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, has been received with feelings of genuine sorrow by all who knew him, either personally or by repute. Our deceased brother was initiated in the Time Immemorial Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, in 1869, and in 1876 was elected W.M., and at the same time represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards. In the following year he was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Moira Chapter, No. 92, in which he was installed First Principal in 1881; and in 1885 he was appointed and invested S.G.D. in the United Grand Lodge, and G.S.B. in Supreme Grand Chapter. He was also founder and present W.M. of the University of London Lodge, No. 2033, and a joining member of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127. In 1884 he was advanced to the Mark in the Bon Accord Lodge, and was installed first W.M. of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 357, in 1885. He had also been perfected a Rose Croix in the A. and A. Rite; while as regards our Institutions, he had qualified as Life Governor of, and served as, Festival Steward for all three of them. The news of his death has been a source of very wide spread regret, the Craft having lost a most valuable and eminently useful coadjutor. The funeral takes place at Colnbrook this (Saturday) afternoon.

BRO. ALFRED RICHARDS, P.G.D.D.C.

With unfeigned regret we have to announce the demise of Brother A. Richards, whose efforts on behalf of Freemasonry were so widely known and deservedly appreciated by the Craft. The deceased was initiated into the St. Andrew's Lodge, in 1850, and eight years later he filled the chair of that Lodge. Bro. Richards was also a Royal Arch Mason, though he did not attach himself to the Mark Degree; and after thirty years of assiduous support to the Craft, in the various positions he filled, he was appointed, in 1884, by United Grand Lodge as Grand Deputy Director of Ceremonies, and as 2nd Grand Standard Bearer in the Supreme Grand Chapter. He was, moreover, received into the Ancient and Accepted Rite, in which he attained to the 31°, and was a Life Governor and Festival Steward of both the Masonic Schools. The death of one who stood highly in the estimation of all the brethren with whom he was brought into contact is a source of very general regret, and the loss to the Craft one which cannot easily be repaired.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday, at Northampton House, Canonbury. Comps. H. Jenkins M.E.Z., F. Brasted H., W. Radcliffe J., W. Salmon S.N., J. E. Sheffield P.S. There was a fair attendance, and the ceremony of Exaltation was rehearsed in an able and impressive manner. Comp. T. C. Edmonds is the Preceptor.

The following Festivals took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 23rd April 1887:—

Monday—Grand Master's Lodge, Royal Albert Lodge, British Lodge, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (Election), Gavel Club Cinderella. Tuesday—Old Acquaintance Musical Society Smoking Concert, Salisbury Lodge, Wanderers' Chapter, Jerusalem Chapter, Society of Architects. Wednesday—Grand Steward's Lodge, Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, Oak Lodge, Noviomagus. Thursday—Globe Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, Universal Lodge. Friday—Swiss Secours Dinner and Ball. Saturday—Press Club Dinner.

Thursday, the 28th 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.

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WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

An Oration delivered by Bro. O. A. Bassett, Grand Orator, at the Banquet given the members of the Grand Lodge of Kansas by the Masons of Atchison, on Wednesday evening, 16th February 1887.

MASONRY is a beautiful system of Morality veiled in Allegory and illustrated by Symbols. This System is claimed to be of great antiquity, but whether ancient or modern, whether it was coeval with creation, existed before the great flood, or had its origin in the building of the temple, is of little moment to any one except to him who takes more pride in being able to trace his ancestry in an unbroken line for centuries, than in the achievements of his ancestors, or in the character of the present generation of his family.

It is not so important a question among Masons what Masonry has done, or what Masonry will do, as what Masonry is now doing; the present generation of Masons are in no wise responsible for the past, they may be largely responsible for the future, but the entire responsibility of the present rests upon them; and whatever they fail to do or to perform is a loss entailed on generations yet to come, and a loss which can never be made good; like a day once lost it can never be regained.

In view of this present responsibility it is important that all Masons should know what Masonry is, and as this knowledge can be attained only by degrees, and attained only by a proper discussion of the principles upon which, in the words of the operative Mason, the structure rests, it is appropriate that here, and before this assemblage, some words should be spoken, which may add to the general fund of information, though no more may be accomplished than to give the definition of a single word, or the proper explanation of a single sentence.

Masonry, which to the uninitiated is a mystery, is even to the initiated mysterious; its grand conceptions are as incomprehensible to the mind as is the length and breadth, the heighth and depth of the universe; at the threshold of investigation perhaps but one idea as a single line stretches out before us, but as we advance we perceive new lines branching on either side, until we arrive at a point where the lines diverge as radii from the centre of a circle, extending towards a circumference which is never reached, for principle, like space, is limitless.

These lines which are so numerous that they are countless, so extensive that they have no end, are the paths which Masons are exploring, and it is from the monuments set up along these ways we learn the aims, the purposes of Masonry; these monuments, some great, some small, some bearing the name of but a single Craftsman, others of many, some fashioned with skill, and others crudely wrought, all serve as landmarks of the progress made in the investigation of truth, and when these are taken as aids to the Great Light which has been given to man as a rule and guide for his labours, the Mason of the present may not materially err in his constructions.

The Great Light to which reference has been made is the corner stone upon which Masonry has been erected; it is the centre from which the radiating lines of principle diverge; it is the starting point of all Masonic explorers, who seek the investigation of the truth; it is the trestle board upon which the Master has drawn designs for the workmen; it is a guide to faith, a rule for conduct and an aid to knowledge; its conception is marvellous, its execution faultless, and its precepts sublime; and finally it teaches all men how to live in this life, and ensures to all who follow its teachings an inheritance in the kingdom which was before the foundations of the world.

MASONRY AS A SYSTEM OF MORALITY.

The literature of Masonry is explanatory of its principles; its teachings are exemplified in its long-continued existence, and the influence it is wielding in the interest of humanity. Its cardinal virtues, temperance, prudence, fortitude and justice, commend it to all mankind, and have enabled it to maintain its exalted position, as the first among the voluntary associations known to history.

An objection is made by some persons to Masonry, because it claims to inculcate only those principles of morality which are embraced in the cardinal virtues, and in those tenets, Brother Love, Relief and Truth, which it inculcates. They object to it because it is not a religious society, in the sense that the church is an association of persons for the propagation of religious worship. Such persons overlook the fact that the moral law is the very foundation of the law divine, and that an observance of the moral law must lead to an observance of divine law.

Have those who object to Masonry ever read the Old Charges? of which the first is, "man is obliged by his tenure to observe the moral law," and if he rightly understands the art he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine." Have they ever read in the Old Charges "that in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country?" And have they ever read in the Old Charges, "that it is now thought more expedient only to oblige Masons to that religion in which all men agree?"

We do not claim that Masonry is religion, yet we may well claim that it is the broadest of all religions. It embraces the first principles of those religious beliefs upon which all religions are founded. It teaches a firm belief in the Great Being who was, is, and shall be; it teaches the resurrection of the body and the immortality of the soul; it teaches that truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue; it teaches that an observance of Divine law is essential to present and future happiness, and it strongly impresses upon all the observance of the golden rule, "Do unto others as ye would that others should do unto you."

Upon the tesselated pavement of Masonry, all who believe in these principles and observe these precepts can stand; the Jew and Buddhist, the Christian and the Mohammedan, united in one common belief in the existence of the Great Architect of the Universe, who has promulgated laws and commanded obedience to them, here unite in inculcating those moral principles which are the very essence of these divine commands. Around the altar of Masonry they together stand to renew their vows and repledge their faith, and there each must be tested by those unerring instruments, the square, the level and the plumb of Masonry.

MASONRY AS VEILED IN ALLEGORY.

It has ever been a favourite method of imparting instruction, and exciting the curiosity of the uninformed, and increasing the desire for learning, to illustrate the subject by figurative sentences and discourses, in which the principal idea is described by another resembling it. Allegory is word-painting, an imprint on the memory of some fanciful image conveying important truth.

When we indulge in figurative discourse, the impression made is generally more vivid, and continues longer on the mind of the auditor than when the same lesson is taught without embellishment; especially is this true when the mind of the individual is undisciplined, is not accustomed to dealing with abstruse subjects, and is hardly capable of distinguishing the premises, the reasoning and the conclusion of any given proposition.

May I illustrate word-painting? Assuming your consent, I do. It is said that Masonry has its secrets. I do not stand sponsor for this proposition, and it has also been said that these secrets have never been divulged to any but those who were entitled to receive them. Masons have renounced and denounced Masonry, but they never have divulged the secrets of Masonry, Masons have become intoxicated and while dilirious have published their own infamy, but they have never revealed the secrets of Masonry; Masons have become insane, and in their hallucinations have exhibited by their speech the greatest hatred of Masonry and terror of Masons, but they have never spoken the secrets of Masonry.

My earliest Masonic recollections are of an aged Mason of reputable standing, at whose feet the novitiates loved to sit and listen to his instructive words; in their zeal for advancement they plied him with questions, and he seemed ever ready to impart instruction; but when they sought for knowledge of those things which must be denied, it was thus he spake:

"Ye are seekers after wisdom, O, young inquirers, that wisdom which is the science of the Gods, and ye roam from land to land and from people to people, like mortals driven by the destinies. I, too, once sought wisdom, that wisdom which is and ever shall be denied to mortals. I, too, once sought to know the Gods, and to learn from what source men, animals, and the elements of universal fire have their origin.

"In the times when I kept my night watch by the sea caverns, I have sometimes believed I was about to surprise

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some thought of the sleeping Cybele, and this mother of the Gods, betrayed by her incautious dreams, would let fall some of her secrets; but I have never made out more than sounds, which faded away in the murmurs of night, or words as inarticulate as the babbling of rivulets.

"In the times, when in the zenith of manhood, I kept my vigils by the great deep, I have sometimes thought I was about to discover some murmur of the slumbering Ocean, and this father of all things, disturbed by the winds, in his fancied solitude, would disclose some of his mysteries; but the sea-nymphs who weave their eternal dance before him, have covered any sound which may have escaped his half-opened lips, and thus he, in his own breast keeps safely locked all those things which man is not permitted to learn.

"The mortals, dear to the Gods for their virtues, have received the elements for their necessities, the beauties of nature for their pleasures, and souls that they may live for ever, but from the inexorable lips of the Gods nothing. Be ye therefore content to receive that which the Gods have given you. Seek not to penetrate the mysteries. Ye may hear the music of the spheres, but never know whence it comes. Ye may subject the elements to your use, but never create an atom. Ye may seek wisdom, but you will never find it."

(To be continued.)

REVIEWS.

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

The Freemasons' Calendar for Derbyshire. Compiled by Brother W. Naylor P.P.S.G.W., &c.

MASONIC calendars have become so numerous of late, and they present so many features in common, that it is difficult to vary the descriptions of the various editions which come into our hands. In the case, however, of the twelfth annual issue of the Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Derbyshire, the task is a comparatively easy one, for in it we see what a thoroughly complete calendar ought to be. In some instances compilers find it necessary to express regret that, in consequence of laxity on the part of Worshipful Masters or Secretaries in sending the necessary information, their work has been retarded and the publication of the calendars delayed. But even then we can point to some cases in which, though issued late in the year, the information supplied is by no means "up to date," and in one or two of them Masters and Officers in some Lodges are given whose terms of office had expired many months before. Bro. Naylor commits no such mistakes; and we have nothing but praise to bestow upon the admirable little handbook he has presented to the brethren of his Province. There are few Provinces in which Masonry is making such rapid strides, and has assumed such robust proportions, as in Derbyshire, and therefore it is not only desirable, but expedient, that the brethren should be kept well posted as to the doings of their respective Lodges. The almanac section of the book is quite unique so far as the information it gives is concerned, a Lodge meeting being placed in due order against the days of each month, thus saving much trouble and inconvenience in turning over back pages for reference. The usual lists of Officers of United Grand Lodge and of the Provincial Grand Lodge are inserted, followed by a complete list of the Lodges in the Province, the dates and places of meeting, installation, and all other details upon which it might be useful to be informed. The names of the Officers are in every case brought down to the very latest moment before publication, so that we do not find, as we before observed, Officers who have been eighteen months out of their chairs figuring as the present wearers of the respective collars named. The same remarks apply to the Royal Arch Chapters and Mark Lodges in the Province. Lists are also given of the Lodges, &c., in the adjoining Provinces of Nottinghamshire, and Leicestershire and Rutland; and the compiler furnishes some "Masonic Notes" which are of special use and interest to the brethren of Derbyshire. The list of the various Lodges and brethren who subscribe to the three Institutions has reached such an extent that it has been found necessary to print it on consecutive pages instead of on a folded sheet as heretofore. This elongated budget of names, occupying over eighteen pages, is an eloquent testimony to the practial interest taken in Freemasonry by the brethren of Derbyshire, and is of by no means the least interesting feature of this calender. The letterpress is in blue, most neatly arranged, and is bound in purple, with inside pages of vermillion. In every respect this work reflects the highest credit both on the compiler and the printer, whilst our Derbyshire brethren may be congratulated upon being in possession of one of the most perfect and complete of all the Masonic calendars we have yet seen.

May's British and Irish Press Guide, and Advertisers' Directory and Handbook, 1887. London: James Willing jun. (F. L. May and Co.), 159 Piccadilly, W.

IT is within the recollection of even the youngest man who has adopted journalism as a profession that until recent years newspaper directories and advertising guides were monopolised by one or two firms; but of late they seem to have multiplied to an extent quite proportionate to the increase of newspapers themselves since the removal of the stamp duty. One of the first to enter the field of competition was "May's Guide," as it is now familiarly called, and which occupies a place side by side with the best books of reference on printing, publishing, and and advertising on the shelves of every newspaper and other office connected with publications in the United Kingdom. During the seventeen years of its issue many improvements have been made in the compilation of this useful work, though its exterior bears the "old familiar form" in which we knew it at the outset of its career. Probably its convenient and compact size, together with the conciseness of its arrangements, has rendered "May's" popular amongst those who do business in the publishing and advertising world; at any rate it is now regarded by professional men as one of the most reliable and handy works of reference in their particular "lines." The current issue has been revised from information supplied, as usual, direct from the respective proprietors and publishers of the very large number of publications the book contains. Among the contents chiefly to be noted is the steady increase in the number under each of the headings into which the periodical press is here divided. In the preface some interesting statistics on this subject are given; and from these we learn that of newspapers and class journals this increase has now reached to 2,538, of which 680 are published within a radius of six miles from Charing Cross. In English provincial towns and places the number is 1,366; in Wales 82; Scotland 213; in Ireland 175; and in the British Isles 22. Of these 25 are issued daily in London, 126 in the provinces, 6 in Wales, 21 in Scotland, 18 in Ireland, and 1 in Jersey. Periodicals now number 1,119, and annual publications 596. The whole form a total of 4,253—an increase of 35 upon the numbers included in the last edition of "May's; or, taking the 199 cessations mentioned in the book, the number of new titles here to be found is 234. This total is much in excess of that shown by any other work of its class, and that without including many foreign publications only kept on sale by London agents. The metropolitan newspapers are arranged under their respective days of publication, and this is followed by a complete list of British and Irish newspapers published daily. The provincial towns in which newspapers are published are arranged under their counties; and, after some interesting statistics of the newspaper and periodical press, comes an exhaustive directory of representative organs and of subjects, interests, professions, trades, classes, religious denominations, sciences, &c., represented in the British and Irish newspapers and periodical press. These are all alphabetically arranged, with conspicuous headings, so that the finger may be placed at once upon any class of publication upon which information is desired. Classified lists are also given of directories, almanacks, calendars, &c., and of metropolitan class and trade organs, commercial and mercantile journals, prices currents, mail summaries, literary, critical and social reviews, &c., together with the London addresses of provincial newspapers. These latter and periodical publications are alphabetically arranged under the towns in which they are published, together with the publishers' names and addresses, the price and politics of each, and the days on which they are issued; and a useful addition to these lists is an index to provincial newspapers which have not the name of a town as the leading word of the title. The advantage of this is obvious to every newspaper man. Space is devoted to existing newspapers of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, arranged chronologically, with interesting notes on the subject from researches in the British Museum and elsewhere; old newspaper hands will study with interest the titular amalgamations that have taken place in journalistic history. All necessary information is given respecting English newspapers published in the Colonies, British India, the chief towns and cities of the United States, and on the Continent; public societies, associations, &c., with their representative organs, and a vast amount of other useful information to the trade. The increase in the number of advertisements throughout the work is an index of the advancing popularity of "May's," which is on all hands admirably compiled, complete, and exhaustive in all its details, and one of the best works of reference of its class extant. It is indispensible to every man whose business brings him in contact with the newspaper and advertising world, and Bro. James Willing jun. (F. L. May and Co.) is to be congratulated upon the great success which has attended the work since its first issue, seventeen years ago.

THE LONDON HORSE SHOW, AT THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL HALL, KENSINGTON.—The Horse Show, to be held at Olympia from the 14th to 20th May, promises to be one of the events of the London season. The prizes offered are upon a most liberal scale, amounting to £1,200, £415 being set apart for hunters, and £180 for hacks. One of the popular features of the show will also be the four-in-hand and tandem classes. Jumping competitions will take place daily, many of the animals being ridden by lady riders. The great building, four acres in extent, is absolutely perfect for a horse show, it adjoins the important junction of Addison Road, Kensington, where there is direct railway communication, without changing, with all parts of the country, horses will thus be able to step out of their boxes within a few yards of their destination. Many of our principal breeders will probably embrace the opportunity afforded them for disposing of high-class animals by entering them at this show with the view to their being sold at the sale which will take place on the last day, conducted by Messrs. Tattersalls. Intending purchasers will also have the advantage of seeing hunters over fences and hacks and harness horses under saddle or harness any day during the show before 11 o'clock.

£20.—TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—An illustrated guide, regd. (136 pp), "How to Open Respectably from £20 to £2500." 3 stamps. H. MYERS & Co., Cigar and Tobacco Merchants, 107 to 111 Euston Road London. Wholesale only. Telephone No. 7541. General Shopfitters. Estimates free.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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GROVE LODGE, No. 410.

A MEETING was held on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, when there were present Bros. J. Eustace Smith W.M., H. J. F. Dumas S.W., H. J. P. Dumas J.W., Hawkins S.D., W. Worrell J.D., C. Greenwood P.M. Secretary, W. E. Potter, C. D. Lister. Visitors—Bros. Whitehouse and E. Farman. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Mr. Alfred Craven Greenwood, a son of the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, was a candidate for our mysteries. He was proposed by Bro. Charles Greenwood, and seconded by Bro. H. J. Hawkins. The result was in favour of the candidate, who was duly initiated by his brother, the Provincial Grand Secretary, Brother C. Greenwood. A report was presented by the Audit Committee, and Bro. Worrell was elected an honorary member. The Brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet which was capitally served by Bro. Bond.

DORIC LODGE, No. 933.

THE last meeting of this Lodge for the season was held on Tuesday evening, the 12th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. The following were present: Bros. A. Calver W.M., J. West I.P.M., C. Giddins S.W., J. Smith J.W., Wainwright P.M. Treasurer, J. Bowron P.M. Secretary, J. Hall Brown S.D., J. Grey J.D., W. Smith I.G., G. T. H. Seddon P.M. Organist; P.M.'s T. J. Barnes, S. Crane, Geo. Hollington, E. Williams, R. Tucker, G. A. Payne, R. Ayton, G. Edney; also Bros. F. Johnson, W. J. Harris, Scott, W. A. Hine, W. Caslake, C. J. Dance, J. L. Dale, J. Barber, E. E. Pearson, J. R. Hunt, J. Denn. Visitors—J. G. Monro P.M. 36, J. H. Brown 1598, J. W. Miller 1491. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, a variety of correspondence was submitted by the Secretary, including an application from a former member, which, after consideration, was endorsed by the W.M. and chief Officers for submission to the Board of Benevolence. Two candidates were proposed for admission, and Lodge closed and adjourned until October. The brethren then repaired to a well-served dinner, after which the customary toasts were honoured. A special toast was "The Joining Members," which gave these brethren the opportunity of giving a hearty welcome to Mr. W. J. Harris, who aptly and appropriately responded. The proceedings were interspersed, as usual, with songs and recitations, by the W.M., Bros. J. L. Dale, J. Smith, W. Smith, Giddins, Miller, and Scott; Bro. G. T. H. Seddon officiated at the pianoforte.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

THIS Lodge met on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, the occasion being the installation of Bro. S. H. Barker as W.M. Prior to the event of the day, there was considerable work, Bro. Frank Tayler, C.C., in closing his year of office as W.M. having a good amount of work to do, in passing the Rev. R. C. Lewis, M.A., to the second degree, and initiating Messrs. F. G. Woods, E. A. Brock, and H. V. Cherry. The installation ceremony was conducted by the retiring W.M., with the assistance of Bro. Latreille P.M., J. B. Sorrell P.M., and others. About 70 brethren were present, and amongst them were Bros. H. Evans P.M., Jas. Evans, W. F. Potter, Tucker P.M., and Scott. The installation ceremony having been impressively performed the W.M. invested the following Officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. F. Frost S.W., W. Henry J.W., Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. P.M. Treasurer, Orlando L. M. Latreille P.M. Secretary, Rev. R. C. Lewis, M.A., Chaplain, F. J. Dangerfield S.D., Walter F. Potter J.D., Walter Symes Harris I.G., Major J. Heaton P.M. D.C., Walter C. Fox A.D.C., Geo. Collins W.S., T. C. Stevens A.W.S., S. K. Eldridge Organist, F. Varley Assistant Organist, Freeman Tyler. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a *récherché* banquet, after which the customary toasts were honoured, the evening's enjoyment being materially augmented by the musical arrangements, made by Bro. W. Henry J.W., who was assisted by Madame George, Miss Hipwell, and Bro. Wallis.

STOCKWELL LODGE, No. 1339.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday last, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. There was a very large attendance of Craftsmen to do honour to the occasion, and our popular Bro. James Pain, the well-known Pyrotechnist, whose services are fully appreciated by the members of the Stockwell Lodge, could but be gratified with the influential attendance of those who were present in his honour and that of his son. Bro. Herbert Moss, the retiring Worshipful Master, presided, supported by Bros. H. J. Pain S.W. and Worshipful Master elect, Past Masters J. M. Klenck (Hon. Member), H. E. Frances Secretary), Jas. Pain (Treasurer), W. F. Masters, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Percy Wallis Prov. Grand Warden Derbyshire, Frederick Binckes P.G.S., Richard Eve Grand Treasurer-elect, Edwin Storr P.M. 167, W. A. Scurrah I.P.M. 2048, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1744, J. Youldon W.M. 1981, J. J. Thomas J.W. 753, T. Coltman S.W. 1265, J. J. Humpress W.M. 733, M. S. Larlham P.M. 1216, J. Stephens P.M. 1425, John Ions 860, W. T. Winsor 1950, G. W. Knight W.M. 1507, W. W. Westley S.W. 186, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, J. W. Curtis J.D. 733, H. Doherty 51, H. Dickey W.M. 1744, A. G. Cann P.M. 1539, J. Hearsom I.G. 167, A. W. Lane 167, T. G. Scott 933, J. H. Woods 145, Edgar H. Minns I.G. 1982, John Humphrey 55, Andrew Holmes P.M. 548, G. Gosling 1673, W. Newman 1385, J. Glass P.M. 453, Philip Sharpe S.D. 869, L. L. Attwood 1391, C. Evans W.M. 1922, Arthur Bull 1707, G. Downie Sec. 2147, J. D. Smith P.M. 1658, A. Doig S.D. 1539, W. Youldon P.M. 1658, H. Mills 548, Baker J.W. 2030, Fryer 1624, &c. Lodge having been opened and the minutes read, the ballot was requisitioned for Mr. Louis Francois Godard; it was unanimously in favour and the candidate was duly initiated into the Order. Advancing to the second, Bro. Gomm was passed to the degree of F.C., the work being creditably carried out by Bro. Moss. The report of the Audit Committee, which was a satisfactory one, was submitted and approved, after which Bro. Moss vacated the chair in favour, of Bro. H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, the Secretary of the Lodge, who officiated as Installing Master. The impressive ceremony was performed in the most elaborate and painstaking manner by Bro. Frances, and at its conclusion the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed, and saluted with full Masonic honours. The following Officers were invested for the year:—Bros. Herbert Moss I.P.M., A. G. Boswell S.W., G. Myers J.W., James Pain P.M. Treasurer, H. E. Frances P.M. Secretary, R. J. Cullen S.D., H. Tyrer J.D., J. Pollard I.G., R. Templeman P.M. D.C., E. Horsey A.D.C., and A. Bowers Steward. The addresses to the Masters, Wardens and Brethren were delivered in eloquent and impressive style by the Installing Officer. It was then resolved that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Worshipful Master for presenting his banner to the Lodge, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. The newly-installed W.M. next presented to his immediate predecessor a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the members of the Lodge as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered during his year of office. He said it was a very agreeable duty to ask Bro. Moss's acceptance of that token of their esteem. The Lodge hitherto had been peculiarly happy in the selection of its Masters, but he thought they would all agree with him that they had never had one more popular, more up to his work, or more beloved than was Bro. Moss. He therefore affixed the jewel to his breast with the heartiest good wishes of the brethren, and personally he expressed the hope that Bro. Moss might live long to enjoy the respect and esteem of all by whom he was surrounded. Bro. Moss briefly thanked the brethren for the kind token of their appreciation of his services; it would give him great pleasure to wear it, and it would remind him of the many pleasant hours he had spent amongst the members of the Stockwell Lodge. At the close of the Lodge the members and visitors sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, when the Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. In speaking to the toast of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, the W.M. said they had with them on that occasion the Grand Treasurer-elect; this was the only Grand Office which the Blue Masons had the privilege of electing a candidate for. Bro. Eve had been chosen this year by an overwhelming majority. He was not vain enough to think that Bro. Eve came there to do him honour, but it was gratifying to find that the Grand Treasurer-elect had honoured the Stockwell Lodge by his presence. Bro. Eve said that all that the W.M. had said of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England was not too much for him to re-echo. The Grand Officers were deserving of all his encomiums, and the thanks of the brethren. They discharged their duties fairly, faithfully, and well, and looking at the list of Grand Officers, it must be admitted that His Royal Highness had made a good selection. He (Bro. Eve) thought the W.M. had gone a little beyond the strict line in calling upon him to respond, as, although elected, he had not yet been invested; but he felt the office to be the most honourable that any brother could desire to attain. To be elected by the thousands, he was going to say hundreds of thousands, of brethren over whom the Grand Master swayed his sceptre, was an honour which he last year had no thought of attaining. He had to thank many brethren present for contributing in no small degree to that result, and he should be wanting in love of Freemasonry if he did not endeavour to discharge the duties of his office with efficiency and zeal, and in such a way as would reflect credit on the choice the brethren had made. He was not sure that in one view the duties did not outweigh the honour, because a Grand Officer was bound so to act as to show that Freemasonry was something more than a mere name. He felt that Freemasonry had a great work before it; it had done a great deal in the past, and it had got still greater things to do in the future. He thanked the brethren for the way they had received him. Bro. Frances proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. H. J. Pain had been elected by the unanimous vote of the Lodge, and considering that he was a son of Bro. Past Master James Pain, the Treasurer and one of the founders of the Lodge, the duty of proposing his health was a double pleasure. Their newly-installed Master was a child of the Lodge; he had been initiated in it, and had gone through all its offices. He was a good worker, and one of his (Brother Frances') pupils. Bro. Frances concluded by apologising for the manner of his speech, which must fall flat after that of Bro. Eve, who, he said, must have learned his eloquence in paradise, and practised it ever since. The W.M., in responding, said he would not detain them with a long speech; he would simply and heartily thank them for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received by the brethren. Exactly seven years ago he was made a Master Mason; at that time he had no expectation of becoming Master of a Lodge, but as they had placed him in the position, he would strive to leave the Lodge in the same good repute as that in which he had received charge of it. He would do all he could to promote the interests of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiate, whom he was pleased to see admitted a member of the Stockwell Lodge, and trusted he might prove himself an apt student of the Masonic art. Bro. Godard, in responding, said he esteemed it a honour to have been admitted to the Lodge, and he should strive to do his utmost to become a useful member of it.

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Bro. F. Binckes, in the course of his response for the Visitors, said it was not his desire to trespass long upon their attention or to monopolise the thanks which were due from, and sincerely felt by, those who had witnessed the excellent working of the Lodge and the unstinted hospitality that followed. He would prefer to leave that duty in the hands of his esteemed friend Bro. Percy Wallis, Prov. S.G. Warden of Derbyshire, whom he was very pleased to have brought with him on a visit to the Stockwell Lodge. He believed the reception given to the Visitors, and all the kindly expressions used towards them by the Worshipful Master were perfectly sincere, and he need hardly remind them that sincerity was a great and valuable feature of Freemasonry. He was fully convinced that in the performance of their duties Freemasons were actuated by this principle of sincerity; that they were sincere in promoting the best interests of the Craft in general and of their own Lodges in particular; and that the same guiding spirit of sincerity swayed and inspired them in supporting the three great Institutions of the Craft. He also was sincere when he tendered them his most hearty thanks for the kindness and cordiality with which he and the other Visitors had been received, and for their welcome, which he believed to be as genuine as it had been cordial. Brother Percy Wallis, Prov. S.G.W. of Derbyshire, also suitably responded, and in the course of his remarks observed that this was the first time he had visited a London Lodge; it had afforded him the utmost gratification to have been a guest of the Stockwell brethren. He paid a high tribute of admiration to what he had seen of the proceedings, and spoke felicitously of the generous hospitality which had been extended to his brother Visitors and himself. He should go back to his own Province and relate to the brethren there the pleasure and edification he had derived from this visit to the metropolis, and in the event of any of those present coming into his neighbourhood he could assure them of an equally cordial welcome at the hands of the Derbyshire brethren. The services of the Past Masters were duly recognised by the W.M., and responses were made by Bros. Moss, Frances and J. M. Klenck, the latter of whom, in the exercise of his professional capacity, put up the contents of the charity box to auction, and the highest bid reached 35s. The Officers of the Lodge severally responded to the toast of their health, and the proceedings were shortly afterwards closed by the Tyler. A choice selection of vocal music was given, under the direction of Bro. Henry Baker, assisted by Madame Worrell, Madame Florence Winn, and Bro. Lawrence Fryer; Mrs. Henry Baker presiding efficiently at the pianoforte. Madame Florence Winn sang, in exquisite style and voice, Sinclair's "Here's to the year that's awa'," and in response to an enthusiastic encore, sang with equal success "Caller Herrin'." Madame Worrell was also in good voice, and sang, with her accustomed grace, "Golden Love" (Milton Wellings), and O. Barri's "Is it for Ever?" A most successful and agreeable evening was enjoyed.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on the 16th inst., at Leeds, when as usual there was a large muster of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. C. L. Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, was supported by the following Officers and Brethren of his Lodge: Bros. Tudor Trevor P.M. S.W., W. Watson P.M. J.W., Dr. Smyth I.P.M. Prov. Grand Chaplain, C. Middleton Secretary, R. Abbott Treasurer, Scott Young S.D., J. J. Fretwell J.D., M. W. Jameson I.G., L. Howarth Organist, Atkinson and Storey Dir. of Cer., Butterworth and Milling Stewards, Rev. J. Rosser Chaplain, R. Craig P.M. P.P.G.D., Alf. Cooke, R. A. Smithson, B. S. Bailey, Cryer, and Bentley. Lodge Goderich No. 1211 was entertained, being represented by its W.M. Bro. W. H. Bradford, P.M.'s Bros. Jaques and Scriven, and other Officers. Bro. J. B. Jowell S.D. 306 and other visitors were also present. Bro. Harris R. Abbott was passed to the second degree by Dr. Smyth, the working tools being given by Bro. Craig. The ballot having been declared clear, Mr. John Pendleton, journalist, was impressively initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Watson, and the charge delivered by Bro. Trevor. Bro. J. R. Dare P.M. 750 was then called upon to deliver his lecture, entitled "Obsolete words in the early versions of the Bible used in Masonic Ritual." In the course of an address displaying deep research and a thorough grasp of his subject Bro. Dare said the volume of the Sacred Law was highly prized amongst Masons. On it we obligated our candidates and when it was unfolded our Lodge became perfect. It was the first object pointed out to the newly enlightened initiate, and he was recommended to a careful perusal of its contents. In every degree in Freemasonry the volume of the Sacred Law was very highly valued. He should not, for want of time, attempt to speak on the Bible anterior to the days of printing, but he should commence with the earliest version in the English language, which was translated by Tyndal. This was followed by a translation of the Pentateuch, by the same translator, in 1530. In 1535 Coverdale translated the Bible. Then followed Matthew's, in 1537, which was compiled by Rogers. Then came Taverner's Bible, which had for its basis Matthew's, though it varied in a great many particulars. In 1539 came Cranmer's Bible, though all Cranmer had to do with it was the writing of the preface and epilogue to the one issued the year following, and all subsequent editions were erroneously known as Cranmer's Bible from this circumstance. In this Bible the Psalms appeared as they are now enshrined in our prayer book. After Cranmer's Bible came a remarkable little Testament, by William Whittingham, a layman, afterwards Dean of Durham. Then the Genevan Bible came, which was known as the Breeches Bible. Afterwards, in 1568-9-72, other versions appeared, which were entirely free from the objectionable notes contained in the Genevan Bible. Then we had James's Bible, known as the authorised version, though the only really authorised version was Matthew's. No doubt it occurred to most thoughtful Masons to turn up their Bibles to verify quoted passages which were given to them in the Lodge, and when they found that these quotations differed from those found in the authorised version they were led to question the antiquity of Masonry, when if they were better acquainted with the subject their doubts would disappear. Having given several specimens of words, such as hele, which are still used in our ritual, and which are to be found in earlier versions, he said it was fair to assert that when we used in our Masonic ritual words now obsolete, but which were in common use 400 years ago, that this was a convincing proof of the antiquity of the system. Some remarkable instances of this kind having been given, Bro. Dare in conclusion said that Freemasonry was a subject which deserved the very closest investigation, and the more it was studied the more apparent became its beauties and its unity. Since he had been a member of the York College a study of Masons' marks had convinced him completely of the antiquity of the Order. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M., a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, and a hope was generally expressed that at no distant date he would return to the subject. The W.M. then made the gratifying announcement to the Lodge that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the M.W.G.M. had offered to Dr. Smyth the exalted post of Grand Chaplain of England. Hearty congratulations were conveyed to Dr. Smyth, who already is Grand Chaplain to the Mark degree, and who has filled a variety of offices in the Lodge and the Province both in England and India. Dr. Smyth suitably acknowledged the compliments of his brethren, and hearty good wishes having been passed round, the brethren adjourned to high tea. Bro. Watson, the Charity Steward, announced that Provincial Grand Lodge had sanctioned the raising of £2,100 to provide two perpetual presentations to the Widows' Fund, for the Province, to mark Jubilee year. He invited subscriptions, when 15 guineas were at once promised. It may be interesting to state that during the two years of its existence Prudence Lodge has sent up to London over £200, besides nobly supporting the Leeds Benevolent Institution.

CONCERT OF THE GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

ON Saturday evening last the members of the Gallery Lodge gave their second Annual Concert, at the Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton, in aid of their Charity Fund. There was a good attendance, and during the interval between the parts tea and coffee was served to the audience in the large supper room. The arrangements were, in the unavoidable absence of the Worshipful Master (Bro. W. O. Goldsmith), in the hands of Dr. R. J. Griffiths, chairman, and Bros. R. J. Albery and Basil Cooke, Honorary Secretarys of the Concert Committee. The programme, which was rather long, commenced with a Grand March on the organ by Mr. Merton Clark, who also played a Sonata in F (Morandi) on the same instrument in the second part, and a voluntary during the interval. Mr. Frederick Bevan sang with great effect "For ever and for ever," and "Hearts of Oak," besides a duet from *Ruddigore*, "I know a youth," with Miss Ethel Winn, which was deservedly applauded. Miss Lily Rowe's rich contralto voice was displayed to advantage in her two songs, "Land of Little People" and "L'Indovina," which last was encored, when the lady gave "Auld Lang Syne." Miss Ethel Winn's solos, "The Wind is awake" and "The sun whose rays" (from the *Mikado*), were well received, the latter being encored. Mr. Lonnel Balfe's splendid rendering of Handel's "Honour and Arms," and F. Watson's "Thy Sentinel am I," were much appreciated and elicited great applause. Miss Annie Morley, who possesses a well trained and effective contralto voice, gave "The better land," and "Left untold," both by Cowen, in capital style, and as an encore to her second song "Home Sweet Home." Madame Merton Clark rendered Bishop's popular ditty, "Lo! hear the gentle Lark" in a pleasing manner, Mr. James Akers was good in his two songs, "The Rolling Wave" and "Queen of the Earth." Miss Edith Cooke, who was too hoarse to sing her song, played a banjo solo. A strong comic element was ably sustained by Messrs. R. W. Heney, Fred. H. Cozens, and Fred. W. Stephens. Mr. Fred. H. Cozens conducted, and the programme was successfully carried out. Messrs. J. Broadwood and Sons kindly lent one of their grand pianos for the occasion

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. On Monday, 4th inst. Bros. Forge W.M., Snook S.W., Stretch J.W., Collingridge S.D., Richardson I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the two last Lodge meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. Monk 228, a new member, answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Monk candidate. This brother also answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Trewinnard gave the lecture on the tracing board, with his usual impressiveness. Bro. Forge moved that the Lodge be adjourned from the end of April to the commencement of September; this was carried. Bro. Snook was elected Worshipful Master for Monday, 25th inst.

OLD KINGS' ARMS CHAPTER, No. 28.

A REGULAR Convocation was held at the Freemasons' Tavern' Great Queen-street, on Monday, 4th inst., when a conclave of Installed Principals was held by Comps. De Ferrieres M.E.Z., P.Z.'s Farnfield, Colls, Ebner, Pass, and Terry 228. Comp. E. M. Money was installed into the chair of Z., H. Pritchard H., E. W. Parkes J. Companion W. Pass was re-appointed Treasurer. The remaining appointments made were R. Sudlow N., A. E. Craven P.S., H. T. Gordon Asst. Soj. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. Baron De Ferrieres. The following visitors were present:—Comps. Terry P.Z. 228, C. Martin Prince of Wales Chapter, and J. Boulton II., 898.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Hall, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 16th April 1887,

Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, J.P., Treasurer, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the following 28 Girls, being the whole of the Candidates on the list, were declared duly ELECTED:—

Proudfoot, E. L.	Browne, A. M.
Sutton, E. J.	Jensen, L.
Rawlings, L. G. S.	Stead, L. A.
Harris, G. L.	Tims, H. C.
Craft, E. A.	Phillips, G. A.
Melhuish, E.	Worrilow, G. H.
Longshaw, H. M.	Grindley, K. B.
Phenix, G.	Wilkinson, E. M.
Harnden, F. M.	Sissons, F. B.
Gurney, A. E. C.	Kemp, H. M.
Richardson, I.	Cooper, N.
Wade, H. K.	Crosby, M. E.
Harvey, N.	Saville, F. A.
Gregory, M. L.	Bailey, C. A.

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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 18th day of April 1887,

Bro. WILLIAM ROBBUCK, G.S.B., and Patron-Trustee, in the Chair.

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of TWENTY-SEVEN BOYS from an approved List of Forty-five Candidates, the following being declared successful:—

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	43	Webber, F.	2094
2	28	Marsden, J. H.	2009
3	32	Patience, H. A.	1863
4	34	Horder, L. G. M.	1853
5	24	Parker, P.	1852
6	25	Aitken, G. R. H.	1851
7	13	Woolf, C. H.	1850
8	33	Adkin, R. L.	1837
9	12	Johnston, G. P.	1821
10	16	Steward, T. D.	1819
11	45	Harrison, H. M.	1816
12	44	Fawcett, J.	1814
13	38	Mitchell, J. McCallum	1768
14	31	Wilson, H. S.	1759
15	35	Moss, W. H.	1746
16	37	Atkinson, J. W.	1741
17	26	Johnson, C. T.	1725
18	7	Collinson, W.	1711
19	3	Matthews, P. H.	1710
20	15	Grace, A. E.	1709
21	30	Stephenson, A.	1700
22	20	Doughty, R. C.	1625
23	5	Angier, H. N.	1579
24	39	Glenny, F. N.	1562
25	23	Staden, C. G.	1519
26	36	Dixon, W. B.	1513
27	40	Tombs, R. J.	1265

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.

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18th April 1887.

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On WEDNESDAY, the 11th MAY next,

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*** Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward are *very urgently needed*; they will much oblige by forwarding their names as *early as possible* to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,
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MAY ELECTION, 1887.

The Votes and Interest of the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents and Subscribers of the

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

BRO. LEOPOLD RUF,

(Late of the Lowther Arcade, Strand),

Who was initiated into Masonry on the 9th December 1849, in the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, London. He was a Subscribing Member for 34 years; W.M., and Treasurer for 15 years; he served the Stewardships for the Girls' and Boys' Institutions; he is a Life Governor of both of them. He is in his 73rd year, and unable, from the long illness of his late wife and loss of business, to support himself.

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THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

THE meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Town Hall, Chester, was attended by an unprecedentedly large number, over 800 brethren being present, including prominent representatives of Grand Lodge, East and West Lancashire, Kent, Shropshire, and other Provinces. Bro. the Earl of Lathom D.G.M. of England, and Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, was the Installing Master; Bro. Earl Amherst Prov. Grand Master of Kent acting as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, supported by Bros. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, Sir Offley Wakeman, Hon. W. Sackville West, Rev. G. R. Portal, and Judge Horatio Lloyd. The brethren assembled in the large hall, and when the Installing Master and Grand Officers entered they were received with the customary honours. Prov. Grand Lodge was then duly opened, Bros. T. Marwood 537, Prov. S.W., and J. Wilson 533, Prov. J.W., occupying the chairs of their respective offices, and assisting in the opening. In addressing Provincial Grand Lodge, Brother Lord Lathom stated that the object of the meeting was for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of their most worthy and well-beloved Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, an event which would be regretted by every Mason in the Province of Cheshire, more especially as his Lordship's resignation had been caused by ill-health. It had been earnestly hoped that Bro. Lord de Tabley would continue to rule over the Province for many years, but this wish was not to be fulfilled. While, however, deploring the loss of their former Prov. Grand Master, he heartily congratulated the brethren of the Province on the selection which had been made by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. in having designated Bro. Lord Egerton to fill the important office. The Prov. Grand Pursuivant then announced the arrival of the Prov. G. Master Designate, and the Installing Master instructed the P.G. Dir. of Cers. to retire and ask his Lordship for his patent. This having been obtained, it was presented to Lord Lathom, who directed seven Masters and Past Masters to attend the Prov. G.D.C. to introduce the R.W. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, while the Master Masons received him standing. The P.G. Secretary read the patent of appointment, signed by the Prince of Wales, and after prayer had been offered by the Rev. Canon Portal G.C. the "Gloria" was sung. The Installing Master then addressed the P.G.M. on the nature of his duties, the qualifications for the office to which he had been appointed, and then inquired of him whether he could conscientiously undertake these duties. Lord Lathom particularly referred to the importance of care in the selection of his Prov. G. Officers, who would be most likely to maintain and advance the reputation of the Craft for its pure and sincere Charity. He congratulated the new Prov. Grand Master on his elevation to his high office, and expressed the great pleasure he felt in being present that day to instal a kinsman. After the customary formalities, the Prov. G. Master was conducted to the right of the Installing Master, by whom he was invested with the apron, chain and jewel of office, and inducted into the chair. After the usual proclamation the P.G.M. was saluted, and the Prov. Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, which were confirmed, and it was agreed that the letter of resignation received from Lord de Tabley should be entered on the records of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Lord Egerton briefly thanked the brethren of the Province for the cordial reception which had been extended to him on his appointment. He was quite sensible of the honour which had been conferred upon him, and he assured them that he would employ his best efforts to follow in the footsteps of his esteemed predecessor by endeavouring to promote the general welfare of Masonry throughout the Province. During the last twenty-one years the roll of Lodges and the sums voted for the Masonic Charities had greatly increased, and he trusted that the same record would be maintained during his term of office. He was certain the brethren of the Province would, as heretofore, rally round the Provincial Grand Master, and help him to carry out the duties of his office. He concluded by cordially thanking his relative (Lord Lathom) for attending that day as Installing Master, thereby adding lustre to the ceremony. The roll of the Provincial Grand Officers and Lodges were called over, every Lodge being well represented. The Provincial Grand Master then announced the appointment of Bro. His Honour Judge Horatio Lloyd as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and he was presented and invested with the ordinary Masonic insignia. Bro. Simms was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, until the annual meeting in September. Bro. T. Marwood was re-appointed P.G.S.W., Bro. J. Wilson P.G.J.W., and Bros. Roberts, Tait, Paris, Humphrey, Finchett, and Rush P.G. Stewards. Charity jewels were presented to Bros. Parr, Woodhead, Miller, and Marwood. A congratulatory telegram was read from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and it was resolved to reply by wire. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean and Chapter of Chester for the use of the Cathedral, and to the Mayor and Corporation for their kindness in placing the Town Hall at the disposal of the brethren. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren went in procession to the Cathedral, which was crowded. After the service, an eloquent oration was delivered by the Rev. Canon Portal, Grand Chaplain of England, who founded his discourse on 1 Kings vii. 15, "He cast two

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pillars of brass." At the close of the service a collection was mad for the Benevolent Fund of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Later in the day about two hundred brethren sat down to a banquet, at the Town Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton P.G.M., who was supported by the great majority of the more distinguished visitors present at the business portion of the proceedings. The customary toasts were proposed, interspersed with a choice selection of music.

MARK MASONRY.

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LEICESTER, NORTHAMPTON, DERBY, AND RUTLAND.

WE have perused with interest the report of the proceedings at the Annual General Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, held at Leicester, last May, and which is to be laid before the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, at Ilkeston, on Wednesday next. The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Mark Master Masons of the Province was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, under the banner of the "Fowke" Lodge, No. 19, on Thursday the 27th May 1886. The chair was occupied by the then Prov. Grand Master, Bro. William Kelly, who was supported by a full attendance of Prov. Grand Officers and other brethren. The Fowke Lodge having been duly opened, the Prov. Grand Master and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge entered the Lodge-room, and were received in due form, and the customary salutations were made. On the roll of the Lodges being called, only one was found to be unrepresented; and when the roll of Prov. G. Officers was called, in each case the absentees had sent satisfactory apologies. After the reading of minutes, and some other routine business had been disposed of, the Worshipful Masters of Lodges and the Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. Clement E. Stretton P.G. Steward), presented reports, which showed that every Lodge in the Province was working very efficiently, particularly the Derbyshire Lodges. The General Purposes Committee reported that Mark Masonry continued to make progress, and the prosperity of the Order was evidenced by the satisfactory accounts which had been received from the several Lodges. During the year a new Lodge had been consecrated in Derbyshire, held at Ashbourne, and named the Dove Valley Lodge, No. 353. The Prov. Grand Registrar's (Bro. J. H. Lawson) summary of the returns showed a considerable increase in the number of subscribing members, and such increase would be even more apparent had not a number of members whose subscriptions were some years in arrear been removed from the rolls. The statement of accounts presented by the Prov. Grand Treasurer (Bro. S. Cleaver) showed that the financial position of the Provincial Grand Lodge continued satisfactory. A vote of thanks was accorded to Brother S. Cleaver Prov. G. Treasurer, for his valuable services, and after he had thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge for the compliment he was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. In a lengthy and interesting address the Prov. Grand Master observed that in Northants the most noteworthy event had been the recent advancement, in the Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245, of Bro. Butler Wilkins, P.G. Standard Bearer, the highly esteemed Deputy (and in reality the acting) Prov. Grand Master of the Craft Province of Norths and Hunts. Many of the older members of the Craft in the different towns of that province had hitherto stood aloof from Mark Masonry, but he trusted the accession to its ranks of so popular and distinguished a P.G. officer as Brother Wilkins would have a great effect in making the Mark Degree more popular in that Craft Province. Speaking of Leicestershire, he mentioned that the Howe Lodge, No. 21, which had met since 1868 at Melton Mowbray, had been authorised by Grand Lodge to hold its meetings also at Market Harborough and Oakham, each in turn. By this arrangement the county of Rutland had been brought into the Mark, as it had long been under the Prov. Grand Lodge of the Craft. This led him to remark that the seal which had long been in use in the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Leicestershire, as it still is, was quite inappropriate heraldically, and was 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, Leicester, which, after being lost for many years, and the present seal substituted for it was altered to suit its present purpose. He had been in communication with the Grand Mark Secretary on the subject of a proper seal, and it had been suggested that, as the county of Rutland had just been brought into this Province, they should adopt the arms of Leicestershire, Northants, Derbyshire, and Rutland on a keystone quarterly, surrounded by the names of the four counties. This the Prov. Grand Master considered would be a very appropriate design, and if the assembled brethren agreed in that view, he should be happy to superintend its being carried into effect. Turning to the abstract of the Treasurer's accounts it was seen that, beginning the year with a balance in hand of £43 0s 1d, after paying the ordinary expenses, &c., in addition, a grant of £10 10s to the Mark Benevolent Fund and £4 4s for the very handsome State sword, to-day officially used for the first time, they ended the year with a balance of £50 8s 1d. Reference was made to the enforced retirement of Bro. Stretton from the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, in consequence of the pressure of professional engagements; and a warm tribute was paid to him for the efficient manner in which he performed his duties during the years that had elapsed since the death of our lamented Bro. McAllister. The only way in which the Prov. Grand Master could mark his high appreciation of Bro. Stretton's services was by appointing him to the office of Provincial Grand Senior Warden for the ensuing year. With regard to the highest office in his gift, that of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, held for the past three years by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Saunders, as representing Northamptonshire, he had now a few observations to make. In the county of Derby the Mark Degre had spread so rapidly that it already had four Lodges (as many as the old Province itself) with the probability of a fifth being founded very shortly at Ilkeston. With every desire to do his duty as the ruler of the Provinced by visiting as many of the Lodges as possible, he now found that from his advanced age and somewhat impaired health, it was beyond his power to do so much in this way as he formerly did, and could wish to do still. He therefore felt it due to the Derbyshire brethren, so long as they might honour him by remaining under his rule as a constituent part of the 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 he should be pleased and bound to do if he were able. He had selected for that honourable and important office Bro. Thos. Cox P.P.G.J.W., a Past Master of the Derby Lodge, No. 302, and who, he believed, was the first brother advanced to the Mark Degree in Derbyshire. Bro. Cox was then conducted to the East, and his patent of appointment having been read by the Provincial Grand Registrar, he was duly obligated, installed, proclaimed, and saluted as Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason of the Province. The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested; and, on the motion of Bro. Thos. Cox, seconded by Bro. S. S. Partridge, it was resolved that R.W. Bro. William Kelly be recommended to the M.W.G.M. for re-appointment as Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing three years. A committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the selection of a new seal was left in the hands of the Provincial Grand Master. The sum of five guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and after some routine business Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the work of the Fowke Lodge resumed.

Wednesday next will be an interesting and busy day at Ilkeston, when the new Mark Lodge referred to above, the Ilkeston, No. 373, will be consecrated by the Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason, Bro. W. Kelly, F.S.A., &c. Bro. C. Maltby W.M. 302 is the W.M. designate, Bro. J. E. Whitehead, 302, S.W. designate, and Bro. W. Fletcher, 302, J.W. designate. The Consecrating Officer will be assisted by Bro. Thomas Cox D.P.G.M.M.M. and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge. At the close of the day's business there will be a banquet at the Rutland Hotel.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Avenue.—Prettily dressed, admirably staged, and perfectly rehearsed, the revival of Offenbach's "Madame Favart," as produced on Monday, is sure to prove successful. That the management will have no cause for regret in having revived this opera we feel sure; playgoers will be glad of the opportunity thus afforded to see and hear so pretty a work again. A feature has been secured in the engagement of several of the ladies and gentlemen who aided in the success achieved when the opera was first produced. The story is not without interest, while the music is singularly tuneful. In short, the revival will be heartily welcomed, and it should draw for some time to come. As we have already stated, several of the old favourites are in the caste, foremost of whom is Miss Florence St. John, who essays the title rôle. Miss St. John's bright face and winning ways are admirably suited to such a part, while her singing is everything that can be desired. Mr. Henry Ashley is still the Marquis de Pontsablé, and as funny as ever, while Mr. Joseph Tapley sings well as Hector. As Charles Favart Mr. Arthur Roberts has taken a step in advance. Here he has music of the highest order to sing, and he must not take liberties; his latest effort is a welcome change. Miss Phyllis Broughton makes a sprightly Susanne; Mr. C. H. Kenney, a capital Biscotin; while Mr. Lewins is again the Major Cotignac. We trust "Madame Favart" will continue to delight her audiences for some time. Now a start has been made, the revival of other old operas will doubtless follow.

Royalty.—Mr. Mark Melford, the author of the successful farce "Turned Up," with his latest work, "Ivy," is hardly likely to become so popular as by previous efforts. The work now under notice is styled a three-act comedy, and it was produced on Saturday evening, but received far from a favourable reception. The plot is weak, while the business "pitchforked" in for Mr. Edouin and Miss Atherton retards progress, and so far from interesting the audience rather does the reverse. Certainly Mr. Melford this time has made a mistake. The story, not a new one, shows how Sir William Grainger, after denouncing his daughter for marrying contrary to his wish, goes abroad, where he dies, but he leaves a will, which entitles John Sherwin, his faithful steward, to a fortune of £5000, the rest of his money going to his disobedient daughter. This will gets into the hands of the daughter's husband, and by him is destroyed, but eventually the steward produces another will, which disinherits the daughter, who turns out to be an adopted child only. The deceased baronet's estate now passes to his nephew, a gentleman who has set his affections on Ivy, the aforesaid steward's daughter. In the third act a pretty scene is introduced; here some school children appear, and this feature of the entertainment gained the approval of the audience. That Mr. Edouin and Miss Atherton were amusing goes without saying, still we regret these clever artistes ever attempted to pull such a piece through. Mr. Edouin displayed genuine humour as the steward, while Miss Atherton acted with spirit as his daughter Ivy. Miss Olga Brandon played gracefully as the disobedient daughter, while Messrs. Edward Emery, Walter Erskine, and Eric Lewis made the most of their parts. A call for the author was, after a time, responded to by Mr. Melford.

Miss Grace Hawthorne having returned from Paris, after a visit to M. Sardou, will open at the Olympic Theatre, on Tuesday evening next, the 26th inst., with Mr. James Mortimer's popular adaptation of M. Dumas' "La Dame Aux Camelias," "Heartsease," sustaining her original character of Marguerite Gautier. Miss Hawthorne will be supported by a powerful company, including M. Maurice Gally, for several years leading actor with Madame Sarah Bernhardt.

Mr. Fred Leslie will appear at the Gaiety Theatre, on Monday afternoon next, in a new and original Comedy-Drama of domestic interest, in three Acts, entitled "Twice Married," by Clement O'Neill and Henry Sylvester. He will be supported by Messrs. E. D. Ward, Geo. Shelton, Percy Lyndal, W. T. Elworthy, Chas. Wilson, Misses Henrietta Lindley, Lilian Gillmore, and Cicely Richards.

New Brunswick.—On 22nd March last, the St. John *Globe* of 23rd March says: "Seven of the nine R.A. Chapters in New Brunswick met in St. John, and took steps to form a Grand Chapter, electing Comp. B. Lester Peters of St. John, First Grand Principal, and other officers."

The 125th Anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry in Maine was celebrated on Tuesday, 22nd March 1887, by a banquet at the Falmouth Hotel, Portland. Among the distinguished Freemasons present were Past Grand Masters Day, Drummond, Burnham and King. The celebration was under the auspices of Portland Lodge. The *menu* was very choice. On the removal of the cloth admirable addresses were delivered by W.M. Bro. Leach, and Brothers P.G.M. Fessenden I. Day, D.G.M. Dr. Sleeper, Grand Commander Shaw, P.G.M. King and P.G.M. Josiah H. Drummond.

The Kentucky Masonic Home, at Louisville, has over two hundred inmates. 22nd June next will be "Templar's Day" at the Home, when the two Louisville Commanderies will have charge of the proceedings, and present their gifts.

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 forbade 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, flatulence, gout and rheumatism may be effectively checked in their painful progress, and the seeds of long suffering eradicated by those remedies.

GLEANINGS.

Masonic Homes.—Bro. Cornelius Hedges, of Montana, commenting on the indefinite postponement, in Indiana, of a proposition to build a Masonic Home, solaces himself by saying: Perhaps we do not need any Homes or Asylums at all. Perhaps our own homes are all the asylums that are needed. There are very few so utterly helpless that they cannot provide for themselves with a little assistance; perhaps a little good advice and encouragement is all that is needed. It is a good educating influence to have some charitable work on hand at all times and to keep the objects that need charity in sight. Every Mason's heart ought to be a Masonic home, a fountain of charity watering its vicinity and multiplying these oases of society till they all run together, covering the dreary desert of life with pleasing verdure and productive life. There is this to be said about a diffusive charity that is not always understood and never sufficiently appreciated, the worthiest cases of charity seldom receive attention, because they seek to avoid rather than to attract attention. Beggars generally are unworthy, and the deserving poor suffer in silence. Whatever sort of Masonic homes we may establish, we could never get the most deserving objects of charity into them. There is nothing to take the place of domiciliary visits, if we would find where the most meritorious want and suffering hide themselves.—*Keystone.*

Freemasonry Non-Partizan.—A brother writes: "Not a thousand miles from your city I recently heard a lively political talk in a Lodge room. Is such a theme admissible upon the carpet." In reply we say most emphatically, *no*. It is the wisdom and strength of our noble Order that it is non-partizan. With a man's political opinions and religious convictions as well as his avocation, if it be legitimate, it makes no attempt to interfere. Whether a man is a democrat or republican, whether he is a member of this church or that, whether he earns his bread with head or hand, are questions that should *never cross the threshold of a Lodge room.* And in the amenities due each other as members of the fraternity no such considerations should for a moment be allowed to enter. A brother who entertains them is grossly disloyal to both the spirit and letter of the Order.

Authorship.—The vocation of the author is a high and holy one; woe, therefore, to him who abuses it to gain popularity or pecuniary gain! Ever it behoves all men to be truthful, but the literary man most so of all, for who can say where his influence ends—whether for good or evil?—*Bro. Markham Tweddell.*

Men and Bees.—We never see two bees contending for the same flower, as we poor fools contend for this morsel of profit, or for that man's paltry share of trade, instead of opening up fresh sources of real wealth for ourselves and the community.—*Peter Proletarius.*

The beauties of Masonry consist chiefly in the lives and fellowship of its members; there is a mystic cord that binds them together, whether in prosperity or adversity, in sickness or in health, in life or in death, at home or abroad; and death itself does not rend asunder this silver cord—for as long as the descendants of a Mason ask in his name "help" it is freely given! When a man becomes a *true* Mason, the fountain of charity is opened up in his heart, and, like the pure waters gushing from a rock, continues to flow, dispensing happiness and joy.

What he brought.—A candidate having petitioned a Masonic Lodge for initiation, and on being asked, rather by way of jest, what good things he brought with him to render his petition acceptable to the Masonic Fraternity, thus nobly answered: "I bring what Cæsar never had, and Napoleon vainly sighed for, a heart unsullied, a conscience clear, a mind serene. These are my portion." We need not add that such a man was acceptable, nor nor will it be a matter of surprise to any reflecting Mason to be told that the record of the Lodge in which that man was initiated, when it alludes to his too early death, calls him by the honourable name of Past Grand Master.—*Freemason's Journal.*

The persons admitted members of a Lodge must be good and true men, free born, of mature and discreet age, no bondmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

Grand Lodges, being our highest tribunals, hold jurisdiction over all subordinates within the limits of the Government, State or Territory in which they are located. Their authority is coextensive therewith. All, however, are governed by our "Ancient Charges," held as the germ embodying the constituent elements embraced within the written landmarks of the Order, and which are regarded by them with the most scrupulous veneration, as they are the groundwork upon which their own Constitution and laws are framed. No Grand Lodge would presume to make innovations upon these time-honoured instruments.

Man's natural desire is to seek happiness, and he will attain it in proportion as he cultivates virtuous habits, and lives in obedience and conformity to their just and rational requirements.

Sunday.—Masons should remember the Sabbath day and try and keep it religiously. It is highly improper for them to meet in their Lodges on this day for instruction or practice. Every Mason is taught to obey the moral law, and cheerfully conform to the laws and customs of the country in which he lives. The members of the Order cannot consistently openly violate and outrage the acknowledged moral and religious customs of the place and age. To do so tends to degrade the participants, lower the Order in the estimation of good men and bring disgrace and reproach upon the whole fraternity. Let our young brothers who attend base ball games, slugging matches, races and kindred amusements on Sunday ponder this matter in the light of the teachings of our Order.—*California Record.*

The avaricious man is like the barren, sandy soil of the desert, which sucks in all the rain and dews with greediness, but yields no fruitful herbs or plants for the benefit of others.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 23rd APRIL.

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)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1388—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2013—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. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 25th APRIL.

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
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
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.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, St. Andrew, George Street, Baker Street, W., at 7.45. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
383—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 1206—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 26th APRIL.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
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.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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.)
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 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)
1595—New Finsbury Park, Horsley Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (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)
2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 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—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst).
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

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
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
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
R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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, 27th 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, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
238—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
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)
888—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruction)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
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, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (I)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 17—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
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, E., 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
1088—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
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
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Mosley-street, Newcastle
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
M.M. 373—Ilkeston, Temperance Hall, Ilkeston. (Consecration)
K.T.—Alpaas, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 28th APRIL.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, 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)
96—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, 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)
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, Froissart, Tangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1305—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1538—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 5.30 (Inst)
1558—H. Connaught, Pall Mall Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—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—Prodegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
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)
1781—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1956—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, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

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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, Bishop
346—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
804—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1455—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
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1964—Earl of Clarendon, Corn Exchange, Watford
2131—Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire
R.A. 87—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
R.A. 304—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
R.A. 424—De Burgh, 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. 1358—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 29th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1166—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).
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WE read with some interest the reprint of a communication to the *Saturday Evening Post*, of this city, urging the erection of a monument in Philadelphia to the memory of Benjamin Franklin. It has been reproduced in the *Southern Trade Gazette*, and is dated at Cincinnati in 1853. The writer urges that the monument should be erected over the remains of the great philosopher in the graveyard of Christ Church, at Fifth and Arch-streets.

It is now thirty-four years since the communication was written, and the grave is as unmarked now as it was then. Save the opening of an aperture in the wall of the old graveyard, which enables the passer-by to obtain a better view of the tombstone, nothing has been done to commemorate the spot where his ashes repose. Indeed, it is not venturing too much to say that there are thousands who daily pass this corner without being aware of the fact that the dust of the most illustrious American of the last century, save Washington, lies almost beneath their feet.

The city of Philadelphia, in which the greater part of his active career was passed, and which owed so much of its early development to his thought and enterprise, has never done justice to his memory. It certainly is not creditable to our patriotic spirit that we have permitted his grave to be neglected. Many years ago, when the old Philadelphia Library was erected on Fifth-street, a statue of Franklin was placed in a niche in the front wall of the edifice. When George W. Childs purchased the present *Ledger* building, he caused a statue of the great printer to be placed on the corner of the second story. Beyond these two memorials there is nothing conspicuous in the way of a statue or monument to show that Franklin is remembered—nothing which may be said to represent the public in general.

We know that it has of late become the fashion in some circles to belittle Franklin. There are some writers who of late have been active in endeavouring to point out blemishes in his character. Indeed, we fear that much of that old-fashioned admiration which was once felt for him has of late years passed away. There was a time when his life was an incentive to our young men; when they adopted his maxims in business, and when they regarded him as an exemplar of the race of self-made men. It is not altogether a good sign that the present generation has in some degree forgotten him.

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We have been led to these thoughts by the reading of the appeal which we have mentioned above. This appeal holds as good in 1887 as it did in 1853. We should indeed like to see the time when the statue of the great printer, philosopher, and statesman, worthy of his grand career and his noble deeds, shall stand in the splendid plaza which surrounds the new public buildings of our city. Franklin was pre-eminently our first great citizen, and no greater has succeeded him, and in that place a statue to him would be a just emblem of civic pride.—*Printers' Circular.*

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ELECTION DAYS AND ELECTION TACTICS.

FOR some years past discussions have been raised from time to time as to the desirability of altering the days of election for the three Masonic Institutions, and we should not have to go very far back to find that a number of actual propositions for change have been considered at one or other of the regular meetings of subscribers to the Charities. In all these cases—until the present year—nothing has resulted from the proposals which have been submitted, the general opinion having been that it was best to leave matters as they were, rather than to make an alteration which would in all probability prove as inconvenient to some of the subscribers as the existing rules were shown to be. The question may really be considered as one of those on which universal agreement is all but impossible, as the business or leisure of so many has to be considered, and what may suit one section proves inconvenient to another.

So strong, however, has the desire for a change now become that a Committee has been appointed to consider the question, and to report later in the year as to the advisability of making an alteration, or of continuing existing arrangements. What the decision of this Committee will be it is of course impossible to say, but we think that very strong arguments should be forthcoming before any alteration is officially suggested in an arrangement which has worked well for years, and which is as likely to suit the present and the coming generation as well as any other which might be adopted.

No doubt the question will be discussed by the Committee on its merits, but there are already signs that outside it will be fought on much the same lines as have governed more than one Masonic contest of late, when the tendency has been to divide the Order into two great sections—Provincial and Metropolitan—with results which must eventually prove detrimental to the continuance of that kindly feeling which has so long been a characteristic of Freemasonry.

It would perhaps puzzle a casual observer to discover anything in this question which should create jealousy between London and Provincial brethren, and taken alone it would give us some difficulty to explain why it should be regarded as a subject for disagreement, but there is a growing tendency on the part of London brethren to consider that the Provincials already get more than their share of the good things provided by the Institutions, and to those who hold such opinions the mere mention of a change is regarded with suspicion, lest it may be but another move to secure yet greater advantages to the Provincials, as compared with those obtained by Londoners. Briefly the state of affairs is simply this, nearly all of the Provinces have special Committees for securing the greatest amount of benefit possible from the votes held in their districts, while London, being without any such organisation, appears to lose its just share of the prizes periodically competed for. As a consequence some of the London brethren are dissatisfied, and are perhaps desirous of quarrelling with the Provincials, whose only crime is that they are more enthusiastic, or more energetic, than those who find fault with them.

The Provincial brethren argue that the time which has to be devoted to the elections as they are at present arranged is a considerable item year by year, and that every effort should be used to lessen as far as possible both the time and expense to which business men are put if they desire to attend. This, they urge, would be accomplished by having the several elections on consecutive days, and certainly the proposal appears a just one. Londoners, on the other hand, urge that if the days of election were thus altered the Provincial brethren would make even more of a business of them than they do now. They would be in London for two or three days at a time, with nothing to do but canvass subscribers, and work to secure scholarships or annuities for their own candidates, to the detriment of London cases. It hardly seems necessary for us to argue out these matters, as we are confident that London could do as well as any of the Provinces if the brethren would unite in the Metropolis as they do outside it—that is, if such co-operation were possible in London as is all but general in the country. It is absurd to argue that the country brethren would be any better off than Londoners if the elections were held on consecutive days; on the contrary, they would often be worse off, for in many cases they would have to leave home the day before the first election, and could not start from London until the day following the last of the contests, while London brethren could always devote an hour or more to their business on each of the election days, and yet be present during the time of the meetings.

If we look at the number of votes issued for any particular election and compare it with the total polled, we at once see that there are very few unused, and even if the whole of the unpolled votes belonged to London—and we need hardly say they do not—it would make very little difference in the actual result. It follows then, that the London votes are used, and if they are not given to London cases alone we may assume their owners have very good reasons for sending them into the country. No doubt many of the London votes find their way into the Provinces, in consequence of their owners belonging also to one or other of the Lodges meeting outside the Metropolitan area, while not a few are sent miles away purely as a matter of business. London representatives of the great Provincial firms could no doubt tell us of a number of votes which go out of London every year in this way, not only in connection with the Masonic Institutions, but also of every Charity in which the country as a whole is interested. Not long since a prominent London Mason told us that if ever he wanted to secure a case for either of the Charities he should rely more on the help of his business connections than on that of his Masonic brethren, as with the former he was in the habit of co-operating in connection with the elections of almost all the Charities of the Kingdom; while the latter principally confined their attention to the Masonic Institutions, and did not even work systematically in regard to them. We have since had an opportunity of seeing this brother's opinion put to the test, and the result has been most gratifying to him, his candidate being returned at the head of the poll on a first application. Here we have an illustration of London co-operation which equals anything attempted in the Provinces; still it is not an exceptional case, and no doubt it will be equalled on many occasions in the future, without any alteration in existing arrangements, or any extension of voting associations among the brethren of the Metropolis; still there was a cause which led to this success which is absent in many other cases; the members of the Lodge, which took the candidate in hand, worked as

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if they meant to succeed, and success was the consequence. The same might usually be done with London candidates if the Lodges concerned really took an interest in those recommended, but it seldom does anything after the necessary signatures have been attached to a petition.

We think we have said enough to convince our readers that this question has no claim to be regarded as a party one. It will have to be considered from many points of view, and when everything is done which it is possible to do, we shall, in all probability, be as far from securing unanimity as ever. For this reason we again express our opinion that strong reasons should be given before any alteration is sanctioned.

As the desire seems to be to have all the elections together, so as to make one journey to London sufficient, we would suggest that the three days following that set apart for the Annual Festival of Grand Lodge be considered, as, if it is desirable to hold three events on consecutive days, it would appear to be even more beneficial to arrange for four celebrations coming together, especially as many brethren who attend one desire to take part in all. In conclusion we cordially invite our readers to express their opinions on the subject. Our correspondence columns are open for the purpose, and we feel sure that the more the matter is discussed the easier it will be for the Committee to form an opinion likely to meet with general approval.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Grand Festival was held on Wednesday, 27th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, where there was a numerous attendance, under the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, who presided in the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Carnarvon. Bros. Sir John Monckton occupied the chair of G.S.W., F. Beilby Ashton G.J.W., W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Hants and Isle of Wight as D.G.M., T. W. Tew Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire as Past G. Master. Grand Lodge having been opened, the Grand Secretary, Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, read the minutes of the March Quarterly Communication, so far as they related to the re-election of the M.W. Grand Master, and Sir Albert Woods (Garter) proclaimed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales duly elected and installed as M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year. The Grand Secretary having read the list of Grand Stewards for the year, the Earl of Lathom announced that the M.W. Grand Master had been pleased to re-appoint the Earl of Carnarvon as Pro Grand Master, and himself (Lord Lathom) as Deputy Grand Master. Prince Albert Victor was appointed Senior Grand Warden, but was unable to be present that day, as he was serving with his regiment at Gibraltar. Bro. General Lord Wolseley was then invested Junior Grand Warden. We give the list of the new Grand Officers on page 282.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, at the Freemasons' Tavern, the most complete arrangements for which were made by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, under the personal superintendence of their manager, Bro. Madell. Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, presided, and in proposing the toast of the Queen made some happy allusions to Her Majesty's Jubilee, with the hope that she might realize to the largest and fullest extent the loyalty, devotion and happiness of a contented people, rejoicing over her glorious and prosperous reign of fifty years. The next toast was The Princess of Wales and the other Members of the Royal Family, all of whom had earned the loyalty and devotion of Masons. The health of the M.W. the Grand Master was next drank, in a bumper. Bro. Tew, in proposing the toast reminded the brethren that at a critical moment in the history of the Order His Royal Highness stepped forward and undertook the government of the Craft. This circumstance alone would entitle him to the loyalty and devotion of Freemasons, but their gratitude was intensified by the fact that one of his sons had been appointed Senior Grand Warden. Each one present must pray fervently that the Prince of Wales and his son may be endued with the blessing of health, and may long be spared to adorn our ancient and noble Order. The toast of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master was enthusiastically received, after which Bro. Hugh Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, proposed the health of the President of the evening, speaking of Brother Tew as a well known Mason, and especially so in respect of the Masonic Charities. Bro. Tew briefly responded, and in the course of his observations expressed the hope that when the great Jubilee demonstration in London took place his Province would not be behind others in loyalty to H.R.H. by the manner in which it supported the Imperial and Colonial Institute. Brother the Rev. Dr. Cartwright responded for the Grand Wardens and other Grand Officers, and in doing so humorously remarked that he had been represented to his Bishop as one who ought to be unfrocked for his share in Freemasonry; he had been abused in Bengal as a man who was immoral and seditious, and everything else that was bad. These charges had, however, been productive of no very alarming result. Grand Officers desired to follow in the wake of their illustrious predecessors, and he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. might continue to bless them so long as they carried out that glorious principle of Charity which should prevail until prophesy had failed and tongues had ceased. Bro. Tew next gave the Masonic Charities. With the toast he associated the name of Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution. Those who were present at the Benevolent Festival in February must have been amazed at the wonderful energy which Bro. Terry displayed in connection with collecting so large and magnificent a sum for that Charity. He could not but believe that the result of the other Festivals would gratify both Bro. Hedges and Bro. Binckes by the enormous sums they would produce. The Charities were very dear to each one of them, and all felt a pleasure in supporting them to the best of their ability, and to the utmost of their means. Bro. Terry took this, the first opportunity since his Festival, to thank Grand Lodge for the £1000 it had voted to the Benevolent Institution. He hoped that the Festivals of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions, to be held in May and June, might be as beneficial as the Benevolent. He should now content himself with saying that while acknowledging the success which attended his Festival in February last, he hoped both the Schools might have the same support. Bro. Binckes, who was loudly called for, said their excellent Chairman, in exercise of the discretion which was undoubtedly his prerogative, coupled the toast of Success to their Masonic Institutions with his good friend Bro. Terry, whose Festival was so successfully celebrated in February last. There was not one brother in the room who was not prepared to offer all the congratulations which were due to so successful an event; still he (Bro. Binckes) did offer one suggestion—the past had told its own tale, but there was a future which must be attended to with a certain amount of anxiety. They did not know what the Jubilee celebration might produce; but they, especially in the Boys' School, were exceedingly anxious on account of the very precarious position in which they were placed. He could not help saying that, while congratulating the representatives of the other two Institutions on the extremely sound and successful financial position they occupied, he was depressed and weighed down with a sense of responsibility by the imperfect condition in which their Boys' School was placed. He was prepared to admit that this was not the time, on a festive occasion like this; nor was it an appropriate or fitting opportunity; to weary them with an appeal on behalf of any charitable body. He could speak with an experience of years gone by that, whether the occasion might be a legitimate one or not, there was no Mason who attended any gathering in that hall, or elsewhere, who ever forgot the calls, the responsibilities, and the claims of their glorious Institutions. To the brethren present—who were a fairly representative assembly—be all the glory and the success which had been achieved; but he did hope that they would all bear in mind, especially the younger members of the Order, that they were inheritors of traditions handed down from a long past antiquity, which must be again handed down—the traditions of the example of those who had gone before them—and which must be not only imitated but emulated. For his share in the past, he had nothing but pride and gratification, except one feeling of intense gratitude to those who had supported him for the last 26 years; on these he based his hopes that the future would not be less glorious than the past. Bro. A. T. Layton, J.P., responded for the Grand Stewards, observing that it was perhaps somewhat a pity that their career should end just as they began to gain experience; still they had some hopes that in the coming Festival the Grand Stewards might have an opportunity of showing their appreciation of the position in which they were placed. He concluded by congratulating them on the great success of the present Festival.

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MORE REASONING WITH BRO. LANE.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

WHEN I first read Bro. Lane's dogmatic statement that a Lodge in Philadelphia, No. 79, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of England, I imagined that he had some evidence outside of the Dublin reprinted Lodge List of 1735. But upon inquiry I find that the only reason for his belief was because the Dublin reprinter of Smith's Pocket Companion of 1735

"Must have had . . some valid and satisfactory reason for inserting in his reprint 'the Hoop in Water Street, Philadelphia;' the probability being that he found it recorded in an engraved list of 1731, a copy of which is unfortunately now unknown."

Now with all due respect to Bro. Lane, I think that very few well informed Masons will accept his dictum that the Dublin Lodge List reprinter "must have had some valid reason," &c. The fact is, compilers of Lodge lists have repeatedly shown that they were fallible, for proof of which see Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," page 53. And I must further add that in accordance with Bro. Lane's method of reasoning, an Irish Masonic patriot might prove from the same Dublin 1735 Lodge List that Ireland is blessed with the "Premier Grand Lodge" of the British Isles, for in that Lodge list No. 1 of the Irish Lodges stands first of all Lodges, and after giving thirty-seven Irish Lodges in succession, he continues the list. By turning the first English Lodge into No. 38, the second English Lodge into No. 39, &c., from which our Irish patriotic Masons would conclude that the Grand Lodge of Ireland was older than the Grand Lodge of England, and that the English Lodges of 1735 were subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Ireland; and if it should be argued that the English Grand Lodge chartered Lodges several years before the Irish Grand Lodge did, our Irish patriots could reply, in the language of Bro. Lane, that the Dublin printer of 1735, "must have had some valid and satisfactory reason, the probability being that he found it recorded in an engraved Lodge list, a copy of which is now unfortunately unknown."

Now there is not a fable that could not be defended with Bro. Lane's mode of arguing, but no rational man will concede to such arguments. For instance, a thrice illustrious 33° reported, in 1849, that certain Jews in Newport, Rhode Island, conferred the third degree in Masonry in 1658. The Rev. Bro. Petersen inserted that story in his "History of Rhode Island," from which it was reprinted again and again. But in 1870 Bro. Gardner, Grand Master of Massachusetts, requested the Newport luminary to send his evidence; and, to be short, the reply was that the evidence was unfortunately lost, and Bro. Gardner (who by-the-bye is now in Europe) treated the reply with contempt, and denounced the story as humbug. For a full account of Bro. Gardner's reasons I refer the reader to page 357 of the "Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Proceedings of 1870."*

Again, Bro. Charles E. Meyer's letter, reprinted in this paper, 2nd April, says, "Bro. Norton has written me many times to get the old Bell Letter, and so has Bro. Hughan," &c. Now, I have not only written many times, but have urged him, personally, to do so whenever I met him. Why he has delayed to do so for many years is more than I can tell. However, we have at last his explanation, and the upshot is an admission that he (Bro. Meyer) did never see the original letter; did not know the person who owned it; he is not even very sure what the owner's name was. In short, Bro. Meyer knows nothing about the Bell Letter save and except what Bro. Blackburne told him. It was Bro. Blackburne who copied the fragment of the said letter, and Bro. Blackburne alone knew the owner of the letter. Bro. Meyer ordered Bro. Blackburne to offer the owner of the said letter one hundred dollars for permission to have the MS. photographed; but Bro. Blackburne said that the owner of the letter was a mysterious man, who would neither part with the letter, nor allow it to be photographed; and, he added, "that the price would have to be very high that would induce him to part with it."

It is very strange, though that mysterious person resided in Philadelphia, that Bro. Meyer should never have made an effort to hunt him up, or endeavoured to ascertain how high the price was for that letter. It is equally strange, that while the mysterious man brought the letter into the Grand Secretary's office of his own accord in 1873, and allowed Bro. Blackburne to copy from it what he pleased, that he should a few months later refuse the sum of £20 for permission to have it photographed. Now, all the evidence Bro. Meyer derived from Bro. Blackburne has been kept strictly secret by Bro. Meyer, until after Brother Blackburne and the mysterious owner of the Bell letter have both died. The evidence of the Bell letter being "then unfortunately lost," we are, therefore, called upon to believe all that Brother Meyer believes about it; briefly then, it is my firm opinion that my good friend Charles Meyer *has been duped by Bro. Blackburne.*

And now, I will let out what I know about Lodge lists. In the 1738 Constitutions I find, as follows:—

"In the Mastership of Dalkeith (between June 1723 and June 1724) a list of all the Lodges was engraved by Bro. John Pine. . . which is usually reprinted on the commencement of every new Grand Master and dispersed among the brethren."

The 1723 engraved Lodge list was really not engraved by Pine; I was wrong therefore in styling Pine the father of Lodge list engravers, but he certainly engraved several ensuing Lodge lists, and he may therefore be termed the first born son of Lodge list engravers. Now, bear in mind that Anderson said "*usually reprinted*," which means *not always.* In fact, the second engraved list did not appear until two years after the first, hence it is not impossible that between the years 1729 and 1734 no engraved Lodge lists at all were printed; for if such engraved Lodge lists had been regularly issued during those intervening years, surely Dr. Rawlinson would not have taken the trouble to write for his own use a Lodge list, enumerating 116 Lodges, in July 1733. Now, the several Lodge lists in which No. 79 appears are as follow, 1st list No. 11, Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges." That list was taken from a record in Freemasons' Hall. It contains not only the numbers and locations of the Lodges, but also the names of the members of every Lodge, and I have myself seen that record; the record was written between 1730 and 1732, and contains one hundred and four Lodges. No dates however are annexed to the said Lodges I shall just give a specimen of the said list, and afterwards compare it with later lists, thus—

77. Black Lyon, in Jockey Fields.
78. Fountain, in Bury St. Edmunds.
79. Castle, in Highgate.
80. Angel, in Macclesfield.
81. Fleece, in Bury St. Edmunds, Norfolk.

The next Lodge lists that follow the above are Rawlinson's of 1733, Smith's and Pine's lists, both of 1734, and Gould's list No. 12 of 1736-9, and in all these lists the above quoted five Lodges are arranged in the same order and have the same numbers, the only difference being that while in the first-named list No. 79 was located at the Castle in Highgate, in the next three lists No. 79 had no location. Pine improved his 1734 list by adding dates of the origins of the Lodges, from which list I learn that No. 77, at the Black Lyon, in Jockey Fields, was constituted 11th January 1731, and that No. 83 was constituted 17th December 1731, hence we see that seven Lodges were constituted in 1731, and that No. 79 was the third Lodge constituted in that year. No. 79 was probably constituted before the 25th of March 1731, hence it is placed in Pine's list of 1740 among the 1730 Lodges. But be that as it may, No. 79 at the Castle in Highgate was certainly constituted in 1731, for every Lodge list confirms that fact, as I shall show hereafter, and there can be no doubt that No. 79 in every Lodge list I have seen (except the Dublin one) refers to one and the same Lodge that was originally located at the Castle in Highgate.

Bro. Lane, however, argues that whereas the Castle in Highgate Lodge did not pay £2 2s for its charter before the 21st of November 1732, he claims that the said Lodge was not constituted before the last named date,

* In the *Freemason* of 2nd April an American writer undertook to prove the Philadelphia Masonic mother theory, where he not only refers to the Newport Rhode Island claim for Masonic American Motherships, but he further informs us that, "In the imprint of Boston, 1872, are facsimiles of Price's Commission from Viscount Montague," &c. Now, I herewith promise the writer of the above five dollars if he can show me the facsimile of Price's Commission from Viscount Montague.

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and hence he calls it a 1732 Lodge. Now, it is possible that in those days the Grand Secretary did not press for immediate payment for charters, but, whatever the cause of the delay of payment may have been, the combined testimony furnished by all the Lodge lists (as already shown), that our No. 79 was constituted in 1731, cannot be set aside; besides which if the said Lodge had been constituted on the 21st of November 1732 it would have been No. 108 instead of 79.

On further comparing Gould's list No. 11 with Rawlinson's list of 1733 I find not only several variations in the locations of Lodges, that is, the Lodges that removed from their old places since 1732, but I find also that whereas No.'s 42 and 67 were *vacant* in Gould's list, in Rawlinson's list the blanks were filled up, as follows: "42 Salutation, Billingsgate," and "67 Castle, St. Giles'," which indicates that the said Lodges were dormant in 1732, but were restored to their original rank in 1733. In a like manner No. 79 was dormant in 1733 and in 1734, but on 24th February 1735 our No. 79 was represented by its Officers in the Grand Lodge, and continued No. 79 till 1740, when its number was changed to 68. It is a curious coincidence that at the very meeting when No. 79 was restored the Grand Lodge passed the following law, viz. :—

"If any Lodge within the Bills of Mortality shall cease to meet regularly during twelve successive months, its name and place shall be erased or blotted out of the Grand Lodge book and engraven list, and if they petition to be again inserted and owned as a regular Lodge it must lose its former place and rank of precedency and submit to a new Constitution."

The next Lodge list is Gould's No. 12, where I find the above quoted five Lodges succeed each other in the same order, and all still continued to meet in the same places, save and except No. 79, which then (in 1736) met at the Crown and Angels, in Little St. Martin's Lane. And last, in an imperfect Lodge list in Anderson's Constitution of 1738, which is confined to Lodges "in and about London and Westminster;" after the Lodge constituted 11th January 1731, which still held its meetings at the Black Lyon, in Jockey Fields, we have the Lodge that met at the Two Angels and Crown, in Little St. Martin's Lane, to which is added 1731.

And now, having had my say, should Bro. Lane still persist that a charter No. 79 was sent to Philadelphia in 1731, I respectfully ask him to prove when the Grand Lodge of England ever granted two charters with one and the same number?

Lastly, I respectfully ask Bro. Lane, and all who err with him about the Philadelphia Masonic Mother question, to read Bro. Gould's Masonic History, Vol. 6, chap. 31, which chapter is devoted to "Freemasonry in the United States of America."

BOSTON, U.S., 15th April 1887.

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

An Oration delivered by Bro. O. A. Bassett, Grand Orator, at the Banquet given the members of the Grand Lodge of Kansas by the Masons of Atchison, on Wednesday evening, 16th February 1887.

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MASONRY AS ILLUSTRATED BY SYMBOLS.

Among the Ancients two methods of expression by symbols existed, the hieroglyphic and the enigmatic. The hieroglyphic imitated the thing sought to be represented, while the enigmatic expressed the meaning by imagery. By the hieroglyphic the working tools of the first degree would be represented by the twenty-four-inch gauge and the common gavel, but by the enigmatic the lamb might denote innocence, and the white lamb-skin purity.

Hieroglyphic instruction prevails to so great an extent in the first three degrees in Masonry, that they are called the symbolic degrees. The ancient philosophers took delight in throwing around themselves, and their philosophy as much of mystery as possible, that the uninformed might wonder at their great learning, and so when they sought to convey ideas by means of symbols they generally used the enigmatic.

The symbolism of Masonry is the more instructive, because it is largely enigmatic, and therefore capable of more extended representation of ideas, as well as requiring more diligent study to solve and explain their meaning. Each degree is said to constitute a symbol, the first degree represents the birth of intelligence; the second degree represents the advancement of knowledge, and the third degree represents the matured mind; taking these as a whole they symbolize the infancy, youth and manhood of the mind.

A celebrated Masonic writer has said the lessons of the first degree symbolize the youth receiving those elementary instructions which are to fit him for entering upon the active duties of life, preparatory to further advancement; the lessons of the second degree symbolise the man engaged in the investigation of his chosen work, labouring diligently in the tasks it prescribes, and so enlarging his mind by the acquisition of new ideas, that he is enabled to extend his usefulness to his fellows; and the lessons of the third degree symbolise the man who has completed his work, and having been faithful to all his trusts, receives the reward of his fidelity.

The moral lessons of Masonry, their description by allegory, and their symbolical representations are well described in the words of that venerable Mason before referred to; he had symbolised in his career youth, manhood, and old age; he had symbolized in his life the first, and the second and the third degrees in Masonry, with the exception only that he was awaiting his final reward. When surrounded by his friends and asked, "What is life?" it was thus he spake:

"O, young inquirers, ye who would obtain knowledge, why hath it been willed that thy steps hath been led to me? Know ye not that recollections from a worn memory come like the drops of a niggardly libation from a damaged urn?

"When Morning took me by the hand I had no aims and no ambitions. She led me in the green valleys, where the flowers bloomed, and filled the air with fragrance, and my heart with poetry. She led me in the shady groves, where birds carolled, and filled the air with melody, and my heart with music. I saw in the sunbeams bright spirits fluttering over me, like young nightingales trying their new wings, and I thought this is life, and all these things are created for my pleasure.

"When Noon stood beside me, I felt a force which constrained me to remain no longer idle. He directed me to the temples of learning, and taught me art, science and literature, and filled my heart with information. He directed me over vast plains and trackless oceans, and taught me agriculture, commerce and the science of government, and filled my heart with selfishness. I beheld in the sunlight bright visions hovering over me, like mystic divinities awaiting to crown the victor, and I thought this is life, and all these things were created to serve my ambition.

"When Night approached me, I drew my mantle closer, for an influence of unquiet seemed stealing over me. She guided me to the scenes of youthhood's pleasures, and the fields of manhood's ambitions, but ruin and desolation filled the whole earth, and my soul with sadness. She guided me to the summit of a lofty mountain and showed me the vast expanse of the universe, and there taught me the lesson of immortality, to place my feet in the true way, and filled my soul with an immortal longing. I beheld in the eternal sunshine the beatific vision, and heard the welcoming songs of the heavenly choir, and I exclaimed this is life and I have been created to prepare for it.

"When the first transports of my joy had subsided, I turned to thank my guide, but she was gone. I was alone, and since then I have never quitted the mountain's summit. Sometimes I wander, and in my musings see some passing nymph, and charm-struck, I wind my arms around the busts of pleasure, and shadows fall across my path. Sometimes I wander further, and in my reveries see some eagle traversing the sky, and watching it, I wind my arms around the bodies of ambitions heroes, and darkness falls upon me. Then, hastening to return to the true way, I wind my arms again around the trunks of the aged oaks of immortality, and the darkness is dispelled, the shadows vanish, and I behold once more the broad sunlight of the universe gilding every mountain top. This is the story of my life, and I now await the last summons, which will soon call me home, to the home of my immortal longing."

MY BROTHERS: Sacred history informs us that it was determined in the Councils of Infinite Wisdom that a temple should be founded in Jerusalem which should be erected to God, and dedicated to His holy name. The high

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honour and distinguished privilege of performing this sacred service was denied to David, King of Israel, because he was a man of blood, and during almost the whole period of his reign he was agitated and disturbed by the tumultuous confusions of war.

We learn also that the God of Israel promised David that out of his loins He would raise up seed to serve Him. This divine and ever memorable promise was afterwards fulfilled in the person of Solomon, and in the splendid and unrivalled career of his prosperity.

When David had been gathered to the land of his fathers, and the last honours paid to his memory, Solomon wielded the sceptre of Israel, peace reigned within her borders, and the Children of Israel looked forward with peculiar satisfaction for the display of that wisdom which was destined to amaze and astonish the world.

In the second month of the fourth year of his reign Solomon commenced the building of the Temple, the curious workmanship of which was calculated to excite the wonder and admiration of all succeeding ages. It was located on Mount Moriah, thrice hallowed by the power of Deity made manifest to man, being the place where Abraham was about to offer up his son Isaac, where Enoch was translated, and where David met and appeased the destroying angel who was visible over the threshing floor of Ornan, the Jebusite.

This historical account, viewed as an allegory, is used to illustrate the lessons taught in Masonry.

In the conclusions arrived at by the Councils of Infinite Wisdom, we learn that it was determined that man should be created in the image of God, and that this creature, man, should devote his life and service to his maker. In the denial to David to build an house unto the Lord, we are reminded that he who would undertake any great work must enter thereon with clean hands, with good intent, and with conscious probity, if he hopes to gain therefor the approval of just men, and therein to serve Him for whose service all were created.

In the promise of David we see the sublime conception in the creation of man, the creation of a being endowed with the faculty of acquiring knowledge, of transmitting it to posterity, whereby each succeeding generation may acquire a higher degree of intelligence. This divine promise, fulfilled in the person of Solomon, is an exemplification of advancement in art, science and literature, and the unrivalled course of Solomon's prosperity illustrates the changed condition of man from his rude and barbarous state to a cultivated and enlightened condition, and is further illustrative of a higher order of civilisation.

In the death of David and the succession of Solomon, we note the changed condition from turbulence to quietude, from war to peace, from which we learn the important lesson that brotherly love is dependent on harmony, that harmony can exist only by the aid of a spirit of compromise, the spirit of tolerance and forbearance which submits to mediation every difference, which was happily illustrated in a convention between the two great English speaking nations (a convention presided over by an eminent Mason), wherein, by mutual concessions, important matters of difference were harmoniously settled, whereby peace obtained a victory more renowned than victory of war.

In the founding of the temple, the creation of the earth and all things therein contained is represented; in its curious workmanship it illustrates the symmetry of Nature's handiwork, and the precision and infallibility of Nature's laws, and in its location, being erected on hallowed ground, thrice hallowed by the special manifestations of Deity, we are reminded that the protecting care of Divine Providence is over us and around us on every side. Who could have stood within the temple's porch without feeling the influence of these hallowed associations? From this also the Mason may draw an instructive lesson, that he should surround his work with the best influences, and when he opens the portals of his Lodge to strangers, and introduces them to the workmen, he should take care that they, too, after serving their apprenticeship and becoming master workmen, shall not only faithfully perform their duties, but by the maintenance of their own good standing add something to the aggregate character of Masonry for good.

This magnificent edifice was seven years in building, yet during this entire period it rained not in the day, that the workmen might not be impeded in their labours.

It was supported by 1453 columns, and 2906 pilasters, all hewn from the finest Parian marble; it roof was of olive wood, overlaid with pure gold, so that when the sun shown thereon it dazzled the eyes of all who beheld it.

Its interior was embellished with carved work, representing cherubims, palm leaves and flowers; its doors, beams, posts and floors were covered with plates of gold, beautifully engraved and ornamented with precious stones of various colours.

This magnificent structure is the grandest enigmatic symbol used to illustrate the lessons taught in Masonry. In it we behold the exemplification of man's life; in its years of erection we see that the time is required for the acquirement of knowledge and the formation of character, and in the unobstructed labour we are taught the importance of diligence in the work of self improvement.

In its columns and pilasters we recognize the supports and aids furnished by the united efforts of good men, for the accomplishment of a given purpose; in the material from which they were wrought we perceive that pure morality, which is so necessary to every important undertaking, and its roof of gold appears the approving conscience and the full fruition of the builders' hopes.

Its embellished interior represents the mind endowed with the graces of intelligence, culture and wisdom; its ornaments represent the mind adorned with the higher attributes, which ensure the reward promised to all who faithfully perform their tasks.

These few illustrations serve to show that an allegory has no bounds and a symbol has no compass. The illustrations drawn from each are so numerous and diversified that volumes and years could furnish neither space nor time for all which might be said. Even the youngest of us could hardly enter upon the work, ere he would arrive at that stage of life represented by my venerable brother when the last summons came to call him home "to the home of his immortal longing," when he said, "I feel my body perishing and it will quickly pass away like a snow wreath floating on the stream and be mingled with the waters that flow in the vast bosom of earth. Then will my soul be borne on the wings of a genuine sacred transport to Paradise." Therefore your orator may here pause, leaving to you and to each of you the further consideration of these subjects.—*Texas Masonic Journal.*

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE installation meeting was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, 14th April. There was a large attendance of Craftsmen to do honour to the occasion, and Bro. Tongue, whose services have been well appreciated by the Lodge, could but be gratified by the influential attendance of those present in his honour. Bro. Oliver Bryant, the retiring W.M., opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. John Garrett Tongue W.M.-elect, and J. P. Bieling I.P.M.; P.M.'s Dr. Jagielski, W. Paas, Dr. Jackson, F. Rath, Ebner, E. T. Smith, J. Nowakowski (Treasurer), and J. Lancaster (Secretary), all of whom have passed the chair of the Polish National. After Lodge had been duly opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the Secretary's report of the Audit Committee Meeting was read and unanimously pronounced by the brethren most satisfactory. Bro. Bryant then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bieling, when Bro. Tongue was presented by Dr. Corrie Jackson. A Board of Installed Masters, numbering 28 was then formed, and the impressive ceremony was performed in a most eloquent and painstaking manner by Bro. Bieling. After the ceremony the newly-installed W.M. was duly saluted in full Masonic honours. The following Officers were then invested: Bros. Apsey S.W., Farmer J.W., J. Nowakowski S.D., Rosenberg Jun. I.G., Fowler D.C., and Rose A. Wortsker, O.A., as Organist. The addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered in an eloquent and impressive style by the Installing Officer. The W.M. next presented to his immediate predecessor the P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted him by the members of the Lodge. He said it was a most agreeable duty to ask Bro. Bryant's acceptance of that token of esteem; he hoped he would long live to wear it. To this Bro. Bryant briefly responded. All other business being ended, the brethren sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. When grace had been sung and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts honoured, Bro. Bryant I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Tongue had evidently made up his mind to make the brethren as happy as possible during his year of office, and trusted to the good feeling of the brethren to support him in his endeavours. To this the W.M. suitably replied, saying that he should do all in his power to promote the welfare and happiness of the Lodge, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many visitors present; he ventured to propose their health, calling on Bro. Terry to respond. This was done in the well-known amusing and interesting manner of this able brother, who alluded to the way in which the installation ceremony had been performed, especially considering the circumstances of the Installing Officer

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being a native of a foreign land. He hoped a long line of initiates would be elected and reflect honour on their proposers and seconders. Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening passed away somewhat too quickly.

CABBELL LODGE, No. 807.

ON Monday, the 18th inst., under the auspices of this Lodge, a large number of brethren assembled in the spacious Lecture and Lodge room of the Masonic Club in St. Giles Street, Norwich, for the purpose of hearing a Lecture on the "Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry," by Brother James Stevens P.M. P.Z., of London. In order to meet the convenience of the members of other Lodges the meeting was made special and distinct from the ordinary meetings of the Lodge, which was not on this occasion formally opened. We were consequently unable to ascertain in the customary manner the names of the numerous brethren who attended, amongst whom were several distinguished Officers in the Province. The Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Bro. J. B. Aldis, being unexpectedly detained by a business engagement, the proceedings were opened by Brother George Baxter P.M., who introduced the Lecturer to the meeting and shortly afterwards resigned the chair to Bro. Aldis, who presided during the remainder of the evening.

Bro. Stevens' prefaratory remarks were brief, and he promptly entered upon the practical explanations of the ritual and ceremonial with which his address abounds. The attention of his hearers was soon rivetted, and he spared no effort to successfully reach their understanding of the "connection of our whole system, and the relative dependency of its several parts." Besides the amount of information given in respect of points in Masonic work, and many valuable hints for securing a *common sense* interpretation of much which, though sublimely conceived, is made ridiculous in practice, the lecture is enlivened throughout by passages of humour which greatly enhance its interesting character. Without interruption, save such as was occasioned by earnest tokens of approval, Bro. Stevens continued his address during two and a half hours, and received at its conclusion a well merited acknowledgment of the satisfaction he had given to his numerous audience.

Bro. Aldis (Prov. G. Secretary), in proposing that a hearty vote of thanks should be accorded to Bro. Stevens, expressed his high appreciation of the valuable service to the Craft generally which the lecture could not fail to render. He did not hesitate to admit that he had himself received unexpected and valuable information from the address delivered that evening; and the close attention which had been given to it was an unmistakable testimony that it was instructive and interesting in a high degree. He felt assured no brother would leave the meeting without having added to his store of Masonic information, and hoped that other opportunities might offer for further addresses from Bro. Stevens, who had evidently left unsaid much that he had come prepared to say if time had permitted. Bro. George Baxter endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, and seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation. Bro. Stevens, in the course of his response, referring to the "Three Great Lights" in Freemasonry, gratified the brethren by reciting the well known poem under that title, and the meeting then terminated. It was subsequently arranged that Bro. Stevens should pay another visit to the Norwich brethren in the ensuing October or November.

THE FRIARS' LODGE, No. 1349.

THERE was a goodly attendance of the members of, and visitors to, this Lodge, at the installation meeting, held on Monday evening last, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, City. Lodge was opened shortly after four o'clock, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. Robert S. Sadd, who was supported by Bros. H. Marks S.W., E. Shoesmith J.W., W. Musto P.M. Treasurer, W. Hogg P.M. Secretary, L. A. Da Costa S.D., J. D. Casseres J.D., R. C. Randall D.C., B. Da Costa I.G., E. J. Friedeberg P.M., H. R. Hallam P.M., and other brethren. The visitors included Bros. J. L. Moloney 1625, E. Bickerton 1623, T. Pettit 1765, T. J. Barnes P.M. 933, S. Jacobs W.M. 205, E. Solomons New York, D. Moss P.M. 1275, S. Wilkinson S.W. 925, B. Stewart W.M. 1278, W. Valentine P.M. 1017, J. Jacobs P.M. 1614, J. Da Silva P.M. 205, G. Gardner I.P.M. 2012, E Jacobs P.M. 1348, W. W. Lee 1897, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, W. Smith I.G. 933, C. H. Cary I.G. 1625, A. W. Weston J.W. 1278, J. G. Harris 1278, J. Jacobs 205, J. Siegenberg 1668, L. Solomon 1668, J. Richmond 205, W. Jacobs 1437, H. Salte 861, L. Isaacs 1614, B. Toombs 1445, M. Bush 205, J. Levy 205, B. Hyams 1744, B. Franks 212, D. W. Fowler 311, W. E. White 212, J. A. Bretton 188, S. Mordecai 614, H. Jones 9, L. Roski 25, D. Ososki 158, T. M. Coleman 192, and H. Chetham 1317. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been submitted and confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the third, when Bro. Mordecai Da Costa was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the impressive ceremony being performed in a manner characteristic of the Worshipful Master's uniformly regular working during his year of office. Resuming in the second, Bro. H. Marks, who had efficiently discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair, was presented as the Worshipful Master-elect, and having assented to undertake the duties of office, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the ceremony of installation was admirably carried out by the retiring Master, who acquitted himself to the utmost satisfaction of the brethren, Bro. Musto officiating in his usual able way as Director of Ceremonies. The newly-installed W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted in the customary way, invested his Officers for the year, as follow: Bros. R. S. Sadd I.P.M., E. Shoesmith S.W., L. A. Da Costa J.W., W. Musto P.M. Treasurer, Friedeberg P.M. Secretary, J. D. Casseres S.D., B. Da Costa J.D., Randall I.G., Nash Fox D.C., A. Jacobs Steward, A. Rosenthal Assistant Steward, and Young Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were eloquently and impressively delivered by the Installing Master, who performed the whole of the ceremony in a highly creditable and satisfactory manner. There was, fortunately, work in immediate store for the new Master, for the ballot was at once opened for three candidates, namely, Mr. Abraham Jacobs, proposed by Bro. B. Da Costa I.G., seconded by Bro. Isaac Levy, Mr. E. Cox and Mr. E. Barnett, whose sponsors were the W.M.-elect and Bro. J. A. Marks. All were accepted, and the manner in which the new Master worked the ceremony of initiation gave promise of a satisfactory discharge of the functions of the chair during the coming year. On the motion of Bro. L. A. Da Costa, seconded by Bro. E. S. Friedeberg P.M., it was resolved that the visitors' fee on all banquets be one guinea, with half that amount for country and seafaring members. This is obviously a wise decision, as it will prove an incentive to the latter to attend more frequently than they might otherwise feel it convenient to do. The Auditors' report, which was a satisfactory one, was adopted, and the W.M. then on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented to his predecessor a Past Master's jewel as a token of respect and esteem, and in recognition of the zeal and assiduity with which he had discharged his duties during the past year. He thanked Bro. Sadd for the able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, and expressed a hope that he might live long to wear the jewel as a memento of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the Lodge, and of the pleasant hours he had spent amongst them. The I.P.M. and Installing Master suitably acknowledged the gift, observing that he was deeply sensible of the compliments that had been paid him, and expressing his sincere interest in the welfare of the Friars' Lodge, which he assured them would continue in the future, now that he had passed into the ranks of the veterans, equally as it had been in the past. He was proud to see the prosperity which had attended the Lodge, and which he hoped would continue to increase as the years roll on. The circular from the Pro Grand Master relating to the Masonic commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee was then read; but, in consequence of the lateness of the hour, caused by the amount of work that had occupied the attention of the brethren, it was deemed expedient to postpone the full consideration of that matter until a Lodge of Emergency, which the Secretary was requested to call at the earliest convenience. It was unanimously resolved that, in recognition of his services as Secretary during the last twelve years, Bro. W. Hogg P.M. should be elected an honorary member of the Lodge. This was a compliment which we consider eminently due to Bro. Hogg, who was one of the Founders of the Lodge, and has rendered good suit and service to it during the whole period of its existence. After disposing of some minor matters of business, the Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bros. Painter in a style which might only reasonably be expected at that famous old City house The Ship and Turtle. The tables were elaborately laid out, the dishes being interspersed with vases and epergnes of exquisite cut flowers and ornamental foliage plants, which gave to the salôn a most picturesque appearance. Indeed, many of the brethren who now first visited the Ship and Turtle since the vast alterations and improvements made in the establishment, expressed themselves delighted and surprised at the palatial character of the interior, and more especially with the accommodation provided for the brethren of "ye mystic tie" in the handsomely appointed Masonic Temple, which is a decided feature of the re-constructed building. The banquet was admirably served, and the arrangements, carried out under the supervision of Bro. E. Ashby, the genial manager of the hotel, elicited unbounded expressions of appreciation. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Queen and the Craft, considered himself privileged in occupying that position during the year of Her Majesty's Jubilee, and he felt sure that amongst none of her subjects would there be manifested a greater spirit of loyalty than by the body of men who were ranged under the banner of Freemasonry. The succeeding toasts were given with commendable brevity, the Worshipful Master referring to the Prince of Wales as an active, and not merely an ornamental ruler of the Craft, and one whose heart and soul were in the work of promoting the best interests of Freemasonry. Tribute was paid to the excellent manner in which the affairs of Grand Lodge are administered by the Grand Officers, all of whom laboured earnestly and unitedly in advancing the general good of the Masonic community. Bro. Sadd I.P.M., in taking the gavel in hand to propose the health of the Worshipful Master, said he did so with exceptional pride and pleasure, having worked together with Bro. Marks many years in the Lodge with the utmost harmony and goodwill. He felt perfectly certain that Bro. Marks would make a good Master, and would discharge the duties of his office in such a manner as would reflect credit on himself and give every satisfaction to the brethren. The Worshipful Master, in the course of his response, thanked his predecessor for the kindly terms in which the toast had been couched; he need hardly say he felt highly flattered at the reception which had been given to him. He had succeeded in reaching the position for which he had striven, and he assured them it would be his constant study, as well as pleasure, to promote the best interests of the Lodge by every means in his power. It was a position which he highly appreciated, and he trusted he might be able to fulfil the duties of the chair satisfactorily, and to promote the harmony and the comfort of the brethren; such, he was happy to say, as now subsisted. In proposing the Past Masters he spoke of their ability and readiness at all times to assist in carrying on the work of the Lodge, and expressed his opinion that it would take a lot to beat them. Bro. Sadd I.P.M. replied, observing that there was not much for the Past Masters to do in the ordinary way, but they were always most earnest in their endeavours to promote the prosperity of the Lodge. The W.M. then gave the Initiates, and in doing so congratulated himself upon having had the opportunity of admitting three gentlemen into the

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Lodge whom he hoped and believed would be a credit to it. Bros. A. Jacobs, E. Cox, and E. Barnett severally responded, thanking the brethren for the honour of having been admitted into the Friars' Lodge, and expressing their determination to emulate those who had gone before them in acquiring a thorough knowledge of the Masonic art. The Worshipful Master, in extending a hearty welcome to the Visitors, said this was always a favourite toast in the Friars' Lodge and it afforded him the utmost gratification to see such a goodly array of them present on this occasion. He assured them, on the part of the brethren, that they were most cordially welcome, and he trusted they would go away with a favourable impression of what they had seen in the Lodge room. Bro. Da Salva, in the course of his response, after thanking the W.M. for the heartiness in which he had submitted the toast, said it afforded him much gratification to see the way in which the work of the Lodge had been carried out. He observed that the nervousness naturally evidenced by most Masters on the first night of occupying the chair was not displayed by Bro. Marks, who had given promise of being competent to efficiently discharge the duties he had undertaken. Of course, there was an inherent anxiety on the part of the Master as to the responsibilities attendant on his début in that capacity, and he congratulated the Lodge upon having such an excellent Master. Bro. Moss also complimented Bro. Marks upon the position to which he had attained. As Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction he had watched that Brother's career, and had expected great things of him. He must say he had not been disappointed that day. Bro. Gardner spoke in eulogistic terms of the working in the Lodge room and of the hospitality at the festive board. Other visitors followed in the same felicitous strain. The Officers of the Lodge were eulogised by the W.M. for the admirable way in which they had severally acquitted themselves, and the toast having been duly acknowledged, the list was closed by the Tyler. A pleasant evening was enlivened by some capital songs.

THE EARL OF CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1984.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, at the Freemasons' Hall, Watford, when a large gathering of the members and visitors attended to do honour to the occasion. The Worshipful Master, Bro. W. T. Graves, P.P.G. Steward, was supported by Bros. R. Townsend S.W. and W.M.-elect, and a full complement of the Officers and members. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. F. Delavante P.M. 1319, J. H. Casson P.M. 1635 P.P.G. Organist Derby, E. St. Clair 14, J. Brock P.M. 299, S. Martin I.P.M. 404, J. Whaley W.M. 172, H. Clarke I.G. 1837, W. Green 1604, H. J. Turner P.M. 1608, E. Bacon 1607, A. Boobr P.M. 1515, D. O. Brian 889, H. Cattermole S.W. 1839, W. W. Lee 1897, C. P. Ayres 404 J. H. Jones Organist 1695, W. Wilson 1580, G. F. Marshall P.M. 69, J. R. Mills 2045, A. Stradling J.D. 404, C. E. Bulling 1287, A. B. Archer 1163, J. L. Cooke J.W. 2128, R. Fendick P.M. 1426, J. Llewellyn Jones P.M. 1670 P.P.G.D. Middlesex, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, J. T. Crawford 766, R. C. Wilson 766, A. Hubbard 813, H. J. Dutton 1706, W. H. Norris J.W. 404, E. Bamfort P.M. 1549, H. Parkins 1319, &c. Lodge was opened at half past four o'clock, when the minutes of the last meetings were read and confirmed, and having advanced to the third, Bro. Basil O. Hewitt was raised to the sublime degree. Bro. G. H. Thomas was admitted as a joining member, from Wharton Lodge, No. 2045, after which the ballot was opened for Mr. George Watkins, who had been proposed by Bro. W. C. Brown, seconded by the Worshipful Master. The result was satisfactory, and the candidate will be initiated at the next meeting of the Lodge. Bro. Townsend was then presented as the W.M. elect, and after the customary formalities a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the ceremony ably performed by Bro. W. T. Graves, the retiring Master. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed and saluted with full honours, and he then invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. W. T. Graves I.P.M., James Rogers S.W., W. T. Boydley J.W., T. C. Grant P.M. Treasurer, G. Goodchild Secretary, George Sturman S.D., H. Honeycombe J.D., F. Fisher I.G., W. Large P.M. D.C., W. T. Whittington Steward, C. Thomas Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were impressively rendered by the Installing Officer, who performed the ceremonies throughout in an eminently satisfactory manner. Two candidates for initiation were proposed, so that the new Master will not find himself empty-handed at the outset of his presidency. A handsome album was presented to the Lodge by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. W. T. Graves, who received the unanimous thanks of the brethren for his acceptable present. It was arranged that the Worshipful Master, two Past Masters and the two Wardens should represent the Lodge at the forthcoming monster gathering of English Freemasons, to be held in June at the Albert Hall, in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, not merely for his services on this occasion, but also in recognition of the zeal and discretion with which he had carried on the work of the Lodge during his year of office. It was resolved that this vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes, and Bro. Graves gracefully acknowledged the compliment that had been paid him. After some minor matters of business, Lodge was closed amidst the interchange of the warmest fraternal greetings. Subsequently the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided in elaborate style. Indeed, all the arrangements of the day, both as regards the Lodge room and the banquet, were absolutely perfect. The dishes were interspersed with vases and epergnes of choice flowers and ornamental plants, whilst the shimmering of over three hundred and forty "fairy" lamps, of various delicate tints—provided by the eminent firm of Child, of "Night-light" fame—between the flowers, and hanging amongst the draperies of the hall, added much to the charm and beauty of the scene. At the conclusion of the repast, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured. In proposing the Queen and the Craft the Worshipful Master said the office to which he had that day been exalted possessed "many and invaluable privileges," and he was reminded of those well-known words when he rose to propose this toast. One of his privileges was that he held the gavel during the Jubilee year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria. He trusted that the event would be right royally celebrated; at any rate, none would more loyally or enthusiastically join in the demonstrations of affection than would the great body of English Freemasons. He then gave the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, of whom he spoke as a right worthy and able representative of K.S. No man was better fitted to fill the position of Grand Master than our illustrious Prince, who was beloved by all who knew him, or of him; and, as an English gentleman, he was the embodiment of every good and amiable quality. With respect to the Grand Officers Present and Past, it would be a puzzle to say anything new of them, but he ventured to assert that it would be a greater puzzle to say one word in their disparagement. He paid a high tribute to the efficiency with which the Grand Officers fulfilled their duties to the Craft. The next toast he had to propose was one that he felt convinced was amongst the most popular on his list, and would be received with special acclamation by every one present. The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., though his heart and soul were in his political work, at the same time displayed a vast amount of active interest and ability in connection with the duties that devolved upon him as Grand Master of the Province of Hertfordshire. As a proof of this he (the speaker) and the Secretary had received letters from him, and a telegram had at the last moment been sent, regretting his inability to be present on this occasion, in consequence of important parliamentary duties. The next toast was that of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Brother Dawson, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past. In giving it the W.M. remarked that brevity in speech-making was always advocated by Brother Dawson. This toast was cordially proposed from the chair in all the Lodges of the Province, and it was equally well received by the brethren everywhere. This might be taken as an indication that the Prov. Grand Officers had done good suit and service to the Craft, and had admirably fulfilled their duties. On behalf of his brother Officers Bro. Dawson returned thanks for the warmth of the reception given to their names, and added that if the Provincial Grand Master were present he would bear testimony to the ability displayed by each and all of them in the performance of arduous duties. The utmost harmony and good-feeling pervaded the Province, and not a spark of jealousy could be discovered amongst the brethren. He referred to the difficulty attending the selection of fit and proper candidates for the purple. Where there were so many brethren who were eligible it became a somewhat serious matter to decide. However, their names were "on the list," and their claims for office would not be overlooked. Before sitting down, he asked them to drink with him to the health of their excellent Worshipful Master. He rather felt for Bro. Townsend, inasmuch as he had to follow Bro. Graves. It was all very well for a brother to accept the responsibilities of office, but it was by no means an easy task to carry them out. Still the evidence he had already given of his ability and love for Masonry warranted them in the expectation that Bro. Townsend would discharge those duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. It was evident he had the sympathies of all with him, for they had striven might and main in preparing the decorations which embellished the Lodge-room and banquet tables, and which gave to the scene such an air of elegance and brilliancy. The appearance of the Lodge-room, with the beautiful display of softened lights, was absolutely unique. He could confidently say that the Corn Exchange at Watford, which, as was well known, frequently presented a gay and festive appearance, had never been seen to more advantage than it had that night. The Worshipful Master, after duly acknowledging the manner in which the toast had been received, said he fully appreciated their kindness in placing him in the proud position he now occupied. He hoped he should be able to fulfil the anticipations which had been formed by their worthy Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and carry out the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the brethren. He next proposed the Immediate Past Master, and in doing so observed that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master had said well as to the difficulty of following such an excellent Master as Bro. Graves had proved himself to be. However, he would strive to the utmost of his ability to emulate the example of his predecessor. After passing a warm encomium upon Bro. Graves, for the admirable manner in which he performed the installation ceremony, he presented him with the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge, as a mark of appreciation and esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the brethren during his year of office. He trusted that Bro. Graves might live for many years to wear it, as a reminder of his happy connection with the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, and of the high regard in which he was held by every member of it. Bro. Graves was then made the recipient of a copy of the large picture of the Installation of the Prince of Wales, at the Albert Hall, elegantly framed and glazed. In acknowledging these gifts, Bro. Graves I.P.M. said his heart was too full to admit of his adequately expressing his emotions on the present occasion. He need merely say he should prize the jewel as long as he should live, and then he hoped it would be handed down as an heirloom to his family. With respect to the presentation of the picture, the brethren had stolen a march upon him; he did not think that Watford could have kept a secret so closely as they had done this. He trusted he might be spared many years to assist in promoting the welfare of the Lodge and to enjoy the confidence and esteem of the brethren, which had been so cordially and kindly expressed to him on this occasion. Bro. Graves resumed his seat amidst hearty and prolonged applause. The W.M. then, in felicitous terms, proposed the Visitors, of which he

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The Banquet will take place at the Abercorn Hotel, at 5 p.m. Tickets 8s 6d, exclusive of wine.

N.B.—Companions intending to remain for the banquet are requested to send their names to the Prov. G S.E., with a remittance, before Wednesday, the 11th May, as no ticket will be issued after that date.

In order to make arrangements for the conveyance of the Companions and their Visitors, it is necessary that every Companion should inform the P.G. Scribe E., not later than 11th May, whether he intends to be present or not, and the number of Visitors he intends to bring.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Lodge of the Mark Master Masons of West Yorkshire was held on the 20th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, under the banner of the Copley Lodge, No. 111. The R.W. Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Provincial Grand Mark Master of West Yorkshire, presided, and there were present—V.W. Bro. Rev. T. C. D. Smyth, D.D., Grand Chaplain as D.P.G.M., Bros. Geo. Althorp Prov. S.W., H. France P.P.G.W. as P G.J.W., W. F. Tomlinson Prov. G.M.O., G. H. Radcliffe P.P.G.R. as Prov. G.S.O., John Turner Prov. G.J.O., Rev. W. Dunn Prov. G. Chap., W. R. Massie Prov. G. Registrar, W. Cooke P.P.G.O. Prov. G. Secretary, Geo. Hill Prov. G.S.D., James G. Lee Prov. G.J.D., H. A. Styring Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, E. J. Massie Prov. G. Dir. of Cere., Charles Greenwood Prov. G. Sword-Bearer, R. Hodgson as P.G.S.B., G. F. Carr as Prov. G. Organist, Fred. Barber Prov. G.I.G., William Ackroyd, G. H. Locking and James Dewhirst Prov. G. Stewards, S. Barrand as Prov. G. Tyler, J. W. Monckman P.P.G.W., Richard Nelson P.P.G.O., H. S. Holdsworth P.P.G.R., Thos. Robertshaw 58, Henry Oxley 110, Thomas Myers 111, W. Flockton 111, McGill 357, and others. The Provincial Grand Master in acknowledging the salutations of the brethren said :—

It gives me great pleasure to meet the members of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge in Leeds. This is the fifth time during the last ten years that we have met here, at the invitation of the Copley Lodge. Since we met at Sheffield we have added another to our list of West Yorkshire Lodges, the St. Chads, No. 374, which is named after the Saint to whom the Church is dedicated, of which its esteemed Master is the Vicar. Assisted by my Provincial Grand Officers and Deputy Provincial Grand Master it was my privilege to consecrate the Lodge in February last, and to instal our V.W. Brother the Rev. Dr. Smyth, Grand Chaplain of England, as its first Master. I am sure it is very gratifying to us as Mark Masons to know that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has appointed our worthy Brother Grand Chaplain of England of the Craft for the ensuing year, thus enabling our honoured Brother to hold at the same time the office of Grand Chaplain of England both in Craft and Mark Masonry. I am sure I am only re-echoing the wishes of all here when I offer him our hearty congratulations, and express the hope that it may please the G.A.O.T.U. to grant him health and strength long to enjoy the honours showered upon him. I may say that our Halifax brethren have petitioned for an Ark Mariners' Lodge, to be attached to their Mark Lodge, and that the Grand Master has granted the petition. The Lodge will be consecrated by Brother C. F. Matier, on the 16th May. We are on the eve of celebrating the completion of Her Majesty the Queen's fiftieth year as Sovereign of these realms, and I have thought it well to put upon the agenda for this meeting a resolution of congratulation. As Englishmen and as Masons we have much to be thankful for. During Her Majesty's reign Freemasonry has made wonderful progress; not only have our Lodges multiplied, but also our Charitable Institutions have made rapid strides. We have been free from the opposition that has assailed our Order in other lands—whether it be the anathema of the Pope, whether it be the uprooting of the Landmarks as in France, or the persistent and ever recurring assaults as in America. Let our loyalty to our Sovereign and our Grand Master, to whom we owe so much, be shown by a consistent carrying out of the great principles of the Order. I have recently received a letter from my Registrar, Bro. Rudyard Massie P.M., making two valuable suggestions, for which I thank him very sincerely. First he recommends that as we have begun the quarterage system, we should require each Lodge to keep an Official Register, as in the Craft, wherein shall be entered copies of the yearly returns of Master, Past Masters, and Officers; and second, he recommends that when a brother seeks to join from another town where there is a Mark Lodge inquiry should be made of such Lodge before he is admitted. Those of us who have endeavoured to draw up the history, or obtain information about our Lodges in the past, have found how very useful copies of the lists of members have proved. We cannot be too particular as to our records, and I heartily recommend the Provincial Grand Registrar's suggestions for your adoption. May I, before I sit down, say a few words, which appeared very recently in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE—words I am sure that ought to have the most careful attention of every earnest Mark Mason. Speaking of Past Masters that Journal says: "A useful Past Master is one who is diligent in his attendance at Lodge, one who did not go through the chairs *pro formâ*, but who was in truth as well as in name—Master. His growth as a Mason continues until the day of his death. He is a teacher who is always a learner. His education as a Mason he feels is never completed . . . . . The purely ornamental Past Master is one who loses not his interest in the Lodge sufficiently to be absent from it, but who when present is content to sit perfectly quiet . . . He occupies his place but does not fill it. He wears the title, but does not wear himself." Brethren, Freemasonry is an Institution founded upon and growing out of the necessities of men, as social, intellectual and religious beings. It has proved its capacity for adapting itself to these wants in all ages. Amid the rivalries and antagonisms of actual life there is a longing of the soul for union and brotherly love, and for such necessities as will satisfy the longings of our social nature. It is upon this principle that our Order is founded; hence it cannot fail to exist. It must grow and prosper with the development of man's better sentiments. It is not aggressive, it is not obtrusive, it makes no issues, it sets up no rivalries with other Institutions; but gathering up the ages it recognises the inner cravings of the soul and the universal brotherhood of man, forgetting all else in its devotion to his higher and better needs.

The acting D.P.G.M. also very feelingly acknowledged the salutations and warm approval that had been shown in his appointment in the Grand Lodge and the Grand Mark Lodge. On the roll of the Lodges being called the whole of those in the Province were found to be represented. On the motion of the Provincial Grand Master the following address was adopted, with acclamation :—

May it please Your Majesty,—We, the members of the Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, in Grand Lodge assembled, humbly crave permission to approach Your Majesty, and sincerely tender our loyal and dutiful congratulations on the attainment of the 50th year of Your Majesty's happy and prosperous reign. We most earnestly pray that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe long to spare Your Majesty to reign over your vast Empire, and to grant to all the various races of mankind, who gratefully enjoy Your Majesty's beneficent rule, continued happiness, prosperity, and peace.

Leeds, 20th April 1887.

The V.W. Dr. Smyth then delivered the Lecture on Mark Masonry. On the motion of the Provincial Grand Registrar it was agreed that each Lodge in the Province be required to keep an Official Lodge Register, in which should be copied the returns to the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, and also that when a brother seeks to become a member in another town than that in which he resides inquiry should be made of the Mark Lodge in that town. An invitation from the Lodge at Barnsley, to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge in that town, was accepted. The Provincial Grand Master said that at the last Lodge he had had the pleasure of presenting to each Master of a Lodge a copy of the Book of Constitutions to lay upon the pedestal, he now had pleasure in supplementing this gift by a copy of Provincial Grand Lodge Bye-Laws. Cordial thanks having been expressed for this gift, Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to high tea.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

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

BUSINESS.

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 19th January to the [illegible] April 1887, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows :—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter - -	320	9	0	Disbursements during the quarter -	261	12	0
„ Unappropriated Account -	205	0	1	Balance - -	478	11	6
Subsequent Receipts -	421	17	0	„ Unappropriated Account -	207	2	7
	£947	6	1		£947	6	1

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

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

1st. From Companions Captain Hugh McLellan as Z., Francis

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James Smith as H., John Joyce as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 604, Lyttelton, New Zealand, to be called "The Albert Edward Chapter," and to meet at Lyttelton, Canterbury, New Zealand.

2nd. From Companions Joseph Clever as Z., Richard Clowes as H., George Henry Finch as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Brooke Lodge, No. 2005, Chingford, to be called "The Brooke Chapter," and to meet at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, in the county of Essex.

3rd. From Companions George Cooper as Z., John Payne Hall as H., William Vernon as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Foresters' Lodge, No. 456, Uttoxeter, to be called "The Dove Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Uttoxeter, in the county of Stafford.

4th. From Companions James Harman as Z., William David John as H., Francis Pinney Adey as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Windsor Lodge, No. 1754, Penarth, to be called "The Tennant Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Penarth, in the East District of South Wales.

5th. From Companions Hugh Marcus Hobbs as Z., Joseph David Langton as H., James Shepherd Fraser as J., and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, Croydon, to be called "The George Price Chapter," and to meet at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, in the County of Surrey.

6th. From Companions Edwin Turner as Z., Thomas Bynon as H., George Francis de Stadter as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Phœnix Lodge, No. 1860, Simons Town, to be called "The Phœnix Chapter," and to meet at Simons Town, Cape of Good Hope, South Africa.

7th. From Companions Nicholas Belfield Dennys as Z., John Phillips Barbet Beal as H., Frederick Kersey Jennings as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Royal Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1555, Penang, to be called "The Victoria Jubilee Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Penang, Eastern Archipelago.

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

The Committee have also received the following Petitions praying for Charters of Confirmation, the originals being lost.

From the Principals and Members of the Chapter of Faith, No. 321, Crewe, Cheshire.

From the Principals and Members of the Tynte Chapter, No. 379, Bath.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of these requests, recommend that Charters of Confirmation for the above named Chapters be granted.

The Committee have likewise received a memorial, with copy of minutes, for permission to remove the Ezra Chapter, No. 1489, from the Ball's Pond-road, to the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Islington.

The Committee recommend that the removal of this Chapter be sanctioned.

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

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
20th April 1887.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

CONSECRATION OF THE FRANCIS WHITE CHAPTER, No. 1437.

A NEW Royal Arch Chapter—the first since the appointment, in 1883, of M.E. Comp. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., as Grand Superintendent—was consecrated at the Golden Lion Hotel, Romford, on Wednesday afternoon, the 20th inst., before a large and representative gathering of Royal Arch Masons. The Chapter, which is attached to the Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437, is named the "Francis White," after its first Z. The Chapter was opened soon after four o'clock, the Grand Superintendent being assisted by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Comps. Vero W. Taylor P.Z. 276 P.G.H. as H., Alfred Welch P.Z. 51 P.G.J. as J., Thos. J. Ralling P.Z. 51 P.G.S.E. as S.E., H. E. Dehane H. 890 as S.N., Albert Lucking P.Z. 1000 P.G.D.C. as D.C. At the call of the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Alfred Welch delivered an interesting oration, after which the consecration was proceeded with in antient form, the musical portions being admirably rendered by a concert party from London. The next business was the installation of the Principals, the following being installed by the Grand Superintendent:—Comps. Francis A. White Z., Henry Mason H., Rev. Thos. Cochrane J. The Officers of the Chapter were then elected and installed as under:—Comps. R. J. Warren S.E., T. Beeson S.N., H. V. Clements Treasurer, T. Humphreys P.S., A. E. Albert 1st A.S., G. Young Janitor. The names of several brethren having been brought forward for exaltation, the M.E.Z. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Grand Superintendent and other Provincial Grand Officers who had assisted him in the ceremony of the day, and asked them to accept the honorary membership of the Chapter. The proposition having been carried by acclamation, the Grand Superintendent, on behalf of himself and the other Provincial Grand Officers, thanked the company for the compliment that had been paid them, which they accepted with gratification. He had been very pleased to be present that day to consecrate this new Chapter. It was now twelve years since a Chapter had been consecrated in Essex; and he trusted that this one would prosper and be a source of strength to the Province of Essex. Chapter was shortly afterwards closed; and about 40 Companions subsequently dined together at the Golden Lion Hotel, a sumptuous repast being provided by the host, Mr. Reynolds. The usual R.A. toasts were duly honoured; and, in reply to the toast of his health, the Grand Superintendent announced that he proposed to hold his next Provincial Grand Chapter at Chingford, under the banner of the Hope and Unity Chapter, on the 18th of May. Among the Companions present, besides those already mentioned, were Comps. Andrew Durrant P.Z. 276 P.G. Treasurer, E. E. Phillips P.Z. and S.E. 1000 P.P.G.J., W. D. Merritt Z. 1000 P.G. Standard Bearer, G. Cowell P.Z. 214 P.G.S.N., A. J. Manning P.Z. 207, A. C. Veley M.E.Z. 276, F. Whitmore P.Z. 276 P.G.P.S., John J. C. Turner Z. 51 P.P.G.O., &c. Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend was received from Colonel Shadwell Clerke G.S.E. Eng., Colonel Burdett Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, and other distinguished Royal Arch Masons.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON CHAPTER, No. 1602.

A REGULAR Convocation of this Chapter was held on the 22nd inst., at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury. Comps. John Greenfield P.M. 795 and 1602 M.E.Z., E. Woodman P.M. 1950 H., Edwin Payne I.P.M. 1602 J., J. Osborn P.Z. S.E., J. Weston P.Z. Treasurer, W. C. Wigley Principal Soj., Jones, Cutbill, Garner, McLaren and others. Visitors—Harling 795, Snook 1602. Thomas Janitor. The chief business of the evening was the exaltation of Bro. R. H. Homan W.M. elect 1602, and the unanimous election of J. Weston P.Z. as Treasurer. An excellent dinner was supplied by Bro. Baker, who by devoting his personal attention to all details never fails to please the brethren. The usual toasts were cordially given and responded to; that of the exaltee was particularly well received, this new Companion being, as the M.E.Z. remarked, an admirable worker in the Craft, and a most welcome accession to the Chapter. The proceedings closed at an early hour.

PRESENTATION AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

MISS DAVIS, the Head Governess of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was made the recipient of a handsome testimonial on Saturday last, on the occasion of the annual visit of the Grand Stewards to the School, at Battersea Rise. It consisted of a pair of handsome bracelets and a purse of one hundred guineas, and was presented by Bro. Sir John Monckton P.G.W., Vice-Patron of the Institution. In doing so Sir John referred to the able manner in which Miss Davis had performed her arduous duties, and especially, the great rise which had been effected in the standard of the education imparted in the School. As evidence of this, he referred to the large number of pupils who, year by year, had successfully passed the Cambridge Local Examinations, in addition to those who had secured diplomas from the Royal College of Preceptors, and had also passed the examinations by the Science and Art Department at South Kensington. Miss Davis briefly acknowledged the gifts, after which the company witnessed the calisthenic exercises, which the pupils most gracefully performed. The proceedings terminated with music and recitations.

A Committee has been formed to make arrangements for a testimonial, to be presented to Bro. E. Ayling P.M. 975, Preceptor of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, which meets at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith. Bro. A. Williams is the Secretary.

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

We understand that Bro. James Terry has secured the consent of Bro. Sir George Elliot, Provincial Grand Master for the Eastern Division of South Wales, to announce that he will act as President at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

At a meeting of the Æconomy Chapter, No. 76, on Wednesday, the 20th instant, after some exaltations, Comp. W. H. Jacob was re-elected first Principal, Comp. Pottle second, and Comp. Marks third. Comp. Stephers P.Z. was re-elected Treasurer, and Comp. Doswell S.E.

Our esteemed brother, Charles Lacey P.M. 174, Past Prov. G.J.D. Herts, &c., was recently re-elected, at the head of the poll, to a seat on the Board of Guardians of Mile End Old Town.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London or Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

£20.—TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—An illustrated guide, regd. (136 pp.) "How to Open Respectably from £20 to £2000," 3 Stamps. H. MYERS & Co., Cigar and Tobacco Merchants, 107 to 111 Euston Road, London. Wholesale only. Telephone No. 7541. General Shopfitters. Estimates free.

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was pleased and proud to see so large a number present. Bro. Casson, in the course of his response, eulogised the working of the Lodge, which he described as uniformly excellent throughout. Speaking of the Installing Officer he observed that he always considered a good musician could not but make a good Mason, a fact which was abundantly proven in the person of Bro. Graves. Bro. Llewellyn Jones was the next to respond; he remarked that although a prophet was said never to secure honour in his own country, yet he ventured to prophesy that the coming year would be a very successful one, and that at the end of it the W.M. would stand as high in the estimation of the brethren of his Lodge as he did at the present moment. The Senior Warden next proposed the Masonic Charities, with which toast he associated the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan. In responding, Bro. Morgan said it afforded him much gratification to find that his name was connected with this important toast. On behalf of the executive of the Institutions he took the opportunity of thanking the Lodge for the support which it had hitherto accorded to the Charities. At that late hour, when so many brethren from a distance were anxious to catch their train, he would follow the rule—which had been so well observed throughout the evening—of brevity in the remarks he desired to make. The first Festival of the year was that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; this proved an eminent success, and the result announced on that night had since been supplemented by an intimation from the Province of West Yorkshire that the brethren there resolved to provide a round sum of two thousand guineas, to be appropriated to perpetual presentations. This left Bro. Terry in a very happy position, so far as the demands of the present year were concerned. With respect to the Girls' School Festival, the speaker referred to the action of its executive in admitting the whole of the candidates on this quarter's list; the Girls' Institution was unquestionably deserving of support. It was perhaps somewhat unfortunate that the Boys' Festival came last of the three. Taking into consideration there were important matters that required the immediate attention of the brethren of the Lodge, in respect of the coming Meeting at the Albert Hall, in celebration of the Royal Jubilee, they could hardly hope to receive the name of a Steward for the Girls' School; but he (Bro. Morgan) sincerely trusted that, this being an exceptional year, the Worshipful Master of the Clarendon Lodge would consent to act as a Steward at the Boys' Festival, and that he would be backed up strongly and staunchly by the members of the Lodge. Bro. Binckes had not yet succeeded in securing the services of a Chairman for his Festival, but there was not the slightest doubt that this difficulty would speedily be surmounted. The Wardens and Officers of the Lodge acknowledged the complimentary way in which their health had been proposed by the W.M. and soon afterwards the Tyler closed the official programme. The proceedings were of a throughly harmonious and enjoyable description throughout, the pleasure of the guests being enhanced by selections of music, under the direction of Bro. W. T. Graves, assisted by Bros. H. J. Dutton, Henry Parkins, Albert Hubbard, Henry Haywood, and George Young, with the Misses Large and Graves.

Obituary.

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BRO. JOHN BOND, P.M. 889.

With much regret we announce the death of Brother John Bond, a Mason well known in the Province of Surrey, and to lovers of the Thames as one of the proprietors of the Sun Hotel, Kingston. The sad event occurred on Thursday, the 21st instant, our brother succumbing after but a few days' illness, at the early age of 43. Bro. Bond was initiated in the Dobie Lodge, No. 889, of which he was a P.M.; he was for some years subscribing member of the Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656; later on he joined the Brownrigg, No. 1638, and was a member at the time of his death. He was P.P.G.P. Surrey, and P.Z. Chapter 889. He was likewise President of the Junior Kingston Rowing Club; Past Chairman of the Kingston Licensed Victuallers' Protection Association; and Immediate Past Trustee of the Licensed Victuallers' School. The interment took place at Kingston Cemetery, on Tuesday, the 26th instant, the Vicar of Kingston, the Rev. A. S. W. Young, officiating. The body was met at the gates of the Cemetery by a very large gathering of friends, amongst whom were members of the Corporation, and of the Board of Guardians of Kingston. The drive from the gates to the chapel was lined by members of the Junior Kingston Rowing Club, the Licensed Victuallers' Protection Association, and brethren of the Brownrigg, Dobie, Wolsey and Arnold Lodges, amongst whom were several Provincial Grand Officers of Surrey:—Bros. W. Lane P.M. 1638 P.G.S.B., J. W. Moorman P.G.A.D.C., Abel Laurence P.M. and Secretary 1638 P.P.G.S.D., George Porter P.P.G.S.B., &c., &c. The coffin was covered with magnificent wreaths; one from the Brownrigg Lodge, composed of white lilies, white azaleas, maiden hair fern and acacia; the Middlesex Yeomanry, the Rowing Club, and most of the Institutions of the town also sent wreaths. After dropping their sprigs of acacia, the brethren separated at the Cemetery gates.

The following is the list of the Grand Officers appointed at the Grand Festival on Wednesday:—

Bro. Prince Albert Victor	Senior Warden
General Viscount Wolseley	Junior Warden
Rev. Dr. Thomas Cartwright Smyth	Chaplains
Rev. G. W. Weldon	Chaplains
Richard Eve	Treasurer
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	Registrar
Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke	Secretary
Dr. E. E. Wendt, D.C.L.	Sec. German Cor.
Burdett-Coutts	Senior Deacons
George Cooper	Senior Deacons
F. S. Knyvett	Junior Deacons
V. P. Freeman	Junior Deacons
Sir Horace Jones	Superintendent of Works
Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter)	Director of Ceremonies
E. A. Baylis	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
J. L. Mather	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
W. M. Bywater	Sword Bearer
Charles Pendelow	Standard Bearers
George Beach	Standard Bearers
Sir Arthur Sullivan	Organist
W. H. Perryman	Pursuivant
W. Hopekirk	Assistant Pursuivant
Henry Sadler	Tyler

The following were appointed Grand Stewards:—Bros. Henry Hacker, George Weldon, Edwin Farley, Frederick Gordon Brown, W. H. Rylands, Major Thomas P. Powell, C. Critchett, S. G. Glanville, S. R. V. Robinson, Arthur Hill, R. Clowser, D. B. Ledsam, John A. Wilson, G. D. G. Tanbman, W. J. Parker, A. J. Lawrence, G. L. Eyles, and Sir Lionel Edward Darell, Bart.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Lyceum.—The successful run that attended "Faust" having come to an end, Mr. Irving last Saturday evening started his revivals with Leopold Lewis's adaptation from "The Polish Jew,"—"The Bells," this being supplemented by "Jingle." The contrast between the characters of Mathias and Alfred Jingle is great, and it was almost impossible to believe that the latter was represented by the individual we had just seen as Mathias. Mr. Irving had his audience with him from start to finish, and after the confession and death, they broke out into thunders of applause. Fresh business and by-play has been introduced, adding to the effect, while the whole manifested the care that is bestowed on Mr. Irving's productions. As Alfred Jingle, Mr. Irving was in his happiest vein, and peals of laughter re-echoed through the house. Able support was given by the other members of the Lyceum company. The present revival will run till 14th May; on the 16th "The Merchant of Venice" will be played.

Olympic.—Another change in the programme at this house having to be resorted to, Miss Grace Hawthorne decided to place Mr. James Mortimer's adaptation of Alex. Dumas' "La Dame Aux Camelias',' "Heartsease," in the evening bill. It is only a few weeks since we had opportunity to notice Miss Hawthorne's representation of Marguerite Gautier, consequently we need only add she has made the present representation even more effective; her strong emotional powers are well brought out, and she secures the sympathies of her audience. Miss Hawthorne is supported by almost the same company as assisted on the previous occasion, the only important change being that of M. Maurice Gally, in place of Mr. Laurence Cautley. The abilities of M. Gally are well known, through his association with Madame Sarah Bernhardt. His performance denotes the great care he takes to make the character of Armand Duval vie with the others, and when he rids himself of a habit of quaint gesticulation he will be still more effective. Mr. Leonard Outram is an excellent Count de Varville; while Messrs. W. E. Blatchley, Wallace Erskine, Rothery Evans, Hubert Byron, Misses Lizzie Fletcher, Alice Chandos, Emelie Calhaem, and Dolores Drummond all render good service.

Alhambra.—Among the present attractions at this house is a lively and graceful gymnast—Geraldine. This lady goes through some daring acts with the greatest ease; her performance throughout is characteristic of the daring of an expert. Another feature of the programme is the performance of the Brothers Griffiths, with their Blondin donkey; this is as funny a piece of fooling as one might wish to see. Miss Lydia Yeamans, fresh from the Avenue, renders "Sally in our Alley" in her well-known style. The other artistes engaged are fully up to the Alhambra standard, while the two charming ballets, "Dresdina" and "The Seasons," prove as attractive as ever.

In consequence of the severe indisposition of Messrs. George Stone and W. Guise, the performance of "Blue Ribbons" has been postponed to Wednesday, 11th May. The services of Mr. Lionel Rignold and Mr. W. Shine have been secured.

Mr. Charles Harris will take his first Benefit, at the Gaiety Theatre, on Saturday morning, 28th May, when an unusually attractive programme will be presented.

The following Festivals took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 30th April 1887:—

Monday—Old Acquaintance Musical (Smoking Concert) Society, Old King's Arms Lodge, Royal Somerset House, Mess Dinner 21st Middlesex. Tuesday—Royal York Chapter, Lodge of Prudent Brethren, Royal Savoy Lodge, Baptist Mission Society (Tea). Wednesday—Grand Lodge Festival, Sinaitonian Society, Jordan Lodge. Thursday—Grenadiers' Lodge. Polish National Lodge Friday—Britannic Lodge, Gavel Club.

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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 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)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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-st., W., at 8

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 2nd MAY.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Rope-maker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
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.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2098—Harleaden, National School, Harlesden
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
860—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1542—Legiolum, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Cwer-street, Swansea
1575—Olive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
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. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull

TUESDAY, 3rd MAY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
15—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
36—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Londenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
144—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
177—Dramatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
254—Tabernacle, 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)
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
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
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)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 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
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
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, 4th MAY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred Rooms Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
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. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
1298—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1734—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)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria St., S.W., at 7.30 (I)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1923—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Cumberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 17—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent-street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
126—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
205—Antiquities, Freemasons' Hall, Hockenden Lane
217—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
293—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
328—Monta, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street Bristol
327—Wigton St. John Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
421—Silurian, Freemasons Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Oundle
624—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
666—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
646—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Blesmere, Church House, Worsley, Farnworth, near Bolton
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
733—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
810—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
892—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1067—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction)
1088—Barrington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley

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1187—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, 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. 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
R.A. 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 5th 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.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1506—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1539—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E. C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1575—H. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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. (In.)
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 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, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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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, Northampton House, 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.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
36—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
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.
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Ratcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Bugdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Baltring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland

1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Totnham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alfords Chambers, Walton
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
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—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. 496—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 6th MAY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.3
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1186—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)
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, Port and Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (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
401—Royal Forest, Bark to Bounty Inn, Shaldourn
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
455—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Hill, Chigwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Parkfield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
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, Horham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1684—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
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, 7th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Stree
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sitas Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
300—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1496—Hora Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent

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THE JUBILEE COMMEMORATION.

WITH the utmost possible promptitude, dependent upon the convenience of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, we have been placed in possession of the date fixed for the great Masonic Jubilee Commemoration at the Albert Hall, namely, Monday, 13th June. This announcement has been conveyed to Masters of Lodges officially by the Grand Secretary, with the request that they will notify the fact to the brethren who intend to be present as soon as possible. As a consequence, there has naturally been a large amount of agitation in the various Lodges, almost amounting to rivalry, as to who shall be the privileged ones to meet His Royal Highness on that memorable occasion; and in some instances slight difficulties have arisen as to the apportionment of the tickets. Of course we cannot put more into a quart pot than it will hold, and the Albert Hall, as was proved on the occasion of the Prince of Wales's installation, twelve years ago, can at the utmost accommodate some eight or nine thousand, even when packed as closely as figs in a drum. Care has, therefore, had to be exercised by those who have had to make the arrangements for this gathering to provide against anything like a plethora of applications for tickets of admisssion, which would have been the inevitable result had no limit been placed on the number of representatives from each of the Lodges. Even now, considering the extent of the roll since the accession of our present Most Worshipful Grand Master, a serious obstacle would be presented if every Lodge within the jurisdiction of United Grand Lodge were to send up its minimum of five; but it may be reasonably assumed that some of our more distant Lodges may not require the number of tickets stipulated—for reasons that are obvious. In order to meet the case as far as possible, and to reduce the feeling of disappointment that might otherwise be caused by members of Lodges wishful to be present on an occasion so momentous in the history of English Freemasonry, the Grand Secretary points out in his circular that "as a large number of Lodges have expressed a desire to be furnished with more than five tickets, it would be advisable if Lodges were to state any extra number they may wish for, so that in case there should be any left they may be distributed pro râta." The almost invariable rule adopted at Lodges we have attended is that the Master, one of the Wardens, and one of the P.M.'s are selected as the representatives on the occasion; the two tickets remaining being allotted by ballot. Of course there are many who look askance at the affair, and would rejoice at even the slightest chance of being included in the favoured company. Bearing in mind the deep disappointment felt by brethren who were unable to gain admission at the Albert Hall on the occasion of His Royal Highness's installation, we could have wished that a building of more adequate dimensions had been at the disposal of the executive for the Jubilee Festival; still there can be little doubt that all these matters have been taken into consideration, and the best provision made that is possible under the circumstances. An erroneous impression is conveyed by a paragraph that has found its way into some of the newspapers, to the effect that the gathering on 13th June is a "special meeting of Grand Lodge," but this, of course, is so absurd that it may be dismissed without comment. The real and ostensible object of the meeting is to formulate and present an address of congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the completion of the Fiftieth Year of her benign and Prosperous Reign, and by that means to testify to the loyalty and devotion of the thousands of her subjects owing allegiance to English Freemasonry. That the assemblage will be one of the most brilliant and imposing ever witnessed in this or any other country, from a Masonic point of view, goes without saying, and we can only offer our congratulations to those who are already, or who may become, the fortunate possessors of tickets they will admit them to one of the most splendid Masonic demonstrations the world has ever seen.

The following is the full text of the circular:—

FREEMASON' HALL, GT. QUEEN STREET, LONDON, W.C.
5th May 1887.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the pleasure to inform you that His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to fix Four o'Clock p.m. on Monday, the 13th June next, for the Masonic Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall.

May I request that you will be good enough to notify this to the brethren who intend to be present, as soon as possible.

As a large number of Lodges have expressed a desire to be furnished with more than Five Tickets, it would be advisable if Lodges were to state any extra number they may wish for, so that in case there should be any over for disposal, they may be distributed pro râta.

Yours fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE,
G. Sec.

THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual general meeting of the two branches of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held on Friday, the 20th inst., when a proposition will be submitted to the Subscribers that a Committee be appointed to consider the desirability of altering the day of election; such Committee to confer with those appointed by the two other Institutions, and to report on the matter. There is no doubt this Committee will be regularly appointed, and in due course will consult with the representatives of the other Institutions, with, we hope, satisfactory results. There is another proposition on the agenda of a somewhat similar character, but that we may expect to see withdrawn, if the Committee of Inquiry is appointed. The next business to be transacted will be the annual election of Annuitants, which promises to produce as severe a struggle as any which have preceded it.

We learn from the balloting papers that altogether there are one hundred and twenty-eight candidates, of whom thirty-one only are to be elected to immediate annuities, and six others to deferred annuities, so that there will remain at the close of the poll no less than ninety-one old people for whom the Benevolent Institution can do nothing for at least another twelve months. The number of candidates to be elected will be increased before the election, so as to allow of the filling of all vacancies which may have been caused by death between the time of issuing the ballot papers and the opening of the poll, thus the number of the unsuccessful will be correspondingly diminished, but we cannot look for any great

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relief from this cause, and the fact remains that about two-thirds of the candidates eligible for election will be unable to obtain any present relief from the Charity. What their chance may be of living to take part in another contest it is not for us to say; doubtless many of them will be spared, while some are sure to be called away ere they have another chance of competing for the coveted aid provided by the Craftsmen of England. It would be wrong to say that any deaths which may occur before next year's contest among those unsuccessful at this election would not have taken place had it been possible for the whole of the present candidates to be admitted to a participation in the benefits of the Institution, but unfortunately cases have arisen where an unsuccessful candidate's death has been accelerated by want of those comforts an annuity would have secured. Bearing these facts in mind—the number of candidates and the possible hardships which may be in store for those unsuccessful at the coming contest—it behoves us to do all that lies in our power in aid of this Institution, which dispenses the charity of English Freemasons among the aged of both sexes, but is at present unable to do all that is required of it, for want of the necessary funds.

Of the one hundred and twenty-eight candidates fifty-one are aged Masons, and for these the balloting papers proclaim but nine vacancies—of which *six* are to receive immediate annuities and three deferred, thus leaving forty-two candidates for whom no benefits are available. Of the male applicants one now appeals for the sixth time, two have taken part in four previous elections, one in three, and twenty-two in one, while the remaining twenty-five now appear on the lists for the first time.

The widows eligible for the election are seventy-seven in number; of these one now applies for the ninth time, two for the seventh, eight for the fifth, seven for the fourth, thirteen for the third, and twenty-one for the second, while twenty-five make their first application. There are twenty-eight declared vacancies available—twenty-five for immediate annuities, and three for deferred—so that the proportion of annuities available is larger in this branch than in the Male, in consequence of the large number of extra Widows' vacancies declared as a means of celebrating the Jubilee year of Her Majesty the Queen.

We feel that little good can result from our entering into any lengthened analysis of the different candidates, or of the special features which render them eligible for the annuities they seek to secure. The particulars supplied to each subscriber are sufficient to awaken the strongest feelings of sympathy, and to attempt anything like a comparison between the merits of the respective candidates would perhaps do more harm than good, and would doubtless hurt the feelings of many of those on the list—a list from which it would be difficult to name one case of ineligibility, for be it remembered that the laws of the Institution only allow its benefits to be applied for by those really too aged to work, and for whom no adequate provision exists. All we can ask is, for each Subscriber who has not already pledged his vote to run through the list—lengthy though it be—and if he does not there find one candidate for whom he thinks his sympathy is requisite, he will at least be convinced of the great need there is for this Institution, and of the very strong claims it has on the Masons of England. If he cannot render any further help himself, in the way of funds, he may be able to influence others to do so, as it cannot be denied there are yet thousands in our midst who are able to give something who have not yet enrolled themselves on the list of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

G. LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WE have received copy of an Abstract of the Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, "in union with the Most Ancient and Honourable Grand Lodges in Europe and America, according to the Old Constitutions." A Special Communication was held in the city of Malden, on Tuesday, 27th February last, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic apartments of the Mount Vernon Lodge. The Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. Henry Endicott presided, supported by the Deputy Grand Master Bro. Abraham H. Howland jun. and a full attendance of Grand Officers. Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, a procession of the Grand Officers was formed by the Grand Marshal, and escorted by a Committee of the Past Masters to the Lodge-room, where the members of the Mount Vernon Lodge were assembled, together with a large number of visiting brethren and ladies. The Grand Master was cordially welcomed by Bro. G. L. Griffin Worshipful Master of Mount Vernon Lodge, who resigned to him the Oriental chair; and the Grand Officers assumed their respective stations. Prayers were offered by the Grand Chaplain, the working tools were surrendered by the architect, Bro. C. L. Davenport, and the customary examination of the new building was made by the Grand Officers. The report being satisfactory, the Grand Master solemnly dedicated the apartments to Freemasonry, to Virtue, and to Universal Benevolence, in accordance with ancient form and usage and the ritual of this Grand Lodge; and the Grand Marshal made the proclamation accordingly. The Grand Master then delivered a lengthy and eloquent address, in the course of which he congratulated the brethren upon the auspicious occasion which had called them together. The influence of an institution revealed itself most clearly in the minds of the men who had honoured its principles and cherished its observances. It was to this test indeed that all institutions were finally brought for the verdict of humanity. Masonry had never been left without its witnesess, and on its rolls were the names of many men known far beyond its own ranks, for their high and enduring services to their fellow-men. Among them all no name stood higher than the Brother whose birthday they observed with grateful affection. Not only great in those qualities which distinguished him as a soldier and statesman, but equally faithful in the duties of domestic life and as a private citizen of the Republic, he was to them a noble example of those virtues which Masonry sought to inculcate. Too generous for bigotry in any form, too modest for self-seeking, too great for rivalry, he entered the Lodge room, a Fellow Craftsman and a brother, desiring only to advance the interests of the beloved Institution, and to manifest in his daily life the value of its life-guiding principles. Let the memory of Washington be to them, as a Fraternity, the same inspiration it had been to the nation he laboured to establish—a help towards carrying out, now and ever, those principles which he held dear. He then spoke of the pleasure it afforded the representatives of the Grand Lodge to congratulate the Mount Vernon Lodge on the completion of their Masonic home. Let it be something more to them than a fitting and convenient place for the performance of those Masonic duties to which it would be primarily devoted, important as these would ever remain. Let it also be a constant and strong inspiration to the fulfilment of every duty of life. As they assembled month after month in those rooms, might their beautiful ritual never fall on careless or inattentive ears. Might its principles so animate their hearts that every time they left the Hall it should be with a firmer determination to illustrate in their lives the truths which it was their aim to perpetuate. Let it be understood that to say of a man, "He belongs to Mount Vernon Lodge," was tantamount to saying of him, "He is a good man; one who would rather suffer wrong than commit it; who would endure injustice rather than be unjust; he is a good citizen, a faithful friend, an honest man." Again, the Grand Lodge was glad to represent to-day the interest which every Lodge felt in the welfare of every other Lodge. Each one was a bright gem in the circlet included under their jurisdiction; and if a single one of these were dimmed in its lustre it would be felt by the others, just as an injury to any part of the body was known throughout the entire system. So, too, the prosperity of one conduced to the stronger life of all. Fraternity was one of the mighty watchwords of the Order. In this Temple they met on a common footing. Forgotten were the differences of sect, of class, of political party. On this fraternal feeling much of the prosperity of a Lodge depended; and that they already knew the truth of this was shown by the united effort which had enabled them to build this new home. At the conclusion of the Grand Master's address, he introduced the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Fielder Israel, who added a few words peculiarly appropriate to the occasion. The Grand Officers then withdrew to the place of opening, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form. A sumptuous banquet followed,

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and an entertainment, consisting of music and character delineations, concluded the exercises of the evening.

A Quarterly Committee of the Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, 9th March, when there was a very large gathering, under the presidency of Bro. R. M. Field Deputy Grand Master. Grand Lodge having been opened in due form and prayer offered by Bro. the Rev. C. H. Leonard, D.D., the records of previous Communications were read and approved. Certain bye-laws were presented and adopted. The Recording Grand Secretary announced the death of Bro. Jonas A. Marshall, M.D., of Fitchburg, who served the office of J.G.W. in 1854. It was resolved to prepare and present a memorial of the deceased for the records of Grand Lodge. The charter of Mount Holyoke Lodge, which perished in the fire that destroyed the Hall at South Hadley Falls, in 1870, was renewed. The sum of 500 dollars was placed at the disposal of the Committee on Charity. Some time was spent in considering the report of the Committee on Bye-laws, and the report of the Commissioners on Trials, both of which were adopted. An interesting report was presented by Bro. R. Briggs on "Collection of Masonic Relics," and a standing committee was appointed to collect, preserve, and display such articles of Masonic interest as they might be able to gather, in the Masonic Temple, at Boston. After the transaction of some minor business, a vote of sympathy for the Grand Master, in his protracted illness, and an expression of hope for his speedy recovery, was passed, which terminated the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

"MASONIC RECORDS" AND BROTHER JACOB NORTON.

By Bro. John Lane.

HAVING no desire to continne a controversy with Bro. Norton, I nevertheless feel it necessary, in reply to his last communication, to say that it is no answer whatever to my former articles, and I am very much afraid Bro. Norton has not carefully read my "Notes on the Early Minute Book of the Premier Grand Lodge of England," for if he had apprehended the full meaning of the facts they contain, he would scarcely have made such mistakes as his last article furnishes.

Bro. Norton, in introducing much extraneous and irrelevant matter, contributes very little towards a satisfactory settlement of the point at issue, whilst all I have attempted to do has been to *chronicle facts* and to draw from them the most probable and reasonable inferences. Having read over and studied all Bro. Norton desired me to do, and notwithstanding his sweeping condemnation of my conclusions, I do not withdraw any statement I have written on the subject of No. 79.

Bro. Norton's references to the engraved lists are manifestly open to serious question. How is he enabled to say that "the second Engraved List did not appear until two years after the first?" The earliest edition of the Engraved List, known as that of 1723 (because it bears that date on its first page), is in the Grand Lodge library, and is comprised in *five* pages. It contains a Lodge dated 27th March 1724, and must therefore be a 1724 edition of the List. The imprint ("Printed for and Sold by Eman Bowen, Engraver in Aldersgate Street"), which appears at the foot of the *fourth* page, as well as the date "1723", indicate a previous edition, so that there must have been one late in 1723, another in 1724, and we know very well there were, at least, *two* editions in 1725. Bro. Norton cannot surely be in a position seriously and dogmatically to affirm even that the first Engraved list of which we at present have any knowledge was the first that was ever issued, much less that there were no Engraved Lists issued between 1725 and 1729, or between 1729 and 1734. I am confident Bro. Norton cannot rely on either of the worthy brethren, with the weight of whose authority he sought to overwhelm me on 26th March, to concur in his wild and improbable conjecture.

But leaving what may be doubtful for what is certain, I am bound, *in the interests of truth*, to object entirely to Bro. Norton's statement in relation to the List of Lodges (of 1731-2) in the Grand Lodge Minute Book, which, he says, "contains not only the numbers and locations of the Lodges, but also *the names of the members of every Lodge*," and he adds, that he himself has "seen that record," and that "the record was written between 1730 and 1732, and contains one hundred and four Lodges."

I have, I think, shown conclusively* that this List was compiled very late in the year 1731, receiving additions from time to time down to the end of 1732, and that it contains only 102 Lodges and not 104. There are two blanks, to which I will refer presently. Now, history is being built up largely from statements such as Bro. Norton uses, and when he tells us he has actually *seen* the record which (as he alleges) *contains the names of the members of every Lodge*, of course he might reasonably expect to be believed. Unfortunately, Bro. Norton's statement is only about half true, for the names of the members are attached to only 54 of the Lodges out of the total number of 102. Now, if Bro. Norton's "statements of facts"—facts that can be tested and examined—are so incorrect and unreliable, what may we expect his conclusions and inferences to be?

To his question as to when the Grand Lodge of England ever granted two charters with one and the same number, I beg to refer Bro. Norton to the Preface to my "Masonic Records," pp. xviii, xix and xx.

The two blanks in the 1731-2 List do not help Bro. Norton's case at all, but are strong evidence in corroboration of the inference I drew, that there was a Lodge (*I do not say where it was located*), having the number 79, previous to that which subsequently appeared at the "Castle in Highgate."

The Grand Lodge records contain all the evidence I know of that will assist in a settlement of this question. No. 42, warranted 25th May 1725, at "King Henry 8th's Head, St. Andrews Street, near ye Seven Dials," appears only in the Grand Lodge Minutes for three meetings, in June, November, and December 1728. After that period it never attended, and it is out of the Lists in 1731-1733. A Lodge, however, appears on 13th December 1733, at the "Salutation, Billingsgate," which bore the same number 42, no less than *five years* after the period when the original Lodge ceased to be represented. No. 67, again, is still more conclusive. Warranted on 16th April 1730, at "Dick's Coffee House, Gravel Street, Hatton Garden," it attended Grand Lodge for the last time on 28th August in the same year. Then it ceases, its existence having been of very short duration, and was removed from the Lists. Late, however, in 1738 (I give this on the authority of Anderson, its first attendance at Grand Lodge being 31st January 1739), a Lodge appears at the "Castle at St. Giles's," with the same number 67, an interval of *eight years* having elapsed since the attendance of the original Lodge. On Brother Norton's own showing the old Lodge must have been erased, by virtue of the Grand Lodge Law of 24th February 1735.

I consequently draw a very plain common-sense inference, viz., that the vacant No. 79, as well as the vacant Nos. 42 and 67, were granted or assigned to, or were taken with the consent of Grand Lodge by, other brethren who united to form entirely new Lodges, altogether separate and distinct from the Lodges which previously bore the same numbers, and I commend this view of the subject to Bro. Norton's careful consideration.

In closing these remarks, I should add that during the printing of the early sheets of my "Masonic Records," I was unable to make such a minute and detailed analysis of the early London Lodges as I have more recently done, otherwise I should have distinguished the Lodges Nos. 42 and 67, above referred to, as 42*a*, 42*b*, 67*a* and 67*b* respectively, in a manner similar to that of No. 79.

I must thank you for allowing me to trespass so much on your space, and Bro. Norton will be good enough to understand that, so far as I am concerned, the discussion of this subject is ended.

* *Freemason*, 19th March 1887.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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OLD KING'S ARMS LODGE, No. 28.

AT the monthly meeting of this Lodge, on Monday, 25th April, two brethren were passed to the second degree, and the W.M.-elect, Bro. J. A. Farlowe, was duly installed into the chair, by Bro. J. Boulton. The following were appointed Officers:—Bros. Newland S.W., Meyers J.W., W. Pass Treasurer, Crombie Secretary, Biles S.D., Debenham J.D., H. Pass (son of the respected Treasurer of the Lodge) I.G., and Barret D.C. Sums of five guineas each were voted from the Benevolent Fund to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, to be placed on Bro. Boulton's list. Masonic business having thus been brought to a close, the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner. The usual toasts were drank, interspersed by some excellent singing, from Bros. Newland, Debenham, Barrat, and Price. The following visitors were present:—Bros. Armytage, Christian, D'Ardenne, Trew, C. P. Farlowe, Hakewell, Notley, Price, Tonkin, Balestra.

LODGE OF THE MARCHES, No. 611.

A GRAND Masonic Ball, in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was held under the auspices of this Lodge (of which Bro. Rowland J. Venables D.P.G.M. Shropshire is the W.M.), in the Ludlow Assembly Rooms, on Wednesday evening, the 20th ult., under the patronage of Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire; Bros. J. D. Allcroft P.G.Tr.; R. J. More, M.P., P.M.; and his Worship the Mayor of Ludlow, H. T. Weyman Esq. The following brethren officiated as Stewards, viz., J. Gray 262, A. S. Townsend 117, Roff King 601, J. E. Brooks, F. Cox, J. Cross, T. Everall, C. F. Keysell, E. Leake, H. Lloyd, R. McBean, Arthur Marston, J. Nickson, W. Norton, J. Peacock, W. Putman, T. Roberts, T. J. Salwey, W. E. Sharp, V. H. Valentine, R. G. Venables, C. W. Wickstead, J. H. Williams 611, H. T. Wakelam 1432, H. E. Roberts 1621, W. L. Southwell 1621, A. G. Hudson 892. The brethren present wore full Masonic clothing (by dispensation), and officers of the Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces, and members of the Ludlow and other hunts, appeared in uniform. The room was profusely decorated, in the west side the banner of the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117; above this a trophy of flags, shield, and streamers. Next came the banner of St. John's Lodge, Wellington, No. 601, over which was a trophy of flags, streamers, and shield, Prince of Wales plume. Then came the banner of Castle Lodge, Bridgnorth, No. 1621; above being placed a trophy of flags, streamers, and shield, with the Royal monogram in gilt on a blue ground. Next we observed the banner of the Audley Lodge, Whitchurch, No. 1896, with trophy of flags, streamers, and shield. Royal Standard. In the left corner of the room, on the North end, were staged genestas, cinerarias, hegonias, and castor oil plants, above being fixed a trophy of flags, shield, and streamers. In the centre, at the north end of the room was placed a device, with the motto "Audi, Vide, Tace," below which was a crown and motto, "Lodge of Marches, 611," designed and exquisitely painted by Mr. R. Roberts, Corve Street (son of Alderman Roberts). Between the north-east door and the mantlepiece was suspended an oil painting of the Hon. Miss Ledger, the female Freemason, and painted by George Lowe, of Stockport, in 1857. This picture formed a great centre of attraction to the fair sex. In the centre of the wall was placed the Royal Coat of Arms, flanked by Royal Standards and Naval ensigns. From the Royal Arms was suspended the magnificent banner of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the banner of the Lodge of the Marches, designed by Mr. Robert Roberts, the title and borough arms being most beautifully worked in silk by Miss Ada Putman, daughter of Bro. W. Putman, P.G.D. This banner has also a representation of the Prince of Wales's plume, in real ostrich tips, provided by Mr. R. Roberts. Between the mantelpieces stood a splendid specimen of the New Zealand flax plant, from Downton Hall Conservatory, together with calceolarias and spirea. The supper room was also tastefully decorated with flags, &c. The whole of the decorations were successfully and satisfactorily effected by Mr. Singleton Tomlinson, High Street, under the direction and personal supervision of Mr. Arthur Marston, Dinham. The time pieces for use in the ball room were supplied by Mr. E. Robinson, Broad Street. The supper was of the most récherché description; Mr. Henry Carter, of the Castle Hotel, catering with his usual ability, and giving the utmost satisfaction to the Committe and members generally. The waiting arrangements were under the personal supervision of Mr. James Harris, Corve Street. The cloak rooms were in charge of Mr. S. Cooke, Mr. James Harris, and Miss L. Vale. Wines were supplied by Mr. C. F. Keysell, Bull Ring, Ludlow. Dancing commenced about 9·20, to the inspiriting strains of Mr. Arthur Price's celebrated string band, and was kept up with much spirit till after midnight, when the members adjourned to supper, after which dancing was resumed and continued with much zest till the "wee sma'" hours of the following morning. Mr. C. W. Wickstead ably officiated as M.C.

PRIORY LODGE OF ACTON, No. 1996.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Royal Oak Assembly Rooms, High-street, Acton, on Monday, 2nd inst. There were present Bros. F. Botley W.M., E. Monson jun. S.W., J. A. Cammell J.W., E. F. Earl Treasurer, E. H. Sugg Sec., C. E. Botley P.M. Dir. of Cers., C. W. Francis I.G., W. Roebuck P.G.S.B. P.M., G. Wright I.P.M., S. Gissing-Skelton, F. A. Russell. Visitors—Bros. W. Hirst P.M. 15, C. Andrews P.M. 77, J. Dale 1613, P. G. U. Pickering P.M. 35, D. Sugg 1719, W. H. Russell P.M. 40, A. M. Hiscocks 72, Capt. R. Gray 858, Robert Clay 766, and others. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. A. Cammell was then presented as W.M. elect and duly installed into the chair, according to ancient custom, by Bro. F. Botley I.P.M. in a very able and impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. Monson jun. S.W., G. Wright for Bro. J. Ward J.W., who was on account of illness unable to be present; C. W. Francis S.D., A. J. Phillips I.G., J. E. Harrison Tyler. The usual addresses were very ably given by the I.P.M. Bro. S. Gissing-Skelton, being a candidate for the second degree, answered the usual questions and withdrew. Lodge resumed to the second, when Bro. S. Gissing-Skelton was duly passed to the degree of F.C. by the Worshipful Master. The letter received from the Pro Grand Master was read and considered, the brethren electing five of their members to attend the meeting. Other business having been transacted, the W.M. was heartily congratulated by the visitors present, and Lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to the Lyric Hall, Ealing, where a very excellent banquet was partaken of. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and duly honoured. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Botley, who said he felt proud of having installed so worthy a brother; he had had the opportunity of watching the steady progress of the W.M. from the foundation of the Lodge, their Worshipful Master being one of the founders; he had done his duty to the satisfaction of the brethren and of his conscience. The Worshipful Master thanked Brother Botley for the manner in which he had given the toast, and the brethren for the kind way in which they had responded to it; he was very pleased indeed to be in the position of their Worshipful Master, and trusted they would have a very pleasant year together. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. F. Botley I.P.M., and concluded by pinning to his breast the handsome P.M.'s jewel, presented by the brethren as a mark of esteem and appreciation for the services rendered during his year of office, and expressing a wish that he might be spared for many years to wear it. Bro. F. Botley thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the kind manner in which the toast of his health had been received, and for the very handsome jewel which had been presented to him. The toast of the Past Masters was duly proposed, and responded to by Bro. W. Roebuck P.G.S.B. P.M. &c. The Visitors' toast was responded to by Bros. W. Hirst, C. Andrews, and others. The brethren very much appreciated the musical programme (under the direction of Bro. E. H. Sugg P.M. 452, P.P.G.O. Surrey); it was as follows:—The National Anthem, Dr. J. Bull; Solo, Miss E. Bloomfield; "God Bless the Prince of Wales," B. Richards, Bro. E. Monson jun.; Song, "My mother bids me," Haydn, Miss E. Bloomfield; Part Song, "The Maiden of the Fleur de Lys," Sydenham; "The Clown's Song," Bro. P. G. U. Pickering; Glee, "Here in cool grot," Mornington; Song, "The Village Blacksmith," Bro. W. H. Russell; Duet, "Trust her not," Balfe, Misses E. and A. Bloomfield; Song, "Tell her I love her so," De Faye, Bro. F. Botley; "A Song of the Four Seasons," Graham, Miss E. Bloomfield; Song, "London Bridge," Bro. C. E. Botley P.M. The rendering of the songs and duet by the Misses Bloomfield were rapturously encored. The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

UNDER the most gratifying auspices, the installation meeting of this young but vigorous Lodge was held at the Station Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesday. There was a goodly attendance of members and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. W. R. Phillips P.M. 975, Worshipful Master. Lodge was opened in form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a sound financial position, was submitted and approved. Bro. John P. Houghton was then presented as the Worshipful Master-elect, and having assented in due form to the usual interrogatories, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the ceremony of installation was performed in impressive and perfect manner by the retiring Master, Bro. Phillips. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed and saluted with honours in the three degrees, and he then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. W. R. Phillips I.P.M., E. Dare S.W., H. Sapsworth J.W., W. F. Reynolds Treasurer, G. C. Rowland Secretary, J. M. Marjason S.D., F. A. Crew J.D., A. Aldin I.G., R. Messum D.C., W. Rainbow Organist, T. Covell and J. Aldridge Stewards, and F. G. Mitchell Tyler. The W.M. addressed a few suitable observations to each as to the nature of his duties, and expressed confidence as to the support they would one and all accord to him during his year of office. The charges to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were delivered by the Installing Officer with considerable elocutionary effect, and the entire ceremony was gone through in a manner that conduced much to the satisfaction and edification of all present. Subsequently the ballot was opened for Mr. George Brodie Wheeler, who had been proposed by Bro. Ford, and seconded by Bro. Blasby P.M. The voting was unanimously in favour, and the candidate was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the ceremony being worked by the new Master in a style of perfection which gave promise of proficiency during his year of office. Propositions were handed in for two candidates and one joining member at the next meeting, and the W.M. announced, amidst the applause of the brethren, that Bro. Sir John Whitaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., had very kindly offered to present the Lodge with a set of firing glasses. The gift was accepted with demonstrations of welcome, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the hon. baronet for his handsome present, to be recorded on the minutes. During the evening reference was made to the serious illness of Bro. Maton, an esteemed member of the Richmond, and the

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present Worshipful Master of the Royal Alfred Lodge at Kew, and the hope expressed by the W.M. for that worthy brother's speedy restoration to health and resumption of his Masonic duties was cordially endorsed by all present. The five tickets available for the Royal Jubilee Commemoration Festival, to be held at the Albert Hall on the 13th of June, were allotted. Some formal matters of business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed amidst hearty good wishes, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in the most approved fashion by Bro. Ambrose. In testimony of the excellence of the cuisine and the general arrangements, the remark was overheard that although in the ordinary acceptation of the term one "cannot have too much of a good thing," yet the manner in which the comfort and convenience of the brethren had been studied by mine host far excelled that which we are accustomed to at meetings of the kind, especially out of London. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. H. Nicholls S.C. 642, W. J. Johnson 975, W. A. Dawson P.M. 1768, A. Kent 211, N. C. Camden J.D. 975, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, E. W. Warner W.M. 1793, E. Smith 1768, W. Hilton P.M. 780, J. Belsham I.G. 733, H. D. Marshall W.M. 771, E. Dalzell W.M 1549, R. W. Heney 144, A. Hubbard 813, F. H. Cozens Organist 907, W. J. Willcocks 1538. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Queen and the Craft, remarked that it was a toast which needed no embellishment at his hands, but he must briefly refer to the present year as a memorable one in the annals of the country, completing as it did the Jubilee of Her Majesty's glorious reign. Those who held prominent positions, either in public or at the head of Masonic Lodges, must consider themselves singularly fortunate in being in any way associated in their official capacity with this memorable year. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and was followed by the singing of the National Anthem. In proposing the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the W.M. observed that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was always to the fore in the discharge of his public duties. As an evidence of his practical interest in Freemasonry he had recently appointed his son, Prince Albert Victor, as Senior Warden of Grand Lodge, and on every possible occasion he displayed the most active zeal in promoting the welfare of the Craft over which he ruled so admirably, and to the universal satisfaction of the brethren. The next toast was that of the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. In proposing it, the Worshipful Master said many of the brethren present knew as much about the Grand Officers and the able manner in which they carried on the business of Grand Lodge as he did himself; it was a recognised fact that they were all earnest in the work they had undertaken, and discharged their important functions in the most exemplary manner. Bro. Phillips then assumed the gavel, and proposed, in felicitous terms, the health of the Worshipful Master, a toast he felt sure would be cordially received by all who knew the good qualities of Bro. Houghton. He had gone through the offices in the Lodge in a most satisfactory way, and from what they had seen of his working they might confidently look forward to a happy and prosperous year. Their W.M. was known and respected by every member of the Richmond Lodge, all of whom wished him success in the onerous position he had undertaken. Bro. Dalzell here sang the pretty ballad, "Mary of Argyle," in excellent voice, and was loudly applauded. The Worshipful Master having thanked the brethren for the kindly reception they had given to the toast, assured them that no effort should be wanting on his part to promote the well-being of the Lodge and to enhance the comfort and harmony of the brethren. He trusted he might be able to realise the anticipations that had been so generously formed by his predecessor, and that he might fulfil the duties of the chair with satisfaction to all around him. If that were their verdict at the termination of his official year, it would be the greatest reward that he could covet. Bro. R. W. Heney here gave a humorous operatic selection, which proved immensely entertaining, and for which he was vigorously applauded. A hearty welcome was extended to the Visitors by the Worshipful Master, who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see so many members of other Lodges present on the occasion. He hoped they had seen sufficient to induce them to pay another visit to the Richmond Lodge at no very distant date. Bro. Marshall, in his response, regretted that the duty had not been entrusted to one more competent to do justice to it, but it was his earnest and sincere wish that their excellent Worshipful Master might experience a happy and prosperous year of office. Bro. Houghton had not shown that diffidence customary to those who appeared in the chair for the first time, and which was perhaps pardonable; he congratulated the Lodge upon the choice they had made of a Master, who it was already evident was capable of well discharging the duties of his office. Bro. Warner said this was his first visit to the Richmond Lodge, and he must say he had been greatly impressed by the admirable work which had been conducted by the Installing Master. The new W.M. seemed to be following in the footsteps of capable predecessors, and supported as he was by such an efficient body of Officers, his year could hardly fail to be a success. Bro. Dawson also had pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellent manner in which the work of the Lodge had been carried on, but with such a Preceptor as their Immediate Past Master, Bro. Phillips, it was not difficult to account for the high state of efficiency to which the brethren of the Lodge had attained. Other Visitors also responded, combining their testimony as to the excellence of the work witnessed in the Lodge room, and the handsome hospitality with which they had been entertained. The health of the Initiate was next given from the chair, and cordially received. Bro. Wheeler, in responding, returned his sincere and heartfelt thanks for having been admitted a member of the Masonic Fraternity. He had been deeply impressed by the ceremony, even more so than he had anticipated, although he had not experienced more of the vicissitudes of the ordeal than he had been led to expect. He hoped to make progress in the art, and become a creditable and useful member of the Lodge. The part song, "By Celia's Arbour," having been sung, the W.M. proposed the Immediate Past Master, the Installing Officer, and the Past Masters, in doing which he alluded to the valuable services they had rendered to the Lodge, and which he felt assured they would continue to do. Having paid a deserved tribute to his predecessor, who had so well performed the ceremony of installation that day, he presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted him at the last meeting of the Lodge. In doing so he expressed the hope—which was shared by all the brethren—that Bro. Phillips might long live to wear it, as a memento of the esteem and regard in which he was held by every member of the Richmond Lodge, and as a reminder of the happy hours he had spent in their association. With respect to the other Past Masters, Bro. Blasby was the father of the Lodge, and had done everything he possibly could to further its best interests, ever since its foundation. Bro. Digby, the second Master, had proved himself to be a competent worker, whose heart and soul were bound up with the welfare of the Lodge; and with three such Past Masters they could scarcely fail to work harmoniously and unitedly together. It was a satisfaction to have such a backbone of support to aid the Worshipful Master in carrying out his laudable undertakings. Bro. Hubbard here sang Elliott's charming song "To the Clouds," with such effect as to elicit an enthusiastic encore, in response to which he sang with equal success "The Diver." Bro. Phillips, in response, thanked the brethren for the jewel which they had voted him, and the W.M. for the kindly expressions which had accompanied its presentation. During the three years he had been in the Lodge he hoped he had been able to render himself of some assistance to it, and he heartily thanked those Officers who had so zealously supported him all through his year. That had made the fulfilment of the duties most agreeable to himself, and he hoped he had succeeded in giving satisfaction to the brethren. Bros. Blasby and Digby also responded. The compliments paid to the Treasurer, Secretary and Officers of the Lodge were also duly acknowledged. During the evening a selection of music was rendered, under the direction of Bro. W. C. Rainbow, Organist of the Lodge, and the proceedings were throughout of a most enjoyable description.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Wednesday, the 27th of April, when there were present:—Bros. Hugh M. Hobbs P.G.S.D. Surrey W.M., F. T. Ridpath S.W., E. Samuel J.W., J. S. Fraser Secretary, M. L. Levey S.D., W. G. Goode J.D., F. Cambridge P.P.G. Organist Surrey I.G., W. G. Oates D.C., W. Lane Tyler, George Price P.G. Treasurer Surrey, Rev. G. P. Merrick P.P.G. Chaplain Surrey, D. Gnedalla, E. C. Leaver, R. W. Wilson, J. C. Leaver, E. C. Holdsworth, L. Percival, C. Holden, and H. H. Aston. Visitors:—Bros. W. H. Ranson W.M. 1790, J. Kelwington S.D. 1790, and W. Fox Hawes S.D. 463. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting and of the emergency meetings were read and confirmed, with the exception of the resolution altering the day of meeting. The ballot was taken for Mr. Lionel Percival, and being unanimous in his favour, he was duly initiated into Freemasonry. The Secretary having read the by-laws, Bro. F. T. Ridpath S.W. was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year, Bro J. C. Leaver Treasurer, and Bro. W. Lane Tyler. The W.M. gave notice of motion, as follows: That the meetings of the Lodge take place on the second Saturday instead of the fourth Wednesday of the month, and that the Installation Meeting be changed from May to June. The Master-elect having expressed his wish to be present at the Meeting, at the Albert Hall, in June, one ticket was appropriated to him, and it was resolved that the remaining four tickets should be balloted for. An Audit Committee having been appointed, Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—At the meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 21st April, Bro. D. Hills as W.M. opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. J. L. Barrett S.W., A. S. Josling J.W., John Tattersall S.D., F. Rush J.D., J. H. Gaskin I.G., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, W. Paddle P.M. and Treasurer, W. J. Ball Secretary, J. K. Pitt, F. J. Smith, M. Spiegel, and other brethren. The work comprised the opening in the three respective degrees, the first section and ceremony in M.M. degree, and the closing ceremonies. A very satisfactory evening's instruction was afforded to all present.

On Thursday, the 28th ult., Bro. James Stevens, the Preceptor, rehearsed the ceremony of installation of W.M., placing Bro. A. Josling in the chair of K.S.; this brother invested, with appropriate addresses, J. K. Pitt S.W., F. Rush J.W., J. Feglen S.D., J. L. Barrett J.D., J. Gaskin I.G., W. H. Paddle P.M. Treasurer, and W. J. Ball Secretary. The other brethren present included Bros. M. Spiegel, who acted as P.M. and D.C. throughout the installation ceremony, H. Whitehouse, F. J. Smith, F. Bellerby, &c. The Audit report was produced and read at this meeting, and a favourable balance was shown in the treasury. It is intended to increase the attractive character of this Lodge of Instruction by the purchase of additional Masonic regalia, and also constitute a Secret Charitable Association in aid of the Masonic Charities on the lines of that lately closed, and which was so eminently successful.

The agenda of work for the remainder of the present session is arranged as follows, viz.:—12th May, Ceremony in second degree and second and third sections of lecture; 19th, Ceremony in third degree and third section of lecture; 26th, Fifteen Sections, 2nd June, Ceremony in first degree and sixth and seventh sections of lecture; 9th, Ceremony in second degree and fourth and fifth sections of lecture; 16th, Ceremony in third degree and address by Preceptor; 23rd, Résumé of the foregoing work in all degrees;

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30th, Preceptor's Night—Entry drill, social board and close of season. Members of other Lodges will be heartily welcomed at these meetings.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

A REGULAR meeting of the members of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Monday, when there was a fairly good attendance, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. L. Wall. Amongst those present were Bros. G. M. Lion S.W., I. Botibol J.W., J. L. Lyons Treasurer, Lewis Lazarus P.M. Secretary, W. Gardiner S.D., H. Lazarus Steward, S. Van Noorden Organist, and others. The Visitors included Bros. W. Banberg 217, W. Shurman P.M. 1471, E. A. Beer 1471, J. Speller 1677, T. Berg 1613, G. Grey 1900, A. Jacob 1474, C. Lionel Rees W.M. 120, J. Jones 860, G. Lewis 2018, J. Ridley 219, and W. W. Morgan P.M. 211. Lodge having been opened in due form and the usual routine business disposed of, the ballot was opened for Mr. George Chamberlain, who had been proposed by Bro. Isaac Botibol, seconded by Bro. J. Harward. The voting was unanimously in favour, and the candidate was duly initiated by the W.M. Advancing to the second degree, Bros. Garrard, Plackrose, Ansell, Cohen, Ouken and Waller were passed; and subsequently Bros. Mitchell, Lyon, Lowrie, Rosenberg and Bernstein were raised to the sublime degree. The somewhat formidable agenda was got through with the greatest promptitude and accuracy, and the working throughout was much appreciated by all present. There was a strong demand for the five tickets available for the Jubilee gathering at the Albert Hall, on Monday, 13th June, and no doubt these will in due course be allotted to the satisfaction of the recipients. Several applications for relief were received, and two petitions were presented for recommendation to the Board of Benevolence. One of the latter the brethren agreed to recommend. An appeal for aid was sent in by a distressed brother, and as result —aided by a "whip round" at the banquet table—the sum of £5 was realised. At the close of Lodge business the brethren partook of a banquet, at which the loyal and other toasts were honoured. Bro. Dewsnap I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, the toast being cordially received and responded to in suitable terms by Bro. Wall. The Joppa Benevolent Fund was not forgotten, and in connection with that subject Bro. Myers P.M. told the oft-recited tale of good effected by means of that organisation. The initiate met with a hearty reception, and Bro. Chamberlain acknowledged with thanks the honour which had been conferred upon him by being admitted into the Masonic ranks. For the Visitors responses were made by Bros. Rees, W. W. Morgan, and Shurman; and the Officers severally acknowledged the recognition made of their services by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Dawson, in the course of a forcible and well-considered speech, made reference to the present position of the Joppa Lodge, and argued that however well it might have stood in the past, it was never in a more sound and flourishing condition than at the present time. Some excellent songs were given; the artistes engaged being the Misses Maude Viccars and Annie Buckland, Bros. Mackway, and P. Van Noorden (Organist), with his talented son.

Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No 1571.—The usual weekly meeting of the above was held at Austin's Hotel, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., on the 21st ultimo, when there were present Bros. G. Westfield W.M., Blake S.W., J. Ives J.W., Sword S.D., A. C. Bailey J.D., Carter I.G., T. Duffield P.M. Preceptor, George Hughes Secretary, T. Lewis P.M. Treasurer, C. J. Hunter, Gregory, and Low. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gregory candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Blake. Bro. Hunter answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the second, and Bro. Hunter duly passed. Lodge resumed to the first degree. The W.M. gave the first section of the first lecture. Bro. Charles Valentine Hunter, of the Samson Lodge, No. 1668, was elected a member. Bro. Duffield Preceptor will occupy the chair at the next meeting, Officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—Held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., on Monday, 25th ultimo. Bros. Snook W.M., Stretch S.W., Clark J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Ball I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Osborn acting as candidate. After discussion, it was carried unanimously that Lodge continue open during May, and adjourn over June, July, and August.

On Monday, 2nd inst. Bros. Caseley W.M., Clark S.W., Turner J.W., Hancock Asst. Preceptor, Hazel I.G., Collingridge Secretary. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ball candidate. Lodge was opened and closed in second and third degrees. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for Monday next.

Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1781.—At the meeting held on Thursday, 25th April, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W., there were present:—Bros. H. W. Smyth W.M., Child P.M., Jennings J.W., Austin Treasurer, Chalfont P.M. Secretary, Wood S.D., Cross J.D., Cavers Steward, Stonnill I.G.; Stroud, Cockerill, Benton, Cotton, Craggs, Higginson, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Benton candidate. This was followed by the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Brother Cotton candidate. The first and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his occupancy of the chair, for the first time. The annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction took place on Wednesday, the 27th April. The creature comforts were liberally provided by the host, Bro. Cavers, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by a large number of the brethren.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Comedy.—"The Red Lamp," the piece selected by Mr. Beerbohm Tree for his opening, is from the pen of an author whose only previous venture was produced at a matinée;—it did not prove successful. The work under notice, however, is far in advance, so much so that we can hardly imagine it is by the same author. Still this is the case. Mr. Outram Tristram has done his present work excellently and thoroughly. "The Red Lamp" deals with Nihilists, and their attempts on the life of the Czar. The interest is sustained for at least three acts, but after that it falls off considerably. This is to be regretted; the situation at the end of the third act works the excitement of the audience up to such a pitch that they are disappointed when they find such a tame ending. When all was in readiness for the final crash—anticipated every moment—neither crash nor climax came; in its stead a poor and uninteresting finish. The author's ideas in some instances are weak. Does he really think such a man as Allan Villiers (of the New York Herald) would be able to gain admission to a Princess, in such a way as he gives illustration to; to be regarded moreover as a protector and helpmate?—why not have made him some near relation? This is one of the most improbable eventualities in the play. Again, his idea of placing a red lamp in a central window, in every one's way, with a view to warn the conspirators when danger threatens, is weak. Still, for these mistakes he has somewhat made amends; Paul Demetrius (of the Secret Police) is a character that engrosses thought and attention while on the stage; there is something weird-like in his looks, while his wily ways and suspicious manner make you feel he knows your every thought. Such a character as this is the one Mr. Tree has chosen, and worthily indeed is his choice warranted. The make-up adopted is something extraordinary. The suspicious eye, the change from mirthful vein to a serious consideration of business must be seen to be realised. A more artistic portraiture could not be conceived. Under these circumstances, Mr. Tree unquestionably carries off chief honours. After him comes Mr. Laurence Cautley, as Prince Alexis Valerian; that such a man should be mixed up with a gang of Nihilists is incomprehensible; still, such is the author's view; it is the Prince that is chosen to fire the mine intended to destroy the royal procession. Mr. Cautley's rendering of the part is most artistic, and his elocutionary powers are admirably displayed. Mr. Charles Sugden makes a cool and inoffensive Villiers, the friend of the Princess; but the abilities of Mr. C. H. Brookfield were simply wasted on the part of General Morakoff. Mr. Robert Pateman was scarcely at ease as the leader of the Nihilists, still he well exerted himself. Mr. Charles Dodsworth made an earnest but revengeful Kertch. Lady Monckton has been entrusted with a part beyond her reach. Miss Marion Terry has little to do as Olga Morakoff, but she displayed care. A word of praise must be bestowed on Miss Rosina Filippi for her clever representation of a waiting maid. The dresses, supplied by Messrs. Russell and Allen, and the uniforms by Messrs. L. and H. Nathan, are perfect in every respect. The scenery is exceptionally good.

Criterion.—At a matinée here, on Monday, 25th April, Mr. Gilbert Farquhar submitted to the public Messrs. Sydney Grundy and Joseph Mackay's "May and December," an adaptation from "La Petite Marquise." The authors had had some difficulty in getting the Lord Chamberlain's licence to perform the play, but in its present form there was nothing to warrant its suspension for over five years. The plot deals with an old man, Sir Biblio Magniac, who has married a young and fascinating woman, but soon finds their tastes and pursuits differ. He is engaged in writing a book, on the pursuits and habits of the monks of the 13th century, while Lady Magniac is of a romantic turn of mind, and thinks of little else besides Ouida's novels, and a romantic attachment she has formed with an acquaintance of Sir Biblio, Captain L'Estrange. Owing to their incompatibility of temper the married couple consent to a friendly separation. Lady Magniac by this means flatters herself she will be enabled eventually to marry the gallant Captain. This gentleman, however, though by no means reluctant to a little flirtation, has no intention of going further, even though Lady Magniac were free. The Captain leaves the house, and Sir Biblio arranges with a barrister the details of the deed of separation. Lady Magniac arrives the following morning at a country inn; here the Captain is stopping, with a view to some shooting. The lady meets him and is about to throw herself into his arms, but the Captain advises her to return home. This she does the same evening; meanwhile, a friend of hers, Madeline Fenton, has arrived, from Scarborough, and hearing of Sir Biblio's conduct faints in that gentleman's arms. The servants witness this, and inform Lady Magniac. Mutual explanations ensue; the wife promises to take more interest in his work in the future, and to aid Sir Biblio to find out whether monks rode horses or not in the 13th century. We cannot congratulate the authors; the interest is not sustained, and the thoughtless wife never really wins our sympathies. Miss Kate Rorke struggled hard, but she had a part that defied her abilities to make it interesting. As a fussy barrister, with a 15 year old brief, Robinson v. Jones, about a mangle, Mr. W. Blakeley is entitled to praise. Mr. Gilbert Farquhar and Mr. E. W. Gardiner, as Sir Biblio and Capt. L'Estrange respectively, had no opportunities; but a word of praise is due to Miss L. Cowell, for her clever impersonation of Jane, a servant girl. A fashionable audience (including the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Teck) was present, but the work was received coldly.

Gaiety.—When a man has built a reputation in one line of business and then starts in another, there is always some interest evinced in the result. Consequently with some amount of curiosity we wended our way to the Gaiety on the 25th ult., to see "Twice Married," a comedy drama in three acts. Messrs. Clement O'Neill and Harvey Sylvester have grounded their work on ideas which are far from original, while the dialogue is commonplace. Still, if we judge

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from the reception given it by the friendly audience present, we might pronounce it a success. One of the parts undoubtedly has a fascination for Mr. Leslie, but we think his choice unwise; with such powers for making fun we thought it a pity he should waste the greater portion of his time. The story may be briefly told. Mark Jessop has married a widow, whose first husband "went wrong;" after a while this husband's death is announced in the papers. Later on, the supposed dead husband returns, but rather than live with him again, Margaret, who has gone through the marriage ceremony with Jessop, disappears. On Mark discovering this, and not knowing the reason, he becomes demented, and does not recover until Margaret returns, which she does when she hears that Jessop's daughter Cissy is about to marry her villainous husband, Luke Valpy. How the latter is discovered to be a murderer, and on being pursued by a police officer falls into the adjoining canal and is drowned, is shown in the last act. This leaves Mark and Margaret unfettered, while Cissy pairs off with a schoolmaster, brother to the murdered man. Mark Jessop is a character hardly suited to Mr. Leslie's capabilities, nevertheless he made the most of the loving husband, while his grief at his wife's disappearance was well expressed. Mr. Leslie did not exaggerate; at all times he was consistent and natural. The part of Luke Valpy was admirably portrayed by Mr. Percy Lyndall, who displayed judgment in some curious situations. The part of the schoolmaster was entrusted to Mr. E. D. Ward, while Mr. George Shelton was an amusing detective. Mr. W. T. Elworthy played a Yankee sailor, but he had nothing to do with the plot. Miss Henrietta Lindley gave a finished portrayal of the wrongs of Jessop's wife, while Miss Lilian Gillmore made a fairly good Cissy. The part of the servant girl was essayed by Miss Cicely Richards, who was fully equal to the demands made on her. On the call for the authors, one of these gentlemen came forward and bowed his acknowledgments.

Princess's.—Mr. William Gillette's interesting drama, "Held by the Enemy," as we anticipated, is drawing good houses, and this will continue to be the case for some time. Since originally produced, at a matinée, the first act has been curtailed, with advantage; the knife has also been exercised with the third act, but this could still bear more pruning. The continuous arrival of military news at last becomes monotonous. The bright and amusing dialogues provided for Susan McCreery and Mr. Bean are now given with more spirit than heretofore, and as a result they cause frequent roars of laughter. The piece has by this gained considerably, while the artistes engaged work earnestly and well together. Mr. Charles Warner repeats his quiet rendering of Colonel Prescott, while Miss Alma Murray is seen to great advantage as Rachel McCreery. Messrs. Yorke Stephens, E. W. Gardiner, William Rignold, Charles Overton, S. Calhaem, with Miss Annie Hughes and Mrs. Canninge, all render excellent support. The hospital and court-martial scenes call forth hearty applause.

In consequence of Miss Grace Hawthorne having secured a lease of the Princess' Theatre, from 8th July, and feeling she cannot do justice to the management of two theatres, she has sold her lease of the Olympic, to Miss Agnes Hewitt. This lady will commence her managerial career on or about the 1st June, and will inaugurate her season with the production of "A Golden Band," by Henry Hermann and Rev. Freeman Mills. Miss Hawthorne's present season will terminate on this (Saturday) evening. The theatre will then remain closed for three weeks, for purposes of renovation.

Mr. Henry Hermann has been specially engaged by Miss Hewitt to assume the managerial reins at the Olympic Theatre. This is a guarantee that this lady desires the patrons of the house to receive every courtesy and attention.

On Saturday, 23rd ult., a special Smoking Concert was given at the Cock Hotel, Highbury, in aid of the funds of the Great Northern Hospital. The chair was occupied by Bro. Geoffrey Thorn, who was assisted in the vice-chair by Bro. R. P. Forge, whilst Bro. Jas. Bayne officiated as musical director. Excellent arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the audience were made by the hon. treasurer, Bro. John Baker, and the hon. secretary, Bro. W. T. Farquharson, and the affair passed off with the most complete success. A capital programme, consisting of part songs, piano solos, songs, quartetts, recitations, &c., was submitted to a highly appreciative company, the various items being genuinely applauded. As a result the hon. treasurer has a surplus of twenty guineas to hand over to the Institution in whose behalf the concert was held.

Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, has long been a favourite trysting-place of Freemasons of London and the suburbs, and, more especially of recent years, the number of Lodges and Chapters held at this old established and admirably arranged City hotel has enormously increased. Much of this success was no doubt due to the excellent and courteous manner in which Bro. Clemow conducted the business of the hotel, during the last 13 years; and on his retirement from that position, to assume the proprietorship of a large hotel at Boston, in Lincolnshire, the brethren of several Lodges determined to mark their appreciation of his attention to them in substantial form. On Monday, 25th ult., therefore, Bro. Clemow was entertained at a banquet, at Anderton's, and was presented with a purse containing one hundred sovereigns, and an illuminated address, conveying to him an expression of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the subscribers. Much as the people of Boston were to be congratulated upon Bro. Clemow coming to reside amongst them, they in London were exceedingly sorry to lose him. Bro. Clemow acknowledged the testimonials with characteristic modesty, saying that the gifts were a most gratifying souvenir, not only to himself, but to the members of his family. Bro. John Barnett jun., of the Domatic Lodge, presided on the occasion.

Saturday, the 14th instant, has been appointed for the Private View of the Summer Exhibition of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 16th inst.

Obituary.

THE obsequies of Bro. Colonel Tanner-Davy, J.P., Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason of Devon, took place in Roscash parish churchyard, near South Molton, on last Friday week, in the presence of a large concourse of spectators, including a numerous muster of the Mark and Craft Masons of the Province. The bier and grave were surrounded by floral tributes, amongst which were a beautiful wreath sent by the Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Masons, another by the St. George's Mark Lodge, No. 15, Exeter, and one from the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. H. Stocker. Other wreaths and crosses were sent, by Lord Poltimore, Lord Fortescue, Miss Harding (schoolmistress of Roseash), the school children's choir, and inhabitants of the village, and the guardians of the South Molton Union. The directors of the Devon County School at West Buckland, presided over by Lord Fortescue, passed the following resolution:—

The directors cannot meet without expressing their deep regret at the death of their lamented friend and colleague, Bro. Lieutenant Tanner-Davy, and their grateful sense of the valuable services he had so long rendered to this school, and the great loss it has sustained in his death, and beg to tender their sincere condolences to Mrs. Tanner-Davy in her bereavement.

A vote of condolence has also been forwarded to the relatives of the deceased from the members of the Jordan

"FAIRY LAMPS" FOR DECORATION.

THE grace and charm of a ball-room or a banqueting saloon very largely depend upon the character of the embellishments that are called into requisition, and the manner in which they are disposed about the apartments. Up to within recent date decorators, in making up for these gay and festive scenes, have had to content themselves mainly with garlands and festoons, either of natural or artificial flowers, entwined around the ordinary gas standards or chandeliers, fringing the frames of mirrors, or interlaced amidst the folds of curtains and other drapery used in contributing to the picturesque coup d'œil. But, as in every other branch of artistic science, novelties and improvements have of late found a place in popular favour, and amongst them—probably the most unique and beautiful—are the "fairy" lamps manufactured by Mr. Samuel Clarke, of the Fairy Lamps and Fairy Light Works, Child's Hill, London, N.W. For some time past "society" has been familiar with specimens of the Queen's Burmese ware supplied by this eminent firm for decorative purposes at important banquets, balls and fêtes, both in town and country; and they have as frequently been noticed and admired at the private residences of the "noble and the great," lending charm and beauty to scenes of domestic and social festivity. This ware, being of the nature of glass, produces a most lovely effect when illuminated, the blending of delicate tints, from peach to yellow, being the most perfect and exquisite that radiated heat can make. We understand that the discovery—for it was rather that than an invention—is due to the United States, but the ware is now manufactured in London, under a patent, and we have lately seen one or two instances of the rare beauty and softened brilliancy which are imparted to public festivities by means of these "fairy" contrivances. The lamps are made in a great variety of beautiful designs, in chandeliers, candelabra, brackets, bowls, &c., which, sparkling and glittering amongst the flowers of a ball or dining room, give to the whole an aspect suggestive of the fairy cave of Aladdin, or other reminiscences of the "Arabian Nights." Some of the coronæ and clusters of lights depending from the ceiling are of exquisitely pretty design, richly cut, and in a variety of delicate hues—blue, citron, rose, &c.; whilst others, singly and in groups, spring from artistically shaped and cut vases, adorned with flowers, that give a *récherché* finishing touch to the otherwise beautiful effect. In other cases they are hung in front of mirrors, pier glasses, and girondelles, which of course heighten the brilliancy of the "fairy" light; and some of the Parian and Cleveland varieties are absolutely unique for their beauty and effect. We mentioned last week, in our report of the installation meeting of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, No. 1984, at Watford, the agreeable surprise experienced by the company there assembled at the sight of over three hundred and forty of these "fairy" lamps, which adorned the banqueting hall, and the opinion then unanimously expressed was that it surpassed any means of illumination or decoration ever previously witnessed in that district. It can thus be readily imagined how fairy-like would be the effect of a greater number displayed in the baronial hall, the conservatories, and corridors of a mansion, at a time of some special gathering of the *élite*, or in the huge marquees we so often see erected in connection with charitable and other fêtes, both in London and in the country. To all intents and purposes these lamps are a decided acquisition to the decorative art, both public and private, for we have seen many instances in which "home parties" have been rendered all the more delightful by the use of these soothing and pretty appliances on the tables of the dining or drawing room. There can be little doubt that the more they are known the more extensively they will be brought into requisition for public and private entertainments; and the fact of the patentee receiving not only a special gold medal, but a resolution of thanks from the Council of the Royal Botanic Society of London, for his "great assistance at their evening fêtes," in June and July last year, speaks volumes for the appreciation in which this invention is held. No one should miss the opportunity of paying a visit to the show rooms of this firm, 31 Ely Place, E.C., where there are special illuminated displays every Tuesday and Friday evening.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

THE THIRTEENTH CONVOCATION of this PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER will be held at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, on Saturday, the 14th of May, at Three o'Clock p.m. precisely.

The Banquet will take place at the Abercorn Hotel, at 5 p.m. Tickets 8s 6d, exclusive of wine.

N.B.—Companions intending to remain for the banquet are requested to send their names to the Prov. G.S.E., with a remittance, before Wednesday, the 11th May, as no ticket will be issued after that date.

In order to make arrangements for the conveyance of the Companions and their Visitors, it is necessary that every Companion should inform the P.G. Scribe E. not later than 11th May, whether he intends to be present or not, and the number of Visitors he intends to bring.

Brethren, to reach Stanmore in time for the opening of the Chapter must leave—by train for Edgware from—

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By command of the M.E. Grand Superintendent,
J. F. H. WOODWARD,
Prov. G. Scribe E.

Comberton, Mowbray Road, Norwood, S.E., 27th April 1887.

MAY ELECTION, 1887.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of the

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

AMELIA M. MAHOMED,

(AGED 64 YEARS),

WIDOW of the late ARTHUR AKLIBAR MAHOMED, 14 years member of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton, whose Father first introduced the Shampooing and Vapour Baths into England, in 1784. The son continued the Baths in the King's Road, Brighton, with the assistance of the present applicant, until his sudden death, in 1872. Up to the present time the candidate has earned her living as a medical rubber, but her health having broken down, she is compelled to apply for the annuity.

THE CASE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED BY

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Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked * or by the Widow, 2 Palace Road, Upper Norwood; or Mrs. Turner, "The Chase," Farquhar Road, Upper Norwood.

National Benevolent Institution.—May Election.

WANTED, Votes for above.—Advertiser can give in exchange Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Proxies. Address A. H. C., care of Editor FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.



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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

ON Wednesday last the Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, Comp. Robert Grey, President of the Board of General Purposes, occupying the chair as M.E.Z.; Comps. Gerard Ford, Grand Superintendent of Sussex, as H., and Thos. Fenn, Past President of the Committee of General Purposes, as J. After the usual preliminary business, the acting-President announced that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was again installed as Z., that the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon had been re-appointed as Pro Grand Z., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Grand H., and the Right

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Hon. Lord Leigh Grand J. The other Officers for the year are :—

Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	...	Scribe E.
Sir George Elliot, Bart.	...	Scribe N.
Robert Grey	...	Pres. Com. Gen. Pur.
Richard Eve	...	Treasurer
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. ...	...	Registrar
Sir John Whittaker Ellis	...	Principal Soj.
Rev. Thos. Cartwright Smyth, D.D.		1st Assist. Soj.
George Cooper ...	...	2nd Assist. Soj.
F. S. Knyvett ...	...	Sword Bearer
V. P. Freeman ...	...	1st Standard Bearer
E. Baylis	...	2nd Standard Bearer
J. L. Mather	...	3rd Standard Bearer
W. M. Bywater ...	..	4th Standard Bearer
Frank Richardson ...	...	Dir. of Cers.
Charles Fendelow ...	...	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
George Beech ...	...	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
William R. Wood ...	...	2nd Assist. Dir. of Cirs.
Wilhelm Kuhe ...	...	Organist
Henry Sadler ...	...	Janitor

The report of the Committee of General Purposes, as it appeared in our columns last week, was taken as read, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. The seven petitions, details of which have also appeared, were deemed to be in all respects regular, and the respective prayers thereof were granted. Petitions for charters of confirmation, the originals being lost, were granted to the Chapter of Faith, No. 321, Crewe, and the Tynte Chapter, No. 379, Bath; and the removal of the Ezra Chapter, No. 1489, from the Ball's Pond Road to the Cock Tavern, Highbury, was sanctioned. The members of the General Purposes Committee, nominated by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales are Comps. Robert Grey (President), Edward Letchworth and Dr. Turtle Pigott; elected by Grand Chapter, Comps. C. F. Hogard, James Lewis Thomas, Dawson, W. H. Perryman, T. C. Walls, and F. Davison. This concluded the business of the Grand Chapter.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A Convocation of this Grand Chapter was holden in the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, on Saturday, 30th April, by the invitation of Chapters Fidelity 289, Philanthropic 304, Alfred 306, and Excelsior 1042. Amongst those present were:—

Comps. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Past G. Prin. Soj. Grand Superintendent; Chas. Letch Mason P. as Prov. G.H., Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Prov. G.J.; J. D. Kay, William Harrop, and Benjn. Broughton P. Prov. G.J.; Henry Smith Prov. G.S.E., Henry W. Pawson Prov. G.S.N.; Mark Newsome, J.P., and James France P. Prov. G.S.N.; John Wm. Fourness Prov. G. Treasurer; Isaac F. Oakes and George Marshall P. Prov. G. Treasurers; J. Kitson Ibberson P. as Prov. G. Registrar, W. B. Alderson P. Prov. G. Registrar, Charles Crabtree Prov. G. Prin. Soj., W. W. Massay P. as Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj., W. T. Beanland Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj., William Schofield, George Althorp, Wm. Fredk. Tomlinson, Samuel Slack, Robert Craig, George Normanton and John Y. Rideal, P. Prov. G. Soj.'s; John Wm. Turner Prov. G. Sword-Bearer, Major R. W. Moore and Thomas Denby P. Prov. G. Sword-Bearers, Arthur A. Stott Prov. G. Standard-Bearer, J. W. Monckman as Prov. G.D. of Cers., John Barker P. as Prov. G. Asst. D. of Cers., John Wordsworth and W. F. Smithson P. Prov. G.D. of Cers., Geo. Fredk. Carr as Prov. G. Organist, Herbert G. E. Green Prov. Asst. G.S.E., Samuel Barrand as Prov. G. Janitor, James Kay, Dr. W. R. Thomas, Thomas Rich. Vaux and William Watson Prov. G. Stewards; and Principals, Past First Principals and Companions of the following Chapters, viz., 139, 154, 208, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 307, 337, 380, 387, 418, 458, 495, 521, 600, 652, 827, 837, 904, 1001, 1019, 1042, 1214, 1283, 1513. Chapters 61, 212, 308 and 603 were not represented. Letters of apology for absence from E. Comps. Gankroger and Balme 61, Drury, Brittain, Bartolome and Hayes 139; Gerrard and Simpson 154, Ibberson and Quarmby 208, Delanoy 242, Royle 258, Avison and Parr 264, Hanson 265, Starkey, Freeman and Ruddock 275; Gibson 289, Sykes and Haigh 290, Cubley, Malcham and Arnison 296; Hill, Lupton, Evans and Pratt 302; Woodhouse, Bedford and Powolny 304; Thrippleton and Ellisdon 306, Gibson 307, Greenwood and Hodgson 308, Blackburn and Lawton 337, Sykes 380, Nicholson 387, Jessop and Boulton 418, Hartley, Senior, Simpson, Lord and Carbert, 495; Robinson 521, Beanland, Latimer and Atherton 600; Booth 603, Evans, Crow and Bateman 837; Wordsworth 904, Milnes 1019, Hemingway 1214, Marshall and Longbottom 1283, Billington 1462, Gration, Findren and Carter 1513, &c., &c.

Comp. Thomas Wm. Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent, and Officers, opened Provincial Grand Chapter, and after the usual salutation, the Grand Superintendent delivered the following Address:

Excellent Companions,—Circumstances now well known to you in connection with the Queen Victoria Jubilee commemoration of 1887, which we shall be called upon to take part in, will sufficiently justify me in calling the annual meeting earlier than usual, viz., in April instead of May, affording us an opportunity for developing our loyalty to our supreme Grand Master and the patrons of this exalted degree. Meeting under the banners of the four Leeds Chapters, in the centre of our Province, doubtless will give earnestness and vigour to our proceedings in carrying out the resolutions of the Jubilee policy inaugurated by our Charity Committee, and adopted by Provincial Grand Lodge. Before touching upon the matters on the agenda, calling forth our sentiment of "Loyalty and Charity," let us give expression to our obligations to the four Leeds Chapters for the reception and arrangements for meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter in this beautiful hall. Since our meeting in Leeds, 24th May 1884, Chapter Excelsior, No. 1042, has been consecrated, and I am happy to believe the 150 Companions on the roll seem to be gradually absorbing the Past Masters and Brethren of the eight Leeds Lodges. When I addressed you in Wakefield, last November, I ventured to ask suggestions for some desirable method of commemorating the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Charity Committee, from which a suggestion was made to and adopted by Provincial Grand Lodge on 30th March last; that a sum of £2,100 be raised in this Province to purchase two permanent Presentations to the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be named the "Queen Victoria Jubilee Presentations," and the following circular was issued to every member of the Craft in this Province:—

St. John's, Wakefield, 13th April 1887.

Dear Sir and Brother,—In accordance with the above resolution your hearty co-operation is earnestly solicited. We wish to impress upon you the desirability of giving every member of your Lodge an opportunity of contributing. Will you, therefore, kindly bring the subject before your brethren at your next meeting? A small Committee would materially assist you and your Charity member in making a speedy and complete canvass of your brethren.

We are, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. F. Smithson, Chairman.
William Harrop, Vice-Chairman.
Henry Smith, Treasurer.

Herbert G. E. Green Prov. G. Soc.
Secretary to the Fund.

I am glad to know that successful efforts have already been made towards raising the necessary funds, and I fervently hope that every Chapter will contribute something; and I feel sure the notice of a grant from the funds of this Prov. G. Chapter will meet with unanimous approval. It may not be out of place here to notice that at the recent Election for Girls, Nellie Cooper, Lodge No. 1042, was admitted; and at the Boy's Election, our two Candidates—Atkinson and Grace—were elected along with Harrison, a joint case with Nottingham. For the Elections for Annuitants, on 20th May, I am sorry to say we have five candidates, one Male and four Widows, of the latter there are in all 77 candidates and only 25 vacancies; so that with our most sanguine expectations, we can only hope for two to be successful, and if the two remaining are to enjoy the comfort and blessings of an annuity, it will require all your sympathy and exertions to raise the sum necessary to secure the two Presentations. The second notice of motion refers to a proposal emanating from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and it appeals to our loyalty. You are aware on 8th January the Pro Grand Z. the Earl of Carnarvon, addressed a circular to all English Lodges, relative to the celebration of the Jubilee of Her Majesty, and announced that a great meeting of Freemasons would be held in London, under the presidency of the M.W. Grand Master, when an Address of Congratulation to Her Majesty would be adopted. He also suggested that in order specially to show our devotion to, and respect for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, every one should have an opportunity of joining in a small subscription in aid of the fund for the establishment of the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India,—the National Memorial of the Queen's Jubilee,—with whom it originated. On 13th April Lord Carnarvon, Pro Grand Z., issued another circular on the same subject, intimating the arrangements for a meeting in the Albert Hall, between the 13th and 20th June, and the tickets of admission would be charged One Guinea, five only being allowed for each Lodge, and the whole of the money would be given to the three Masonic Charities. The nature and scope of the Imperial Institute was admirably placed before the public on 22nd April, in a lecture by Sir Fred. Abel, who stated that it is not to be confined in its objects to any particular portion of the Queen's dominions, it is to be made thoroughly representative of the interests of the whole Empire. It is to promote Conferences on matters of common interest to England and her Colonies, and for the cultivation of intimate relations and good fellowship between ourselves and our fellow subjects in all parts of the Empire. It is to promote more accurate knowledge of the geography, natural history, and resources of our Colonies, and the systematic collection and distribution of information relating to industries. I cannot but think you will sympathise with these definitions of the scope of the Imperial Institute, and not think that I have travelled beyond the Constitutions of Freemasonry in asking your favourable consideration in your corporate capacity, to make a contribution to its funds. The motion is identical with that adopted by Provincial Grand Lodge, and I propose that this grant shall cover and represent the thirty-seven Chapters. This Provincial Grand Chapter welcomes the two new Chapters, viz. Rotherham 904 and Harrogate 1091, the ceremony of Consecration being respectively performed by Companions Eusor Drury and Charles L. Mason. I have to inform you that Companion the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland will be installed Grand Superintendent of North and East Yorkshire, on Friday, the 6th instant, at which ceremony I hope some of you will

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endeavour to be present. It is with much regret I have to announce the death of our excellent friend Companion John Hirst, of Uppermill, on the 29th March; he was an amiable and highly esteemed gentleman, and a distinguished member of this Chapter. In making my selection of Officers for the ensuing year, I have endeavoured to recognise merit to the best of my judgment, and to spread the offices as much as possible. In conclusion I thank you for your courteous salutation and your patience in listening to this "Jubilee Address." I hope you may all rejoice in its celebration, and heartily testify your loyalty to our Gracious Sovereign with pardonable pride in her many virtues, together with the beneficent character of her long, prosperous and eventful reign.

The roll of Royal Arch Chapters, and the roll of Present and Past Grand Officers having been called, the minutes of the meeting held at Wakefield, 24th November 1886, were presented and confirmed. Companion J. W. Fourness P.Z. 289 Provincial Grand Treasurer presented his balance sheet, which showed a balance in the W.R.U. Bank, Dewsbury, on 30th April, of £243 12s 7d. On the motion of Comp. C. L. Mason, Comp. Thomas Harrison P.Z. 296 was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers, as follow:—

Comp.	John Wordsworth	H.
	Frederick Laxton	J.
	Henry Smith	Scribe E.
	Dr. W. R. Thomas	Scribe N.
	Thomas Harrison	Treasurer
	J. G. Hutchinson	Registrar
	James Kaye	Prin. Soj.
	Thomas R. Vaux	1st Asst. Soj.
	William Watson	2nd Asst. Soj.
	Robert Thompson	Sword Bearer
	Fred. W. Turner	Standard Bearer
	Davis R. Glover	Director of Cers.
	Thomas Gaukroger	Assist Dir. of Cers.
	George Carbert	Organist
	Herbert G. E. Green	Assist. G. Scribe E.
	Joshua Lee	Janitor
	T. Bateman Fox	Stewards
	William Redgard Massie	Stewards
	Benjamin Preston	Stewards
	W. C. Ellisdon	Stewards

The Present and Past Prov. G. Officers were then saluted. It was resolved that a donation of Fifty Guineas be made from the funds of Provincial Grand Chapter to the "Queen Victoria Jubilee Presentations" to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Widows' Fund, £26 5s to each "Presentation." Also "that a donation of Three Guineas be made from the funds of Prov. G. Chapter to the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India." The best thanks of Provincial Grand Chapter were given to the Companions of the four Leeds Chapters for the perfect arrangements they had made. Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed according to ancient custom. Tea was provided in the banquet hall at 5·30, and upwards of sixty-five Companions partook of it, Companion Mason presiding.

POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER, No. 534.

THE Installation Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Thursday, the 28th of April. Comp. Dr. Corrie Jackson Z., Dr. Jagielski H., Comp. Bieling J., and Comp. H. Reed P.S. After the minutes of the last convocation had been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for Bro. William Taylor, Polish National Lodge, No. 534. This proved to be unanimously in his favour, and, being in attendance, he was exalted to the supreme degree by the M.E.Z. A ballot was then taken for the Principals for the ensuing year, and the following Companions were elected:—Dr. Jagielski Z., Bieling H., Reed J.; Dr. Renner P.S., Kelsey and Fanser 1st and 2nd Assist. Comps. Paas P.Z. and Nowakowski P.Z. were re-elected Ezra and Treasurer respectively. After the Companions had retired, the various Officers were installed by Comp. Palmer P.Z. in a manner most impressive. On the members being re admitted, Dr. Jagielski presented the retiring Z., Dr. Jackson, with a very handsome P.Z.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted, for the manner in which the duties of the Chapter had been performed. He trusted Comp. Jackson would long live to wear it. All the business being finished, the Companions retired to the banquet room. On the cloth being cleared the usual Royal Arch and Loyal toasts were given. Comp. Jackson proposed the health of the M.E.Z., whom he wished a happy and prosperous year of office. Comp. Jagielski having suitably replied, proposed the health of Comp. Palmer, to whom they were so much indebted for the able and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of installation of Principals. Comp. Palmer replied; it always had, and always would, give him a very great deal of pleasure to perform any service which he might be called upon to do for the Chapter. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of their new Companion,—Taylor. He congratulated him on his early advancement in Freemasonry, and hoped he would long continue a member of the Polish National Chapter. In reply Comp. Taylor stated that he had derived a great deal of pleasure from the way in which the ritual had been worked by Comp. Jackson; he hoped in due time to aspire to the chair which the M.E.Z. now so ably filled. The next toast was that of the Visitor, Comp. Tongue, the W.M. of the Polish National Lodge, who, in response, said that he regretted that when he was made a Royal Arch Mason he did not know of the existence of the Polish National Chapter; he thus had joined the Eclectic. He hoped when some of his many duties were completed to become a member of the Polish National Chapter. After this the Officers were complimented, and the Janitor's toast closed a very pleasant evening.

The ceremony of Installation of Principals will be rehearsed, for the last time this session, at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, corner of Cannon Street, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., to commence at half-past five o'clock. The usual exaltation ceremony will afterwards be rehearsed. Members will please take note that the session will end on the 24th of May.

MARK MASONRY.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ILKESTON MARK LODGE, No. 373.

A GREAT gathering of Mark Masons assembled at Ilkeston, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., to consecrate a new Mark Lodge there. A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened at the Temperance Hall by W. Bro. Percy Wallis P.G.D. Eng. P.P.S.G.W., and a great number of candidates were duly advanced. The Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro. William Kelly, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, were then received, and the ceremony of consecrating and dedicating the new Lodge was ably performed by R.W. Bro. Kelly, assisted by W. Bro. S. S. Partridge P.G.D. Eng. P.D P.G.M., W. Bro. Thomas Cox D.P.G.M., W. Bro. Percy Wallis, W. Bro. Henry George P.G.A.D.C. Eng., &c., &c. W. Bro. J. Cox then took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. Charles Maltby as W.M. of the Ilkeston Lodge, No. 373. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master again took the chair and proceeded to open Provincial Grand Lodge in due form. The reports of the Masters of Lodges, the Committee of General Purposes, the Registrar and the Treasurer, having been received, were adopted. The new bye-laws were also adopted. Bro. Samuel Cleaver was re-elected Treasurer. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then read his annual address, in which he alluded to the great progress of Mark Masonry in the Province, particularly in Derbyshire. Bro. Kelly also remarked upon his re-appointment as P.G.M., an office which he has held for 26 years, and to the sound financial position of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master then invested his Officers, as follow:—

Bro.	T. Cox	Deputy G. Master
	W. J. Freer	Senior Warden
	G. H. Percival	Junior Warden
	Butler Wilkins	Master Overseer
	J. H. Thompson	Senior Overseer
	J. Howell	Junior Overseer
	Rev. R. C. Faithfull	Chaplains
	Rev. C. W. Groves	Chaplains
	S. Cleaver	Treasurer
	S. A. Marris	Registrar
	Miles J. Walker	Secretary
	J. Bland	Senior Deacon
	Edgar Herne	Junior Deacon
	J. Wiggins	Superintendent of Work
	J. D. Harris	Director of Ceremonies
	W. Boughen	Assistant Ditto
	C. Maltby	Sword Bearer
	A. Woodiwiss	Standard Bearer
	W. H. Tutt	Organist
	F. C. Dunwell	Inner Guard
	J. C. Webb	Stewards
	H. P. Brown	Stewards
	R. L. H. Mole	Stewards
	J. E. Whitehead	Stewards
	J. Tauser	Tylers
	W. Stone	Tylers

The sum of £5 5s was voted, to be placed upon the list of Bro. T. Cox as Steward at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Two guineas was also voted to the Fred. Binckes presentation fund. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Rutland Hotel, where a very capital banquet was served by the host, Bro. Daykin.

By an inadvertency, in our report of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, at Watford, last week, in speaking of the "fairy" lamps which added such grace to the Lodge-room and banqueting-salón, the name of Child was mentioned as supplying them; this should have been Bro. Clarke, of "fairy-light" fame, of Child's Hill and Ely Place, London.

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CHILDREN'S MASONIC CARNIVAL AT READING.

ON Thursday, the 21st April, the New Town Hall was the scene of one of the most interesting gatherings which have ever been seen in Reading. Early in the present year the Worshipful Masters of the various Masonic Lodges of the town met for the purpose of considering in what way the Jubilee of the Queen's Accession to the Throne could be most fittingly celebrated by themselves and their children and friends. As might have been anticipated, various schemes presented themselves and much anxious thought was devoted to the subject. Of course the question was very soon disposed of as far as the Masons themselves and their friends were concerned. But the difficulty was about the children—how could they be helped to celebrate the auspicious event, and how could matters be managed so as to make it live in their memory, and mark it as something always to be looked back on with pleasure? At last the brilliant idea presented itself that the Jubilee should be celebrated by holding a Children's Carnival and Fancy Dress Ball in the New Town Hall, and this seemed to fit in so well with the inclinations of those having the matter under consideration, that it was carried unanimously. Meetings were subsequently held, and it was finally arranged that the Worshipful Masters and Worshipful Masters Elect of all the Masonic Lodges in the town should form themselve into a committee, take the matter in hand and carry it out at there own individual expense, so that the funds of their Lodges should not be touched. The following are the names of the brethren who thus took upon themselves the responsibility: Bros. J. W. Martin W.M. 414, W. Ravenscroft W.M. 1101, C. H. Tench W.M. 2043, F. J. Ferguson W.M. 235 (Mark), E. Margrett W.M. Veran Council of St. Lawrence, No. 18, J. E. Sydenham W.M. Elect 2043, and W. W. Ridley W.M. Elect 235 (Mark). The Committee thus formed met many times to consider the necessary arrangements, and the first idea soon expanded. It was decided that the fact of its being a children's carnival should always be kept steadily in view, and though friends might be invited to look on and assist in helping to make the little ones enjoy themselves, yet the children should be the honoured guests on the occasion, and should stand first all through. It was next decided to invite in the first place the children of Masons residing in Reading and the neighbourhood, and then, as far as possible, the children of friends, the ages being limited between 4 and 14; that the children should be accompanied by their mother or lady friend, and that the balcony should be reserved for those invited to view the Carnival. The next question considered was as to the date when it should be held, and as most of the children eligible would be at school when the general festivities took place in June, it was settled to fix the date during the Easter holidays, and accordingly the day was decided on. These preliminaries having been adjusted, the invitations were sent out—the invitation card as well as the card of admission and the programme being unique in design and execution. We may mention that they were designed and executed by Mr. W. G. Lewton, under the direction of Bro. W. Ravenscroft, Worshipful Master of Greyfriars Lodge. Letters expressing regret for not being able to be present were received from Prince and Princess Christian, the Earl and Countess Carnarvon, the Earl and Countess Jersey, and several others. The balcony was crowded with brethren and friends who had been invited to see the Carnival, and it was one of the great troubles of the worthy hosts that they were totally unable to provide places for many who had expressed a wish to be present and all of whom they would have been pleased to see. Among those to whom invitation cards were sent was the Queen. An invitation was also sent to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as most Worshipful Grand Master of the Craft, as indicating the event. Both the Old and New Town Halls were engaged, including the Council Chamber, Committee Room, &c. The Old Town Hall was divided into three compartments, the lower end being converted into retiring rooms, the centre serving as the cloak room and the upper end being devoted to refreshments. The Committee Room was also devoted to a refreshment department. Very elaborate arrangements had to be made for the entrance and reception of the numerous guests. Visitors to the balcony were received at the entrance leading to the passage under the main Corridor, and conducted up the stairs direct to their seats; communication with the other parts of the hall being temporarily divided off. The children and their friends were received at the main entrance to the Old Town Hall, and passing up the steps were conducted to the cloak room, and from thence to the Council Chamber where they were received and cordially welcomed by the seven hosts and their ladies. As they passed out of the Council Chamber each one was presented with a programme, and they were then conducted to the New Town Hall, where an organ recital by Bro. Tirbutt was given during the assembling of the guests. The Past Masters and present Officers of the Lodges acted as Honorary Stewards, and the duties were divided among them as follows:—At the entrance stood two Tylers, Bros. Hemmings and Stevens; in the cloak room Bros. Parry, Stubington, Greenaway, Rayner, Millard and E. Ridley; to introduce guests, Bros. Pulley P.M., Flanagan P.M., Withers P.M., Creed, Hawkes and Tubbs; programmes, &c., Bros. W. Ferguson P.M., and Ordes P.M.; in corridors to conduct guests, Bros. Dodd, Staughter, Hukins, Bennett and Hewett; in body of Hall, &c. Bros. Sherwood, Hickie, Tirbutt and Blackwell P.M., Webb P.M., J. Hawkes P.M., Miller, Mount P.M., Stranson, Hill, James and Linders; in balcony, Bros. Reed, Sherwin, Hayward, Hart, Lowes, Stewart, J. Brown, Sparrow and J. T. Brown. Bros. F. J. Ferguson and J. E. Sydenham officiated as M.C.'s at the dancing; Bros. E. Margrett P.M. and W. W. Ridley P.M. superintended the refreshment department; Bros. Ravenscroft and Tench undertook the general disposal of the stewards, and Brother Martin generally superintended the arrangements in the balcony. In addition to the special duties assigned to them, all the stewards did their utmost generally to ensure the success of the Carnival, and, it must be said, with the most perfect success. The entrance steps, the corridors and both sides of the large hall were covered with crimson carpet, lounges, settees and chairs being plentifully sprinkled about. The corridors and halls were splendidly decorated with flowers, shrubs and moss banks, and a large number of fairy lamps and Chinese lanterns gave the whole a most pretty and charming effect. Around the balcony of the large hall Masonic emblems were suspended, adorned with trophies of flags. The decorations were respectively entrusted to Messrs. Sparrow, of the West End furnishing warehouse, Oxford-road, and to Mr. Phippen, of Broad-street, who executed the work in a highly satisfactory manner. The refreshments were supplied by Mr. Smith, of Broad-street, and gave entire satisfaction. Dispensations having been granted from the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Berks and Bucks, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., and by the Prov. Grand Master of the Mark Province of Berks and Oxon, the Earl of Jersey, to wear Masonic clothing on the occasion, all the brethren appeared in their aprons and white kid gloves and the Officers past and present in the collars and jewels of their respective rank. When the children and other guests were assembled, the scene was one of extreme grandeur and beauty, and one which will live long in the memories of every one who witnessed it. Five o'clock was fixed for the arrival of the guests, and the scene for a long time after that hour was one of the liveliest description. At the proper moment the signal was given to commence the programme with the ever-popular Royal Punch and Judy Show and the comic Dog Toby, in act I. of that tragic history. We need say no more than that the performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, old as well as young. The band (which was provided by Mr. Davis) then struck up a polka, to the merry tune of which the gaily berobed young folks danced with all their might and energy. Next came a quadrille, and then a conjuring entertainment by Professor Howard, late of the Egyptian Hall and Crystal Palace. This was followed by a Schottishe and Quadrille Parisienne, and then the Mirthful Living Marionettes appeared, introduced by Mr. Hal Masque, the eloquent ventriloquist of the Crystal Palace. The first part of the programme was brought to a close by a procession of the children, which was most effective and pretty. Having assembled in the cloak room, they were formed into two's, and then headed by Bros. Ferguson and Sydenham, who were followed by four page boys—Masters Percy and John Ferguson, Master Harold Ravenscroft, and Master Launcelot Martin—carrying wands, the procession, with the assistance of Bros. R. Bradley, C. B. Tubbs and the other stewards, moved along the corridor, passed up the centre of the large hall, at the end of which were the worthy hosts, who again gave a hearty welcome to all. The procession then divided, the alternate couples passing right and left back again down the hall. The movement of the procession was made to a march played by the band, and when all had passed round the march ceased and a jolly polka was danced in downright earnest, to the evident delight of every one present. An interval then took place for refreshments, promenading, &c., and the second part of the programme opened with a Chinese entertainment by Foochoo Chico Jokoco, in which birds, rabbits, Guinea pigs, &c., were introduced. This proved highly amusing, and a galop and the Highland Schottische succeeded. Then Mr. Felix Pietri, the musical clown, appeared, and he was followed by the second act of Punch and Judy. Early in the course of the evening Bro. C. Murdoch ascended the platform, and addressed a few words to the children. He reminded them that they were assembled to celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee, and he felt sure that the novel and interesting way in which they were carrying out the festivities would never be effaced from their memories. Their kind hosts proposed now to despatch a telegram to the Queen in the following words:—

"Children at Masonic Carnival, assembled at Reading to celebrate the Jubilee of the Accession of their beloved Sovereign, send her their loyal and affectionate greeting."

Bro. Murdoch asked the children to express their approval of this, and immediately every hand was held up in token of acquiescence. When the programme had very nearly come to an end, Brother C. Stephens, in a few well-chosen words, proposed on behalf of the children a most cordial vote of thanks to their kind hosts for the most pleasant and enjoyable Carnival which they had been holding, and asked them to carry this with three cheers. This was done with the utmost enthusiasm, and then the Highland Schottische was danced as a finale. We may mention that the dancing of this Scottische was one of the most pleasing and charming features of the evening. The lights having been lowered, a portrait of the Queen was thrown on the screen by the aid of a powerful lantern, provided by Mr. Lewis, of Broad-street, and all joined most heartily in singing the National Anthem. The utmost praise is due to the Worshipful Masters and W.M.'s elect of the various Masonic Lodges for the completeness of the arrangements for the Carnival and the most entire success with which every part of it was carried out. From the hour of meeting—about five o'clock—until a few minutes before ten when the festivities were brought to a close, no single hitch occurred. The little folks present, one and all, evidently most thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and it may safely be said that they will never forget the Children's Masonic Carnival of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Year.

The following is a copy of a letter received in reply from Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen to the telegram referred to above.

Aix les Baines, 22nd April 1887.

Sir,—I am commanded by the Queen to assure you that it gave Her Majesty much pleasure to hear of the celebration of the Jubilee of the Queen's accession by the children of Reading.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) HENRY PONSONBY.

F. J. Ferguson.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 7th 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 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1507—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent

MONDAY, 9th MAY.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
1603—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)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
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
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2030—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
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
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
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brethern, 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
1119—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1174—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1613—Bandycide, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1966—Felicity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 109—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 379—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 1253—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 10th MAY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
85—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
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)
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. (In.)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2137—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
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. (In.)

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Okenden, 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
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 860—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, 11th MAY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
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
17—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8 (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
788—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bridge Road, E.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruct)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct.)
1306—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruct.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Standard, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In.)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst)
1681—Lord Desborough, Bell and Anchor, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
1922—Earl of Lathom, Sutton House, Clapham New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1956—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
R.A. 17—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
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, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Mount Edgcumbe, St. Botolph Chambers, Bishopsgate Street, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
146—Tranquility, Bull's Head Inn, Beckhampton, Wilts
191—St. John's, Railway Hotel, Hayward's Street, Barry, Leicestershire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Dunbar
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
274—Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Penketh, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield

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363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
853—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1312—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 160 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Horsesc Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
2000—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 299—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1549—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

THURSDAY, 12th 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, Kings-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, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
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, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1598—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)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1645—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 8 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
2168—Derby Allcroft, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
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, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
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
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
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, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Belford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1095—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.
1152—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—Biggshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
1511—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
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
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
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R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 13th 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
16 —Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
859—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instretion)
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 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).
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M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (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. (Instruction)
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—Benedesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Lovenshulme
K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 14th MAY.

173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
178—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)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1824—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
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.
Stuart Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2089—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1423—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
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FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE annual gathering on behalf of this Institution took place on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Shropshire, when contributions to the amount of £11,774 8s 6d were announced As is usual on such occasions there was a large gathering of Masons from all parts of the country. The proceedings were of the ordinary character, and if the monetary result of the Festival was not as much as was expected or desired, it was nevertheless a handsome contribution from the brethren of England, following, as it did so closely, on the splendid total of £21,000 subscribed in February last on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. In another column we give a résumé of the day's proceedings, here we briefly review the principal items in the list of subscriptions, full details of which will be found on another page.

The total of £11,774 8s 6d was all but equally divided between London and the Provinces, the amount from the former being £5,909 0s 6d, as compared with £5,854 18s from the latter, the balance of £10 10s being contributed from a Foreign Station. The Metropolis was represented by 121 Stewards, the Provinces by 156, and the Foreign Stations by 1, the sole representative from outside the British Isles being Bro. F. H. Gottlieb, J.P., who brought ten guineas from the Eastern Archipelago.

London contributed fifteen lists each exceeding one hundred pounds, the palm being secured by Bro. G. Emblin, of the Justice Lodge, No. 147, with a total of £420, the largest list brought up during the present year—either to this Festival or to that on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. The sum secured by Bro. Emblin is one of which too much cannot be said; it is really a total which would do credit to any of the Provinces into which English Freemasonry is divided, and was, indeed, only exceeded at this Festival by one district—that of Shropshire, the county over which the Chairman of the, day as Provincial Grand Master, presides. As the contribution of a private Lodge it stands out as an exemplification of what it is possible to accomplish, and as an example worthy of being imitated by Lodges far and near. We hope there are many who will strive, in the future, not only to do as Bro. Emblin has done, but to collect even more than he managed to secure. It is fortunate that at each of the Festivals held on behalf of the Masonic Institutions there are generally one or more lists from London brethren towering far above the others, and it is astonishing to notice the effect these lists have on the grand total. For instance, on the present occasion the two highest lists make a difference in the Metropolitan contribution close on £800, which, considered in connection with the full London total of £5,909, is a marvellous achievement by two brethren out of one hundred and twenty-one. The Steward who, with Bro. Emblin, secured this large sum was Bro. Abel Simner, the Worshipful Master of the Domatic Lodge, No 177, who raised a total of £353 15s, a sum we believe to be far beyond the most sanguine expectations of Bro. Simner or the members of his popular Lodge when the idea of supporting this year's Festival of the Girls' School was first mooted. As many of our readers are aware, the Domatic Lodge has only recently completed its Centenary, and its members spent a considerable sum over their rejoicings in celebration of that auspicious event. Notwithstanding this, we have conclusive evidence that they are not content to do well at home—they also desire to help those outside their Lodge who are in need of assistance, and the way in which they have supported their Worshipful Master in his Stewardship affords proof that they are able and willing to fulfil this desire. We sincerely hope the other members of the Justice and Domatic Lodges will be imbued with the same spirit as has induced their present representative to accomplish so much, and that in years to come there may be many members of these and other Lodges equally zealous on behalf of the Masonic Institutions as Bros. Emblin and Simner have just proved themselves. The third place among the London Stewards was secured by Bro. Herbert S. Clutton, who represented two Lodges, the Old Union, No. 46, and the St. Peter Westminster, No. 1537. He was followed by Bro. S. J. Humfress, the representative of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, with a total of £161 14s. Then we have a level £150 from the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, two of whose members, Bros. Dopson and Purdue, acted as Stewards; £148 1s from a member of the House Committee, Bro. Thomas Fenn, who also appears on the list as representing the United Lodge of Prudence, No. 83; £132 per Bro. J. H. Roberts, contributed from the Nelson Lodge, No. 700. Totals of £120 each were secured from two Lodges, the Old Concord, No. 172—represented by Bros. Flech and Meierhoff—and the Southwark, No. 879, for which Bro. Walter Martin acted. The former of these Lodges, the Old Concord, is one of the most consistent supporters of the Charities we know of, it having been represented at almost every Festival for many years past. In February its Steward took up £60 16s on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, and if our memory serves us right there is yet another contribution to be announced from this Lodge during the present year, one of its members having signified his intention of working on behalf of "Our Boys." The Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, is entitled to the next place on the roll of honour, the total sent up by its members being £107 2s, per Bro. Anderton. Two Lodges share the credit of contributing £106 1s, that being the sum sent up both by the Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728, and the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168; Bro. A. R. Carter represented the former, and Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe the latter. There were also two Lodges accredited with sums of £105, the Jerusalem, No. 197, and La Tolerance, No. 538, each contributing that sum, per Bros. G. L. Eyles and W. G. Fenn their respective Stewards. Both of these Lodges were represented at the Benevolent Festival in February, the amount sent up on that occasion being £31 10s from the Jerusalem Lodge, and £10 10s from La Tolerance. The lowest of the three figure totals was secured by Bro. Charles Hammerton, a member of the House Committee of the Institution, and one of its staunchest supporters. For reasons previously explained, we do not extend our summary beyond the three-figure lists; all we need do is again to point to the total of the London lists, and assure all the brethren who worked to secure that total that their efforts are fully appreciated by the Craft at large. If it had been possible for any of them to do better than they have done, we are convinced they would not have been behindhand; each has done what lay in his power, and the result has been a handsome addition to the funds

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f the Girls' School. One feature in connection with the London total of this and preceding Festivals on behalf of this Institution, is the regular appearance of members of the House Committee among the Stewards of the year. On the present occasion the total collected by these brethren was upwards of five hundred pounds, no inconsiderable sum to be secured by workers who, we should imagine, have long since enlisted the sympathy of their personal friends. Their continued support of the Institution is the best proof that can be adduced of their heartiness in the cause; this undoubtedly they have thoroughly at heart.

Turning our attention to the Provinces, we find the district presided over by Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., the Chairman of the day, far in advance of all others; the total brought up by its workers being £1,022 17s. This sum was collected by nineteen Stewards, the highest list being from the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 1124, which had two representatives, Bros. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., and W. H. Spaull; it contributed £127 1s. Bro. W. E. Harding was successful to the extent of £115 10s, he serving on behalf of the Salopian Lodge, No. 262, while Bro. W. Lascelles Southwell also made a three figure return—£110 5s—from the Castle Lodge, No. 1621. We imagine the Chairman of the Festival must have been highly gratified at the position attained by his Province on this occasion, while the verdict of the Craft must certainly be that both the Chairman and the brethren over whom he rules did all that lay in their power to ensure the success of the Festival.

We now have a long drop in the totals—to £418 2s 6d, that being the sum sent up by the brethren of Middlesex, fourteen of whom contributed to this total. Bro. E. Rogers, of the Gooch Lodge, No. 1238, was the only Mason of the Province who reached a hundred pounds total; his list figuring up to £105, while each of the others were below £50.

Berks and Bucks did well, its total of £407 11s 6d being a fine one in view of what is continually being done in this quarter, while Somersetshire, with a total of £400 6s, is equally entitled to praise, more particularly as considerably more than half of the amount here contributed was collected by Bro. J. L. Stothert, of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53, his list figuring up to £236 10s.

It may be interesting to note, as a pleasing incident in connection with the Festival, that Bro. Gerard Ford, on ascertaining that the Province of Sussex was unrepresented, handed in his name as a Steward, as late as four o'clock on the afternoon of the day. The amount he brought up was £31 10s; this is a most creditable proof of the interest he evinces in the Institution, and Freemasonry generally.

The Festival returns of the three Institutions invariably present one or two peculiarities, and a long catalogue of curiosities might easily be compiled from a perusal of the lists for the past few years. Sometimes we find a Lodge or a District, which has been quiet for a long period, suddenly awakening to a sense of its responsibility, and perhaps as suddenly returning to its old ways. In other parts we find the lion's share of the work, which should be fairly divided, falls on one Lodge or on one man; year after year we find the same brother working in a Lodge, and the same Lodge working in a district, without any apparent co-operation from those around them. Such may be said to be the case in regard to Warwickshire, a large part of the contributions from which have, for some time past, been contributed by the members of the Athol Lodge, No. 74. At the present Festival this Lodge stands alone, as representing the Province, but the way in which it goes about its work makes up for some of the deficiencies of its neighbours. Thirteen members of this Lodge appear on the roll of Stewards of the Girls' Festival, and between them they brought up £136 10s. This is not the first time that such support has been rendered by this Lodge to the Festivals. Only last June eighteen of its members undertook Stewardships, and between them secured a total of £231. We believe that much of the credit attached to this "peculiar system" is due to Bro. James Moffat, whose example we should be pleased to see freely followed in his own Province of Warwickshire in particular, and throughout the country in general.

As on former occasions we shall close our remarks with a summary, showing the amount contributed by each of the represented Provinces, their total contributions, as we have said above, being £5,854 18s:—

Province.	No. of Stewards.	Amount.
Shropshire	19	1022 17 0
Middlesex	14	418 2 6
Berks and Bucks	11	407 11 6
Somersetshire	2	400 6 0
Yorkshire (West)	20	350 0 0
Staffordshire	4	320 5 0
Surrey	8	269 1 6
Suffolk	4	229 9 0
Essex	7	222 7 0
Worcestershire	5	212 5 0
Cambridgeshire	1	200 0 0
Herefordshire	4	176 17 6
Kent	5	175 19 6
North Wales	2	155 8 0
Cornwall	1	141 15 0
Lancashire (West)	8	136 10 0
Warwickshire	13	136 10 0
S. Wales (East)	1	105 0 0
Oxfordshire	5	101 14 6
Lancashire (East)	4	94 10 0
Yorkshire (North and East)	1	91 7 0
Derbyshire	4	78 15 0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	2	76 10 0
Durham	2	73 10 0
Monmouthshire	3	62 0 0
Gloucestershire	1	53 11 0
Norfolk	1	52 10 0
Sussex	1	31 10 0
Herefordshire	1	26 5 0
Nottinghamshire	1	16 16 0
Bristol	1	15 15 0

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	Charles Hammerton	101	0	0
	H A Hunt	21	0	0
	E Letchworth, and Chap 2	26	5	0
	Peter de Lande Long	10	10	0
	H B Marshall, J.P.	26	5	0
	J H Matthews	21	0	0
	James Moon	21	0	0
	Colonel James Peters	10	10	0
	Frank Richardson	31	10	0
Lodge 1	John Marsh Case	36	15	0
2	John Jope	26	5	0
Chapter 2	Comp. Edward Letchworth	(see H.C.)		
Lodge 3	Br. J W Squire	38	17	0
4	John A Hughes	15	15	0
5	Capt Lyell	32	11	0
6	Alfred E Craven	21	0	0
8	John Pullman	22	1	0
10	Rev J N Palmer	22	1	0
11	Wm F B McQueen	45	0	0
14	Gordon Smith	10	10	0
18	John H Champness	21	0	0
21	Alderman J Savory	44	18	0
23	George Simonds	23	2	0
26	A E Cumberbatch	21	0	0
27	Chas J Cuthbertson	46	4	0
28	James Boulton	31	10	0
29	Fredk E Burgess	40	0	0
33	Richard C Rapier	16	16	0
46	Herbert S. Clutton	(see 1537)		
65	James T. Akerman	96	5	0
83	Thomas Fenn	(see H.C.)		
90	Walter McDougal	63	0	0
91	Sidney Claris	26	5	0
140	Alexander Forsyth	26	5	0
145	W. F. Masters	63	0	0
147	G. Emblin	420	0	0
165	Richard Eve	52	10	0
172	Carl T. Fleck, and Charles Meierhoff	120	0	0
177	Abel Simner	353	15	0
179	A. Hughes	50	0	0
193	George P. Nightingale	90	6	0
194	Thomas H. Wilson	85	1	0
197	George Lancelot Eyles	105	0	0
211	Frederick T. Bennett	63	4	6
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227	Peregrine Purvis	34	13	0
235	James B. Batten	15	15	0
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259	George Hughes	31	10	0
435	Jesse Brown	38	17	0
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548	Henry Carman	32	11	0
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822	John Fox Seaton	30	0	0
834	C. Dopson, and H. Purdue	150	0	0
871	James G. Thomas	21	0	0
879	Walter Martin	120	0	0
898	F. W. Pulsford	80	0	0
969	Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S.	(see 2108)		
1158	William Belchamber	52	10	0
1185	W. G. Hildreth	21	0	0
Chapter 1185	Comp. George Powell	36	15	0
Lodge 1298	Br. Ernest E. Streat	22	1	0
1366	R. W. Galer	5	5	0
1383	Molière Tabuteau	84	0	0
1425	James Stephens	38	11	0
1537 and 46	H. S. Clutton	168	0	0
1586	G. H. Finch	36	15	0
1608	Henry W. Kiallmark	53	1	6
1613	George Harlow	68	5	0
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1662	Walter Thomas Christian	32	11	0
1662	T. Franklin	36	15	0
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1704	Wm. P. Hubbard	26	5	0
1719	Thomas H. Martin	68	5	0
1728	Arthur Roger Carter	106	1	0
1772	Frederick Whiting	36	15	0
1839	John Culver	42	0	0
1910	Charles Belton	31	10	0
Chapter				
1928	Comp. Thomas Minstrell	26	5	0
Lodge				
1974	Br. George Capper Harding	39	18	0
1986	Joseph W. Hartley	79	16	0
2000	William Edward Stewart	40	8	6
2012	Dr. F. Lawrence	59	0	0
2021	Captain Clifford Probyn	28	7	0
2033	Arthur E. Sansom, M.D.	65	12	6
2060	Ernest St. Clair	51	9	0
2108 and 969	L Browne, F.R.C.S.	74	11	0
2168	Edmund Y. Jolliffe	106	1	0
Mark Lodge				
139	Charles Pulman	10	10	0
Unattached				
Br.	R. G. Barton	10	10	0
	Robert Berridge	10	10	0
	J. J. Berry	23	2	0
	Joseph Clever	25	12	6
	Henry Cox	21	0	0
	George Gardner	5	5	0
	H. P. Hay	10	10	0
	Millner Jutsam	13	2	6
	George Kenning	10	10	0
	W. G. Kentish	15	15	0
	John H. Lane	11	11	0
	H. B. Marshall jun.	10	10	0
	J. L. Mather	36	15	0
	Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C.	26	5	0
	William Morley	10	10	0
	J. C. Osterstock	36	15	0
	W. J. Spratling	20	0	0
	R. J. Taylor	10	10	0
	James Terry	21	0	0
	J. Warcup	15	0	0

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Lodge		£	s	d
209	Br. H. John Stollery	40	0	0
414	John W. Martin	68	5	0
Chapter				
414	Comp. R. C. Mount	35	14	0
Lodge				
591	Br. Harry Martin, John Lawson	60	0	0
Chapter				
591	Comp. John Lawson	21	0	0
Lodge				
771	Br. William Albert Hart	44	2	0
945	Rev. Henry Lewis	66	13	6
1566	E. J. Shrewsbury	12	0	0
1894	George H. Charsley	17	17	0
1899	S. G. Kirchhoffer	26	5	0
2043	Edward Margrett	15	15	0

BRISTOL.

Br.	W. Purnell	15	15	0

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The Province and No. 859—				
Br.	Christopher Geldard	200	0	0

CORNWALL.

The Province, Br. G. B. Pearce		141	15	0

DERBYSHIRE.

1028	Br. Alfred Schofield	31	10	0
Chapter				
1235	Comp. Joseph H. Lawson	26	5	0
Br.	Percy Wallis	10	10	0
	George Fletcher	10	10	0

DURHAM.

The Province and No. 764—				
Br.	J. F. Wilson	63	0	0
Lodge				
509	Br. Matthew B. Dodds	10	10	0

ESSEX.

160	Br. George Wood	13	12	0
276	Adolphus G. Maskell	47	5	0
697	John Thomas Bailey	26	5	0
1343	Charles C. Potter	30	0	0
1437	G. B. Gilbey	10	10	0
1457	J. C. Hopwood	81	2	0
2154	Mark Gentry	13	13	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

1067	Br. W. C. Heane	23	11	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Lodge		£	s	d
35, 2169	Br. George A. Marsell	60	15	0
2068	George F. Bevis	15	15	0

HEREFORDSHIRE.

The Province and No. 751—				
Br.	J Bodenham	26	5	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

403	Joseph Hunt	26	15	6
1327	William Lewis	54	11	0
1479	Horace Slade	32	11	0
2054	Dr. Stephen H Moore	63	0	0

KENT.

1278	Herbert Black	61	19	0
1414	Charles W Smith	24	15	6
1436	H T Samson	36	15	0
1536	George Kennedy	36	15	0
	G Adamson	15	15	0

EAST LANCASHIRE.

343	W Tronghton	10	10	0
348	John Kenyon	10	10	0
993	John Stovold	63	0	0
	Robt Williamson	10	10	0

WEST LANCASHIRE.

673	Wm L Marsden	10	10	0
730	J Heald	5	5	0
1325	J W Burgess	31	10	0
1325	Joseph H Bradshaw	26	5	0
1335	J D Murray	31	10	0
1335	A H Crossley	10	10	0
1476	W B Richardson	10	10	0
1505	Robert Foote	10	10	0

MIDDLESEX.

1194	Br. Edward Monson jun.	27	16	6
1238	E. Rogers	105	0	0
1309	George H. Harding	10	0	0
1326	Charles W. Baker	15	15	0
1326	James C. Goslin	15	15	0
1326	James Lawrence	15	15	0
1326	W. R. Vassila	10	10	0
1326	J. A. Wilson	10	10	0
1415	Henry Pritchard	39	18	0
1460	Charles E. Wright	46	4	0
1494	Arthur E. Sansom	(see 2033)		
2048	Charles Iles Axford	42	0	0
2105	W. R. Palmer	36	15	0
2105	Surgeon R. H. Cama	10	10	0
2163	W. Steward jun.	31	14	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The Province, Br. William Watkins		31	10	0
Lodge				
457	Br. F. A. Powell	20	0	0
818	J. O. Marsh	10	10	0

NORFOLK.

52	Br. H. G. Barwell	52	10	0

NORTH WALES.

1336	Br. C. K. Benson	38	17	0
1849	Colonel Hon. W. E. Sackville-West	116	11	0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Br.	Thomas Salisbury	16	16	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

340	Br. Harry G W Drinkwater	31	10	0
357	L. Mieville	27	7	0
357	P. Colville Smith	11	7	6
478	Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith	21	0	0
1703	George H. North	10	10	0

SHROPSHIRE.

117	Br. V. C. L. Crump	57	15	0
117	T. P. Deakin	31	10	0
262	William E. Harding	115	10	0
262	Arthur Lowcock	63	0	0
262	J. H. Redman	10	10	0
Chapter				
262	Comp. V. C. L. Crump	31	10	0
Lodge				
611	Br. Arthur Marston	52	10	0
611	R. G. Venables	52	10	0
611	T. J. Salwey	10	10	0
1124, 1124	Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., W. H. Spaull	127	1	0
1432	Charles Drew	37	16	0
1575	Lieut.-Col. G. G. Warren	31	10	0

Shropshire—continued.

Lodge		£	s	d
1621	W. Lascelles Southwell	110	5	0
1621	J. H. Cooksey	36	15	0
1896	John Bodenham	94	10	0
2131	Rev. H. K. Southwell	18	0	0
	Joseph Henry Price	10	10	0
	A. C. Spaull	78	15	0
	F. R. Spaull	52	10	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Province and No. 437—				
Br.	W. H. Good	163	16	0
Lodge				
53	Br. J. L. Stothert	236	10	0

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION).

The Prov. Br.	T. Laurence Lewis	105	0	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Lodge		£	s	d
418, 2149	Br. J. Beaumont Piercy			
624	W. H. Bailey	320	5	0
726	John Bodenham			
1792	M. Barker			

SUFFOLK.

81	Br. W. Page Phillips	52	10	0
332	Rev. Samuel Maude	63	0	0
1452	H. W. H. Elwes	40	19	0
1681	H. Harvey-George	63	0	0

SURREY.

452	Br. Charles G. Scott	36	15	0
889	William Chapman	37	16	0
1149	H. E. Turner	23	15	0
Chapter				
1395	Comp. Arthur H. Bowles	32	11	0
Lodge				
1638	Br. John Drewett	42	0	0
1892	William Pile	37	19	0
1981	John Youldon	21	0	0
2095	Fredk. A. Guimaraens	87	5	6

SUSSEX.

Br.	Gerard Ford	31	10	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

74	Br. Wm Johnson, Charles J Collins, Thomas Surman, James C Pool, Josiah Collins, Thomas J Graham, Joseph Gothard, Dr. Hugh Thomas, John S Foster, Felix Jones, James Moffat, Adolphe Arbens, George Hardy	136	10	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

252	Br. James Turner	56	14	0
280	Alfred B. Rowe	80	0	0
Chapter				
377	Comp. J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick	10	10	0
Lodge				
529	Br. Ald. W. B. Williamson, J.P.	54	11	0
	A. F. Godson, M.A., M.P.	10	10	0

YORKSHIRE (N. & E. DIVISION).

1605	Br. J. R. Ansdell	91	7	0

YORKSHIRE (WEST DIVISION).

139	Br. Edward S. Tozer, Frederick R. Booth, 290 William Harrop, 439 Samuel White, 448 Wm. David Shoebridge, 521 A. Armitage, 521 John W. Turner, 521 John G. Thompson, 904 John Gibbs, 974 John R. Oddy, 974 Herbert A. Foster, 1019 Joseph Haslegrave, 1042 Xavier Meyer, 1102 John Kitson Ibberson, 1211 J. W. Fourness, 1239 Thomas E. Barker, 1239 Verdon G. S. Dearden, 1239 A. J. Forsdyke, 1239 Thomas Henry Vernon, 1513 T. W. Embleton, C.E.	350	0	0

EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

The District—				
Bro.	F. H. Gottlieb, J.P.	10	10	0

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THE SUBDIVISION OF THE LONDON LODGES INTO PROVINCES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your leading article in the CHRONICLE of 30th April, headed "Election Days and Election Tactics," there is the following sentence:—"London could do as well as any of the Provinces if the brethren would unite in the Metropolis as they do outside it." To paraphrase *Jack Bunsby* "the bearings of *that* observation lays in the application on it," not only to the subject of your article, but in even a still greater measure to the rapidly becoming acknowledged fact that co-operation amongst the London Lodges in regard to Masonic matters generally is a large and important factor in Freemasonry conspicuous by its entire absence.

You speak of greater advantages secured by Provincial brethren as compared with those in the London district, and of the "tendency to divide the Order into two great sections—Provincial and Metropolitan—with results which must eventually prove detrimental to the kindly feeling which has so long been a characteristic of Freemasonry." You enlarge on that text with special reference to election tactics in connection with our Masonic Institutions, and a great majority of brethren will doubtless coincide with you in your remarks.

But in many other respects this tendency "to divide the Order into two great sections" is manifest, and foremost amongst them that which strikes at the root of the equality amongst Freemasons, which is one of our professed principles, by compelling a certain section to provide larger funds, submit to greater restrictions, and yet be content with more neglect and less reward of merit than the other. What anomaly can be greater than that which on the standard of equality imposes conditions which divide a body of men into "great sections" with unequal responsibilities and non-corresponding advantages? That this is the case in the Order of Freemasonry let the following facts demonstrate.

In what is termed the London District there are upwards of three hundred and fifty Lodges, each of which, according to the regulations of the Grand Lodge, has paid half as much again for its warrant to the Board of General Purposes, and must pay to the same fund for any required dispensation twice as much, for registration of initiates ten-seventeenths more, and for registration of joining members twice as much as any Provincial Lodge is called upon to pay; whilst to the Fund of Benevolence each London brother, that is, a member of a Lodge within a radius of ten miles from Freemasons' Hall, London, must contribute twice as much as any Provincial brother.

It might fairly be assumed, by those who do not know, that in return for these contributions, at least equal advantages would be accorded. But it is not so; and hence the further anomaly that those who pay the most reap the least return. For Provincial Lodges can and do receive the full benefits derivable from the funds to which they have contributed in a lesser degree than their Metropolitan brethren, and, their numerical strength being greater, they receive those benefits in a far larger proportion—in round numbers say as 1000 to 350. That these funds must be respected, and instead of suffering diminution need increase, is not for a moment to be doubted, and no true Mason would desire that the powers of the Board of Benevolence especially should be lessened. Nor would they be, nor could any feeling of injustice arise, if each and all, Metropolitan and Provincial, contributed alike. On the contrary, in such case the Board of Benevolence would be able to render greater assistance than is even now rendered, and that without trenching on funded capital as has latterly been found necessary. The late Bro. Clabon's motion before Grand Lodge, June 1882, "That to meet the then (*even then*) increased demands on the fund every member of a London Lodge should pay 1s 6d quarterly instead of 1s, and members of Provincial Lodges 9d per quarter instead of 6d," was a good one and should have had the fullest consideration. It foreshadowed the present diminution of investments, which should have been kept up instead of suffering decrease.

But as a reason for this difference in amount of contributions it is said Provincial Lodges have to pay fees to their respective Provincial Grand Lodges, and the difference in money contributions is made up thereby. True, but what privileges do the Provincial Lodges receive in return which London Lodges do not enjoy? Most important of all they obtain a "touch" with one another in their respective Provinces under a supervision as to their practice of Masonic working and ritual, which, in the words of our Ancient Charges, tends to "promote peace and cultivate harmony, concord and brotherly love." And this supervision is not of a perfunctory character. The Provincial Grand Masters or their Deputies, or members qualified and delegated by the Provincial rulers, visit the several Lodges in due order, and control and report on proceedings to the general advantage of the aggregate body they have in charge. Have London Lodges any such "touch" or supervision? No! There is no cohesion amongst them; each goes its own way, perfectly independent of all other Lodges, and, beyond that, more or less negligent and careless of control from any superior authority, which in its turn is careless as to what may or may not be done within its jurisdiction. All this must tend to the disadvantage of Freemasonry and, to use your own words, "must eventually prove detrimental to the kindly feeling which has so long been its characteristic."

The suggested sub-division of the Metropolitan area either into sections which shall have the same privileges as Provinces, or by absorption into contiguous existing Provinces, each of which if too largely increased by such absorption might be divided as are the counties of Lancashire and Yorkshire, is not a mere question of the *purple*, as has been most disingenuously represented; and it is a very unworthy argument to use against those who wish to see justice done, equality maintained, and the good of the Craft advanced, that their motive is self aggrandisement and grandeur.

Londoners are apt to boast of their "excellent working" and knowledge of Masonic symbolism and ritualistic teachings, and yet find contradictions in practice amongst their Lodges which tend to confuse rather than to instruct. Each Lodge adopts its own stand-point of Masonic "work," and will either hold fast thereto for many years, or change and change again as the caprice of any individual possessing the power of direction within the Lodge may influence its members from time to time. And why? Because there is no controlling power exercised over *all*! This is not so outside the metropolitan area, and whatever may be the differences in "working" and management between Provinces, the Lodges in each Province at least observe one and the same system, enforced by their recognised authority, the Grand Lodge of the Province in which they are enrolled. Hence it is that better work and greater respect for the principles of Freemasonry, a stronger bond of union and advantageous co-operation, a more liberal encouragement of efforts and preferment of merit, and far more social harmony and concord are to be found in the Lodges outside the radius of "ten miles from Freemasons' Hall" than within it.

For the present let these arguments in favour of the suggested sub-division suffice; there are many others which could be advanced, but probably none of greater importance. What is wanted is the reduction into manageable bodies of an aggregate of Lodges each separate and distinct as between one another, and beyond supervision and control because of the magnitude of the area they cover. How this can be effected it should be quite in the power of the Grand Lodge to determine, and as there are many of its members who share the opinions herein expressed, and do not hesitate to endorse them elsewhere, it is to be hoped that the subject may not be allowed to drop for want of support in the Council of the Order.

"Who would be free, themselves must strike the blow!"

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

7th May 1887.

ELECTION DAYS AND ELECTION TACTICS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My first impression on reading your article under the above heading was that you had been guilty of making the proverbial mountain out of a molehill, in attaching so much importance to the few hours spent over the actual elections in connection with the Masonic Charitable Institutions in view of the remarkably small band of subscribers who attend them, as compared with the whole number eligible to do so. On more mature consideration, however, I arrive at the conclusion you have not erred in this respect, as I came to recognise that the brethren who attend the periodical contests were in many cases the representatives, duly appointed, of very large bodies of subscribers, in distant parts of the country.

It would be out of question to expect anything like a general attendance of voters at the elections, and it is well that it is so; but it must be admitted—on the basis of one of your arguments, that of the small number of unused votes—that nearly all of them take an interest in what is being done at those elections. If they do not attend personally, they send their proxies, and in many instances they specially appoint a representative to take their place and act on their behalf. Such being the case we must recognise these representatives, and study their convenience as we should the wishes of the voters they represent. They bring up a certain number of votes and should be listened to accordingly.

I hope the committees appointed by the Institutions to consider this subject will look at the matter from my (revised) point of view, and not regard the few who personally attend the elections as all who take an interest in their conduct, as I am afraid I used to a certain extent to do.

Yours, &c.

A. M. W.

THE IDIOSYNCRASIES OF TYLERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When you brought out an article in your paper with the above strange-sounding title, I was at first puzzled, and then amused; puzzled, because on handing down a dictionary I found the long and ominous-looking word was not half so dreadful as I at first supposed it was, and amused because of your ill-concealed surprise that there should be difference of degree amongst Tylers, as though indeed there is not amongst all sorts and conditions of men. But when that brilliant effusion appeared from the pen of "An Old Tyler," I hardly knew whether to smile at the vanity of the writer, or to pity his Pharisaical boast of "Thank God I am not as other men are." There is something delightfully suave and complacent about the picture "An Old Tyler" draws of himself. How I should like to meet my "most potent, grave, and reverend" compeer, in order that I might learn a few of his veteran antidotes for "idiosyncrasy!" He starts with disavowing any intention of "blowing his own trumpet with unnecessary vehemence," and forthwith proceeds to do so in the most stentorian fashion. *Eheu!* how perfectly a master he is of that instrument, to be sure. He certainly does allow that

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the rank and file of Tylers, over whom he assumes such an air of superiority—or a "majority" of them—"do behave ourselves in a reasonably moderate, sensible, and intelligent manner, and are deserving of some little degree of respect." There, now; is not that magnanimous of the "Old Tyler?" But if these remarks apply to the common herd, how much more so to him who has had the "exceptional fortune to have his lines cast in pleasant places," who does not "tout" for the sale of collars, &c., on commission, and who excludes himself from the category of those who trade on Freemasonry? Did you ever read such balderdash in your life? Is there a man in the whole ranks of Outer Guards who can be pointed to as being free from such "flippancy and frivolity?" I have never come across one yet. Who is this immaculate "Old Tyler" that boasts, in type, of maintaining "a firm, dignified, yet respectful demeanour towards all the members of the Lodges whose Tyler I am?" Abem! did you ever hear such egotism, emanating from the pen of one who is "on the verge of entering into the sere and yellow leaf?" I was almost going to translate that old saying into "second childhood." Many men who have seen better days contract a *penchant* for referring to their more palmy times, but such references are invariably regarded as pedantic,—even worse. Thus, if "Old Tyler" is not "flouted as a flunkey or snubbed as a servant,"—as he asserts some of us "poor fellows" are,—he need not lay the flattering unction to his soul that it is because he was once in a better position than he is now, or that because he is "grateful to be able to eke out his scanty means by acting as a Tyler." There is something really too Pecksniffian about all this twaddle, which won't wash at all. Did you or any other brother ever see a Tyler "flouted like a flunkey or snubbed as a servant?" Bah! the idea is as preposterous as the illustration is far-fetched. No such outrage was ever perpetrated in a Masonic Lodge, and I challenge the "Old Tyler" to substantiate his implied libel. He says, "I have known some Tylers, who though far better off pecuniarily than many of the brethren they serve, are treated a shade worse than a 'self-made arisrocrat' would treat his footman." Good gracious! I should like those "poor fellows" to be pointed out to me, and I would give them a bit of advice as how to remedy *that* state of things. But I am strongly of opinion that it exists only in the mind of the writer, and shows symptoms of softening in that sensitive part of the cranium which he tries to make us believe is even yet, at his age, more solid and active than with many of us younger ones. The anecdotal portions of "Old Tyler's" letter are amusing, only they should have been told to the horse marines instead of to men who have their weather-eyes open; whilst I must indignantly repudiate the insinuation contained in the concluding sentences that we are in the habit of asking for "tips"—"like the waiters at hotel dinners who, when handing round the toothpicks, insinuate that they 'hope you have been well attended to, sir?' and hoping still more fervently that the guests whom they thus address have so enjoyed themselves that they will be disposed to tip up generously." That, Sir, I regard as a calumny and a libel on our class generally, and I call upon "Old Tyler," in justice to himself and all of us other "poor fellows," to withdraw the statement. It is not only ungenerous, but untrue, and I defy any brother to lay such a charge of levying blackmail by a Tyler on the guests at any Masonic banquet. Whatever waiters at hotels do—who are insufficiently paid by proprietors to avoid asking for tips, and many of them actually pay for the situations they hold, on spec' as to the tips they will receive from customers—at any rate we, as Tylers, are not to be included in the same category, being remunerated for the services we are called upon to render to the Lodges.

I trust, therefore, you will allow me, in fairness, the privilege of expressing my views on the subject ventilated by "Old Tyler," who must be troubled either with a touch of old fogeyism or of "itching fingers" to appear in print, no matter in what guise; and I hope, if he does send you a "few more remarks on the question" at any future time, he may be more consistent with facts, more considerate of the feelings of other Tylers, and less given to blowing that "trumpet" of his, the tones of which drown every other contained in his egotistical effusion.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A YOUNG TYLER.

28th April 1887.

GROSVENOR GALLERY.

THE visitor's impression regarding the place which this season's exhibition at the Grosvenor takes in relation to previous ones at the same Gallery is considerably affected in some instances by the inferior quality of the very large canvasses—much to the detriment of the exhibition as a whole. This impression undergoes modification after a careful survey, when it will be found that there are a number of representative works of great excellence. Still the final verdict we feel must pronounce the present exhibition inferior to that of last Spring. To mention two of the large canvasses in question, we will commence with Mr. C. W. Mitchell's "Through Death unto Life," to which title is added the quotation, "and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the Holy City and appeared unto many." This picture is stiff in action, and conventional in composition, and occupying as it does so prominent a position in the East Gallery, its presence is prejudicial in the extreme. In the West Gallery Mr. C. E. Hallé's large work, "Buondelmonte and the Donati," claims attention by its indifferent drawing and awkward composition, which qualities are too strong to be excused by the presence of a certain amount of good colour—in places, and the head of the daughter of the "Donati."

No. 9, "Pelagia and Philamon," from Kingsley's "Hypatia," by Mr. Arthur Hacker, is a work which will delight admirers of the French school of scientific tone, drawing and absence of colour, while it will for its great excellence in this direction command at least the respect of those to whom the manner is distasteful. Pelagia and Philamon are seen in the desert, the brown grey of the sand forming the prevalent colour, from which the grey portion of Philamon's garment shows no great difference, while the blue of the same is repeated in the narrow strip of grey blue sky on the left of the picture; the figure of Pelagia belongs to that class of drawing which, while possessing considerable exactness of proportion, ignores the subtler beauties of form; the colour, what there is of it, is pleasant in effect and cleverly arranged, though it will certainly not strengthen the claims of Mr. Hacker to the title of colourist.

Mr. Burne Jones, A.R.A., has three pictures in the West Gallery; No. 69, "The Garden of Pan;" No. 75, "The Baleful Head;" and No. 98, "A Portrait;" and in the Third Room, No. 235, "Katie." The two large pictures are in this painter's usual manner, and certainly appear more at home in the Grosvenor Gallery than they would have done in the Royal Academy, possessing as they do all the quaintness in the character of the faces and the composition which the student of Mr. Burne Jones' work has been taught to expect. Mr. G. F. Watts, R.A., exhibits one picture, No. 57, "The Judgment of Paris," in which he has departed from the usual idea of representing the three goddesses in a garden, showing them instead in the clouds, draped in aerial blues and reds, the picture being altogether lovely in colour; the head of Venus bears a very strong resemblance to the Venus de Medici. Sir John Everett Millais, Bart., R.A.'s, two portraits, No. 51, Mrs. Charles Stuart Wortley, and 58, Lord Esher, Master of the Rolls, show us the great painter at his best in Lord Esher's portrait; and if not quite at his best in the lady's portrait, certainly very near it. Mr. Frank Holl, R.A., shows three portraits, of which the finest is No. 54, that of Lord Herkomer, A.R.A., is strong, in four portraits, notably in that of the late Professor Fawcett. Mr. W. B. Richmond gives us his best in No. 32, portrait of the Right Hon. the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, and in 103, La Frainetta—out of six works. Mr. Holman Hunt is, in No. 119, "Amarillis," swathed to the eyebrows in eccentric mannerisms. Mr. John R. Reid sends four pictures—none of considerable size—among which is a portrait of Mrs. William Sanderson, full of good colour and strong character, if a little heavy in light and shade. In the East Gallery we have a very good portrait of J. L. Toole, Esq., by the Hon. John Collier, showing us the popular actor seated in an easy chair, with hands clasped, legs crossed, and looking straight out of the picture; also two more portraits and a picture, entitled "Lilith," from the poem by Rossetti, by the same painter.

Mr. G. H. Boughton, A.R.A., exhibits one of his usual quaint studies of Dutch character in No. 20, "The Cronies"—two old women seated, warming their hands at the fire, engaged in gossip. "In Forest-deeps Unseen" is the title of Mr. Calderon, R.A.'s, one picture, in which we are impressed with a study from the nude, surrounded with a landscape, rather than with the idea of a subject conceived and carried out. A most beautiful study of sea and sky is Mr. H. Moore, A.R.A.'s, "Morning, Gorse Bay, the coast of France in the distance." Mr. Keely Halswelle, A.R.S.A., is much the same as usual in two pictures; clever, but metallic in treatment, and dominated by a peculiar grey, which is this painter's own particular property. 184, "The Dangerous Passage," by Mr. C. E. Johnson, is an interesting landscape, strong and rich in colour. Mr. J. W. Waterhouse, A.R.A., generally a prominent exhibitor here, has this season only one very small picture. Messrs. David Murray, Alfred Parsons, Hamilton Macallum, C. Napier Henry, J. W. North, and Ernest Parton, represent further the arts of landscape and marine painting, each in his well-known manner. We have also two pictures from the hand of Mr. P. R. Morris, A.R.A. Sculpture is represented by Mr. J. E. Boehm, R.A., in four works—marble bust of Her Majesty the Queen, marble bust of the late Abbé Liszt, bronze bust of A. B. Mitford, Esq., C.B., and medallion of Darwin; Mr. Hamo Thorneycroft, "Choristers;" Mr. Harry Bates, "Master Hugh Lancaster" and "Rhodope." We have also another bust of Her Majesty the Queen (in bronze), by H.S.H. the Count Gleichen, who also exhibits a bust of the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G. "The Fallen Angel," by Waldo Story, is the only sculpture group of any particular size; this is placed in the West Gallery. On the whole, sculpture is not very powerfully represented this year at the Grosvenor Gallery.

The Great Prior of England in the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta (the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, 33° G.E.T., &c.) has been pleased to appoint Sir Knight the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31°, to be Provincial Grand Prior of Devonshire, in success on to the late Sir Knight Lieutenant-Colonel J. Tanner Davy. Bro. Lemon was, on the 3rd of this month, unanimously elected an honorary member of Lodge St. John, No. 70, the oldest Lodge in the district.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—It is impossible to over-estimate the benefits these effective remedies have conferred on mankind, and so great has been their success in every part of the world, that their names have become "familiar in our mouths as household words," as ready remedies for constipation, indigestion, and every kind of blood impurity. The action of these Pills is essentially that of purifiers of the blood, hence they strike at the root of nearly all the diseases to which our flesh is heir, neutralise the ill effects of malarious unhealthy atmospheres, and check the onset of fevers, inflammation, and cutaneous eruptions. The Ointment acts as a detergent and cleansing agent, reduces glandular swellings, and quickly heals chronic ulcerations.

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PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE, No. 1903.

THERE was a numerous attendance of members of the ancient Craft on Wednesday afternoon, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Highbury street, Portsmouth, to witness the installation of Bro. W. Royston Pike as Worshipful Master of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, for the ensuing year. The ceremony was conducted in a most impressive manner by Brother H. J. Long P.M., and the hearty vote of thanks which was accorded to him was thoroughly deserved. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as under:—Lieutenant James Knowles, R.N., I.P.M., Bro. Livesay S.W., Bro. Commander the Hon. Assheton G. Curzon-Howe, R.N., J.W., Bro. the Rev. P. H. Good Chaplain, Brother G. Backler Treasurer, Bro. A. Leon Emanuel Secretary, Brother Ford S.D., Bro. Austin J.D., Bro. Sam Knight Dir. of Ceremonies, Bro. G. Sylvester Organist, Bro. Lieut. G. Gilea I.G., Bro. Lieut. Oliver Young, R.N., and Bro. Primmer Stewards. A handsome P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, was presented by Bro. Long P.M. to the retiring W.M. Lieut. Knowles, in recognition of the zeal displayed by him in the discharge of his duties, and of the interest which he has always taken in the welfare of the Lodge. At the banquet (which was excellently served by Brother W. Maybour, of Ordance-row, Portsea) the W.M. was supported by several Prov. Officers past and present, including Bro. R. J. Rastrick P. G. Treasurer, and Bro. H. Cawte P.G. Warden, P.M.'s and W.M.'s. The usual toasts were duly honoured, the health of the W.M. being proposed by Bro. T. Page P.M., and responded to in a very able and appropriate speech by Bro. Pike, whose enthusiastic reception by the brethren evidenced their appreciation of the earnestness which he has uniformly evinced in connection with the fulfilment of the duties of the several offices which he has held in the Lodge. A pleasing feature of the post-prandial proceedings, which were enlivened with harmony, was the presentation of a massive silver loving cup and two goblets, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, to Bro. G. Sylvester, in acknowledgment of the satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of Organist. Among the visitors was Bro. E. K. Knight, a Mason of fifty years' standing, who attended as a special mark of respect to the professional brother and friend who was on Wednesday placed in the chair. Bro. R. Eve, Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England, had accepted an invitation, but was unable, at the last moment, to be present.

Bro. Boughton, the proprietor of the Theatre Royal Portsmouth, has given another striking proof of his liberality and public spirit. Lately, in forwarding to the Mayor a donation of five guineas in aid of the Jubilee Fund for the Hospital, Bro. Boughton intimated that during the Jubilee week he would devote the proceeds of one night's entertainment at the Royal to the fund. The company and the programme have not yet been decided on, but in order to ensure a crowded house the bill will be made as attractive as possible. Bro. Boughton is an enthusiastic Mason, and, it will be remembered, recently inaugurated his year of office as Worshipful Master of the Portsmouth Lodge by extending his hospitality not only to members of the Craft, but to a number of the fair sex, who will not readily forget the pleasant "At Home" at the Victoria Hall. Bro. Boughton intends to give the proceeds of another entertainment in the Jubilee week to the funds of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Charities. The patronage of Her Majesty and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, will be solicited, and an application will be made to the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) for a dispensation to enable the brethren occupying seats in the dress circle to appear in Masonic clothing. The Prov. G.M. and other members of the Craft will not fail to appreciate Bro. Boughton's generous resolve to swell the fund which is appropriated to charitable objects.

ANCIENT ISRAEL.—Respecting the Anglo-Israel mania, A. Neubaner, of Oxford, writes to *Notes and Queries*: A self-evident and undeniable proof of an early settlement of Israelitish tribes in the United Kingdom is afforded by names of towns, of a nature which historians as well as ethnologists admit. Everybody will agree that Dover, for instance, is nothing else than a dialectical form of the locality Debir (Joshua xiii. 26). Edinburgh is no doubt the Eden town, and in fact there is an Etenic view from that town. Eboracum (York) is either the town of Eber or else Ebras, "the blessed town," with a Latin termination. But let us take London, whose derivation is still doubtful; as a Hebrew name we shall find it to be Lan-Dan, "the dwelling of Dan." Old London was, therefore, inhabited by the Danites (perhaps a part of them went over to Den-mark, although not yet claimed by the Danes). In the name of Dublin is most likely to be found a reversed form, that name seeming to be Dublan, the dwelling of Dub or Dob. This word, which means usually in Hebrew a bear, could dialectically mean a wolf (hardened from Zeeb). The wolf represents the tribe of Benjamin (Genesis xlix. 27), consequently a part of the Benjamites settled in Dublin, and that perhaps in the time of Jeremiah, who it is known came over to Ireland, married an Irish princess, and brought over a copy of the law, which is now buried in the Mount Tara (from Torah the law). The tribal characteristic of "ravening as a wolf" still continues to mark the descendants. It is not unlikely that Phœnicians settled also in England, which has long been suspected, from the frequently employed word Bal as a prefix in Celtic localities. Could not Sydenham mean "the home of the Sidoniane?"

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London or Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Strand.—Praise is due to Messrs. H. B. Conway and William Farren for their determination to revive some of the less known comedies during their season at this house. Old Comedy Companies have of late only dealt with familiar pieces, so that the announcement that the English Comedy Company were about to produce "The Clandestine Marriage" was heartily welcomed. The revival was duly presented on Monday, when a good "house" assembled to renew, or make acquaintance with, Geo. Colman and David Garrick's famous work. A great deal might be written about this particular play, which in some parts proves anything but interesting, while in others it is questionable whether it would be palatable to some modern playgoers. The last act, for instance, is certainly constructed on dangerous ground, and should be considerably toned; however well it may be handled, in its present state few can fail to realise what is meant. Turning to those engaged, we must at once award Mr. W. Farren the palm. It is something like forty years since his father delighted playgoers with his perfect rendering of Lord Ogleby, and it is conceded the father's mantle has fallen on the son. Lord Ogleby is perhaps one of the most difficult characters to represent; to realise the failing health, the rheumatic twinges, the return of vigour when in the presence of pretty women, and also the noble bearing; these are shown clearly and without exaggeration. Mr. Farren also looks the old man. His scenes with Fanny are happily conceived; his joy, when he thinks she has fallen in love with him, never for a moment oversteps the author's intention. Taking his performance as a whole, Mr. Farren is heartily to be congratulated. As Sir John Melvil, Mr. H. B. Conway displayed plenty of spirit. At the commencement of the piece he delivered Garrick's original prologue. Mr. Henry Crisp made a blunt and hearty Sterling, but Mr. Reeves Smith appeared uneasy as Lovewell. The Canton of Mr. Robert Soutar was a capital performance, while Mr. Mark Kinghorne was good as Brush. Miss Fanny Coleman judiciously kept from exaggeration the part of Mrs. Heidelberg, a mixture of Mrs. Malaprop and Mrs. Candour; while Miss Angela Fenton employed considerable tact in her representation of Miss Sterling. Miss Maud Stradwick, as Fanny, would have been better had she sometimes varied the tone of her voice. The Misses Florence Sutherland, Ada Ferrar and Mary Burton each showed signs of care and study. Mr. Farren received a hearty and deserved call at the conclusion.

Adelphi.—To run a drama through five hundred performances is a result rarely achieved; when such a drama has been produced it must be conceded that it must assuredly be considerably above the average quality. Such is Messrs. George R. Sims and Henry Pettitt's five act drama "The Harbour Lights." A more healthy or thoroughly interesting play could not be desired, while the actors engaged to interpret the work could scarcely be excelled. On a recent visit to the Adelphi we found Mr. Percy Lyndal was playing the part of Lieutenant David Kingsley vice Mr. William Terriss away for a holiday. Thanks to Mr. Lyndal's careful interpretation the character lost little by the change; this gentleman's cheerful and gallant bearing thoroughly suits the part. Mr. Arthur Marcel gave an earnest realization of Frank Morland, Mr. Lyndal's original character, while Mr. J. D. Beveridge is back in his old part of Nicholas Morland. Miss Millward gains the sympathies of her audience by her natural rendering of Dora Vane, while the comic element is well sustained by Messrs. E. W. Garden, Miss Clara Jecks, Mrs. John Carter and Mrs. H. Leigh.

Toole's.—Mr. Toole's present programme shows us a character suited to that gentleman's peculiarities. "The Butler" is a comedy with plenty of scope. Although it has now been running some time, we cannot refrain from remarking it is a pity it is spread out to such an extent. The frequent duologues are depressing, and stop the progress of the piece, which would be of a bright and laughable character if worked closer. Mr. Toole is well supported by Messrs. E. D. Ward, John Billington, G. Shelton, the Misses Emily Thorne, Marie Linden, Violet Vanbrugh, and Bella Wallis (in place of Kate Phillips, who, we are sorry to hear, is seriously ill).

THE LONDON HORSE SHOW.—This show, which opens this day (Saturday), at Olympia, Kensington, will be the largest of its kind ever held; still entries have had to be declined. A new feature will be the tandem and four-in-hand classes, and there will be jumping throughout each day of the show, which will remain open until Friday, the 20th May. Olympia is so easily accessible by train and omnibus that a large number of people are likely to attend. It is anticipated that the show will draw the finest collection of horseflesh ever brought together.

The following Festivals took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 14th May 1887:—

Monday—Leigh Lodge, St. George's and Cornerstone Lodge. Wednesday—Lodge of Fidelity, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' Festival. Thursday — University of London Lodge. Friday — Britannic Lodge. Saturday—Artists' General Benevolent Institution, Phœnix Lodge.

Inter-visitations are of untold value to all Masonic organisations. If one Lodge visits another in a body, it widens the usefulness of both. If one member visits another, it creates a universality of feeling, and inaugurates new friendships; it shows that the citizen loves his neighbour, and desires him to put shoulder to shoulder in the plan to maintain order against every foe at all hazards. Therefore let the Lodges intervisit frequently.—*Canadian Craftsman.*

The ill-natured critics who dip their pens in gall, are growing fewer, in proportion to the number of their craft, every day, and are generally the men with the least grasp of thought.

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REVIEWS.

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

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The Masonic Year Book for the Province of Cambridgeshire. Cambridge: W. P. Spalding, 43 Sydney Street.

YET another of these useful little works, which have come in a shoal upon us within the last few weeks, and with such rapidity that it is next to impossible to find new words in which to clothe our descriptions of them. Here we have, of course, the usual "calendar" matter, carefully and judiciously arranged "up to date," with all the information necessary for the enlightenment of our Cambridgeshire brethren of Masonic doings within their Province. The Editor in his prefatory notes talks discursively on the past year's Masonic history of the Province, in which he refers with sadness to the great loss which the brethren have sustained in the death of the lamented Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. Neal York, which event occurred on 9th July last year. He remarks it is not too much to say that a more popular Deputy Grand Master did not hold office in England, and the numbers who attended his funeral on the 15th July testified to the deep respect in which he was deservedly held. Bro. York was a bright Mason; his heart was big with Charity; his hand was ever ready as his purse, ever open to relieve the necessities of the distressed. A memorial window was placed in St. Mary's Church, Newmarket, the subject comprising Solomon King of Israel, St. Etheldreda and several Masonic columns. He then refers to the appointment of Bro. Andrew H. Moyes as the late Deputy Prov. Grand Master's successor, and in reference to this the writer adds: Brother Moyes' Masonic work was the pride of his Lodge and Chapter; his charitable disposition had been evinced by his having acted more than once as Steward to one or other of the Charities; and these qualities, added to his universal courtesy, doubtless operated strongly with the Prov. Grand Master in his choice of a Deputy. Notes are appended of the work of the several Lodges in the Province during the year, notable amongst which was the jubilee of the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441, which was celebrated by the holding of a Lodge of Emergency in July, and a very enjoyable winter party after it. All the Lodges appear to have progressed satisfactorily, and R. A. Masonry has steadily advanced; while the past year has shown a great increase in the charitable work of the Province. The book is of handy size, well printed, and bound in a cover of white and gold.

In a neat little "price current list," issued by the St. George's Distillery, Borough, we find a very interesting account of "The last of the Marshalsea," by Mr. H. Stonehewer Cooper, which is well worth perusal, by all especially who are acquainted with the works of Dickens and his many references to the old debtors' jail. After alluding to the disappearance of some famous old historical structures in London, the writer tells us that the last relics of the Marshalsea are about to share the same fate. The prison derived its name from having been originally placed under the Knight Marshal of the Royal Household, and its jurisdiction extended twelve miles round Whitehall, the City of London excepted. In 1842 it ceased to be a prison for the "smugglers, pirates and debtors" who formed its population, and the very memory of the place, except in the pages of "Little Dorrit," seems to have passed away. We much question whether one of a thousand of the busy crowds who throng the High-street of Southwark from dawn to dark are aware that just before they reach St. George's Church, on the eastern side of the street, they are passing two of the most historical prison sites in London, that of the Old King's Bench and the Marshalsea. Mr. Cooper gives a graphic description of the interior of the prison, the home of the "Father and Child of the Marshalsea," which is doomed and whose site will soon be busy with men building, and shortly afterwards with the hum of factory work. But the halo of Dickens's creation still hovers round the dreary spot, inasmuch as the two entrances to the St. George's Distillery, yclept "The Crown," close by, and now kept by Brother T. J. Maidwell, are adorned with two scenes from "Little Dorrit," one where she is playing with the turnkey, and another where the old vestry clerk from round the corner is showing her the registry of her birth as "Born in the Prison of the Marshalsea, in the parish of St. George." A large section of our readers are familiar with our Bro. Maidwell, who is a P.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, and for many years the popular proprietor of the "Hercules Tavern" in Leadenhall-street; he will be only too ready to present such as may be desirous of perusing this little historic sketch with a copy, if they will drop in and see him at the "Crown."

Messrs Cassell and Company will publish during May "The Queen's Pictures, illustrating the chief events of Her Majesty's life" (reproduced by the gracious permission of the Queen), as a special Jubilee number of *The Magazine of Art*. The text will be written by Richard R. Holmes, Esq., F.S.A., librarian at Windsor Castle, and the work will contain engraving of pictures which have been executed from time to time by the Royal commands to illustrate the chief events of Her Majesty's life, and of portraits of the Queen painted at various periods by celebrated painters. Many of these pictures have never before been engraved, and are now published for the first time, by the special permission of Her Majesty.

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A MASONIC ALPHABET.

XV.—OBEDIENCE.

The soldier takes his life in hand,
And marches at his chief's command,
Whate'er it chance to be:
To certain triumph o'er his foes,
Or death, amid the fatal close
When life and victory flee.

O'er, 'mid the dangers of the deep,
Where shoals and rocks their vigil keep,
To trap the careless crew.
The helmsman's hand upon the wheel,
Bids the whole ship his purpose feel,
And hold his guidance true.

We have commands as firm and clear
As any known to warrior's ear:
To keep our progress straight;—
To guide us on our onward way;
To urge us to the Mystic Ray
Which lights the Future State.

Obey, then, throbs of gen'rous swell,
Which bid us act our duty well
To those in grief or need.
Obey the manly instincts, rife
With beauties of Masonic life,
Success must be our meed.

XVI.—PRUDENCE.

When summer days are bright and long,
And sun-gleams fall both warm and strong,
The busy ant, with tireless ran,
Lays up for time, when, Summer done,
The wintry days of cold and wet,
Forbid the search his food to get;
Securely snug, his toiling o'er,
He feasts on riches from his store.
A lesson here the Masons learn,
All sloth and idleness to spurn;
To store the mind, when bright and clear,
For weakness of the aging year;
To work and strive, whilst health is by,
That peace may fold us when we die;
To shirk no burden, rightly laid,
Whilst strength of mind and frame can aid.
Thus Providence, whilst we have our breath,
Shall bless our life and guard our death.

WM. H. ORR,
Wor. Master Lodge Edinburgh, No. 10, Grand Bard.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION.—The Committee of this Institution have decided to offer a gold and silver medal for drawings or models of a mechanically propelled Life-boat best adapted to meet the conditions under which Life-boats are called upon to perform their work. Also a gold and a silver medal for models or drawings of a propelling power suitable for the boats of the Institution. All models or drawings must be forwarded to the Institution not later than the 1st October next, under cypher, accompanied by the fullest detailed explanations, and a sealed cover containing the name and address of the competitor, not to be opened until after a decision has been arrived at. The models and drawings will be examined by three judges, appointed by the Committee, who reserve to themselves the right of withholding all or any of the medals. All communications should be addressed to the Secretary, Charles Dibdin, Esq., 14 John Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.

THE QUIVER medal for heroism in the saving of life has been awarded to Thomas Whiting, of Stratford-on-Avon, who recently saved a woman from drowning, at the risk of his own life. The medal was publicly presented by the Mayor, Sir Arthur Hodgson, K.C.M.G. Whiting has also received the medal of the Royal Humane Society, in recognition of the same brave deed.

MASONS AT HEART.—There are two kinds of Masons—those that *are* Masons indeed, and those that *know* Masonry. There are some brethren who know Masonry, yet are not Masons—it is so much easier to know a thing than to be what it implies. It is a capital thing to be a good ritualist, provided you mean what you say and practise what you teach. It is often said that a brother who can confer all the degrees with honour is a good Mason. So he is, *skin deep*, but he ought to be a Mason all through, and especially in his *heart*. There is nothing like heart-Masonry. It tells in the life as well as on the lips. Indeed, some men are Masons at heart who never were initiated. They are fit to be made Masons, but never happened to petition for initiation. It is a lucky thing for the world that it has these heart-Masons in it, all unenrolled, but as surely Masons in action as though they had received the investiture of the Craft.—*Keystone*.

George Macdonald writes: "Whoever thinks of life as something that could be without religion, is in deathly ignorance of both. Life and religion are one, or neither is anything. . . . Religion is no way of life, no show of life, no observation of any sort. It is neither the food nor the medicine of being. It is life essential."

He who neglects the present duty, breaks a thread in the loom, and will see the effect when the meaning of a lifetime is unravelled.

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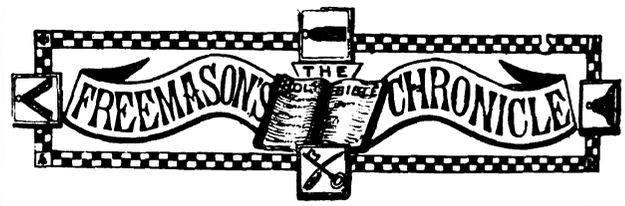
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Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *, or by the Widow, 2 Palace Road, Upper Norwood; or Mrs. Turner, "The Chase," Farquhar Road, Upper Norwood.



THE FESTIVAL.

THE Ninety-Ninth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls took place on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there was a very numerous attendance of Stewards and others under the presidency of Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Shropshire. Taken altogether, the second Festival of the year may be regarded as satisfactory, when we consider the exceptional circumstances under which it was held, and the special efforts that are being made this year. We were sanguine enough to anticipate this would be so, and that Bro. Hedges was able to announce a sum nearing £12,000 as a result of the combined efforts of the Stewards must be regarded as a matter for sincere congratulation. After the banquet, which was served in Messrs. Spiers and Pond's best style, the chairman proposed the loyal toasts, referring to Her Majesty as having a claim upon their affections such as that neither could familiarity dim its lustre in their eyes nor the revolving cycle of fifty years impair its hold upon their hearts. In drinking to the health of the Queen they not only paid their respects, as loyal citizens, to the head of the State, but they also desired to toast the illustrious lady whose private example had always been for the promotion of true Charity, and who occupied the position of Grand Patroness of the Institution in whose interest they were met together on this occasion. Speaking of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, he said no one lived more in the full blaze of publicity than did His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Whether it was opening an Exhibition at Manchester on one day, attending a reception of the Colonial delegates in London the next, or presiding at a Charity dinner on another, in all he brought to his public duties that marvellous tact and affability which were so well known to the people, and which endeared him to every class. In these endeavours he was nobly seconded by the Princess of Wales, who was as enthusiastically loved and adored as when first she came to this country, twenty-four years ago. As Masons they owed much to the Prince of Wales as their Grand Master, and he had no doubt that the great meeting to be held in the Albert Hall next month, in celebration of the Royal Jubilee, would forcibly remind them of the marvellous progress which had been made in

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Freemasonry since his accession, twelve years ago. It was gratifying to see Prince Albert Victor taking a position as a Grand Officer of England, thus carrying out the example of his illustrious family, in the person of the Prince Regent the Duke of Clarence in the last generation, and the Prince of Wales in this. The Chairman then paid a high tribute of praise to the Grand Officers for the ability with which the affairs of the Craft are administered; and Bro. Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer, whose name was associated with the toast, responded. After referring to the distinguished position held by many of the Officers of Grand Lodge, both in the State and other institutions connected with the administration of this great Empire, Bro. Eve said he felt the M.W. Grand Master had done wisely in selecting so many distinguished brethren. On their behalf he begged to say how deeply they sympathised with the movement they were supporting that evening, in helping forward those great Institutions that had shed so much lustre on Freemasonry. The Girls' School was one of those Institutions, which proved Charity to be one of the brightest jewels in the diadem of Freemasonry. Although they had a great love for the other Institutions, there was a peculiar attraction in that one whose special care was the daughters of Masons. Those who had visited the Institution at Battersea-Rise would admit that it was splendidly worked, that it reflected credit on the Order, and did good to humanity in general. The movement was deserving of all the support they could give to it, and he trusted next year, being the Centenary, all the brethren would double their subscriptions. Bro. T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, was unexpectedly called upon to propose the health of the Chairman, and in doing so he said, though unprepared for it, he had great pleasure in discharging that duty, having been associated with Sir Offley Wakeman in the Prince of Wales Lodge for many years. There he (Bro. Fenn) had an opportunity of observing how good a Mason Sir Offley was, and when his appointment as Prov. Grand Master of Shropshire was announced to the Lodge it was received by the members with the liveliest satisfaction, not only because it reflected honour on their Lodge, but because they were sure that all the brethren of Shropshire would be highly pleased and gratified at the Most Worshipful Grand Master's selection. The toast was most cordially received, and in response Sir Offley said he felt deeply the honour that had been conferred upon him, and upon the Province over which he had been called upon to preside, by being permitted to occupy the chair that evening. He remembered having attended Festivals of this description,—as one of the Stewards of his mother Lodge at Oxford,—when he sat at the other end of the room, and heard very little of what passed. He little thought at that time he should find himself at the Chairman's end. It always appeared to him that a great meeting like this, of brethren from different parts of the country, for the benefit of their Institutions, showed the real bond there was in Freemasonry, a bond of union, which extended far beyond the limits of the British Isles, to every brother of the Craft, wherever he might be. It had been his good fortune twice in the last eight years to prove how true this was, in countries other than England. Very recently he was enabled to witness the hearty welcome of the brethren in the far West of America. Some years before that it was his privilege to be present, in the distant East, to see Masonic ceremonies performed in English by a Lodge of brethren consisting of Mahomedans, Parsees, and Hindoos. Allowing something for the well known exuberance of the Orientals, he was at a loss to say which welcome was the warmer. In proposing the next toast—Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—he observed that, though they wished prosperity to all the Masonic Charities, this particular Institution must at all times be very near to the heart of every true Mason. At the outset of their Masonic career they were informed that Charity was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart; it was impressed at the very threshold of their entrance into the Craft that, amongst the thousands of their Masonic brethren, there were many who might have a claim upon their Charity. It was satisfactory to know that the Craft in general were not unmindful of their duty in this respect, as was evidenced by the magnificent support given to the three Institutions year after year. Equally satisfactory was it to find that this support had in the main kept pace with the great progress in the numbers of the Fraternity, nor had it, so far as he was aware, been impaired by those distressful circumstances which had been so forcibly brought to their notice in recent years with reference to the general prosperity of the country. The Girls' Institution was eminently worthy of their most hearty support. The brethren were aware, from the experience of former years, that the Institution had been well supported; indeed, he might say the history of the Institution had been one of continuous and successful progress. At its foundation, ninety-nine years ago, it commenced with only fifteen pupils. So late as 1872 there were but one hundred pupils in the School; to-day it contains no less than two hundred and forty eight. Thus they found the benefits of the Institution widely extended every year. It was not, however, merely to the extension of numbers that he might allude with satisfaction, but he thought he could more particularly congratulate those who had the management of this Institution upon the great care that was exercised there for the physical, moral and intellectual development of the pupils. This was largely aided by the Junior School, which enabled that extra supervision and care to be paid to the younger girls which was so desirable at their tender age. He applauded the system which prevailed in the Senior School, of accustoming all the pupils to officiate in domestic work of a practical character; and expressed the pleasure it afforded him that the girls were diligently instructed in plain needlework, cookery, and other useful branches of education. Another matter of satisfaction to all who had an interest in the School was the fact that, with the exception of the head governess, all the educational staff had been brought up and trained in the Institution. When they found pupils of maturer years coming back to the School, they found also that they carried back with them a grateful recollection of former days. He visited the School on Tuesday, with Bro. Hedges and other Officers, and saw the excellent condition of the children, and the remarkable discipline that existed; he could but feel that the Institution was being conducted in a most satisfactory way. He saw 160 girls going through drill exercise at the word of command, and he was perfectly amazed at the accuracy with which the evolutions were performed. The intellectual part of the education was equally satisfactory. At the Cambridge Examination nineteen were entered, and all passed, eight with honours. At the Examination of the College of Preceptors thirty entered, and all of them passed. In the Science Examinations fifty-four pupils entered in physiography, and forty-one passed; forty passed in electricity and magnetism. So far as the financial position of the Institution was concerned, that very largely depended upon the efforts of the Stewards; at the same time he would like to point out that there was special need this year for a call on their liberality, because it had been found necessary to expend £8,000 recently in the purchase of certain property for the well-being of the School. But for these timely steps much injury might have been done to the Institution. He reminded them that the Charity had no regular income beyond £2,000 a year, and it must therefore rely on the contributions of the brethren. This year they were under a disadvantage,—in this respect. The ninety-ninth year was nothing more than other years, but it had in the coming year the glory of a Centenary, and he might be permitted to express a hope that the next anniversary of the Festival of this, the oldest of the three Masonic Institutions, would be of such a character—held as doubtless it will be under illustrious auspices—as to be entirely unique in the history of English Freemasonry. Speaking for himself, he was sure the event would not be allowed to pass by the Craft without a very great effort to mark it. In conclusion, he claimed for the School that it was nobly performing the object for which it was founded, and, in company with its two sister Institutions, afforded a very complete and cogent answer to all they heard about what was the good of Freemasonry? To such a questioner he would like to point out the three great Masonic Institutions, and then he would find, with the alteration of only one word, that epitaph which was to be found over an entrance to St. Paul's Cathedral, to that great Architect and Mason Sir Christopher Wren, "*Si argumentum quæris circumspice.*" Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., P.G. Treas., responded; he acknowledged the liberal contributions of the brethren in the past, and solicited their donations in the future, especially at the forthcoming centenary year in order that they might not only be enabled to maintain the School in its present

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state of efficiency, but also to extend still further the benefits of the Charity to a much larger number of the fatherless daughters of those unfortunate brethren who have fallen out in the battle of life. Bro. Hedges, Secretary, read the Stewards' lists, details of which will be found in another column. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, congratulated the brethren upon the excellent results of the Festival. Although, perhaps, not so magnificent as had sometimes been announced on these occasions, yet they still showed the keen interest which was taken by the brethren at large in the Masonic Institution for Girls was unabated. There was an old line of a poet that says—

"Man never is, but always to be, blessed,"

and the moment Masons had had one Festival they looked forward with the greatest interest to the next. Brother Terry and his Institution were in the happy position of having achieved the greater result this year, but there was still one Festival in the future, that of the Boys' School. They all hoped and trusted that its Festival would be as successful as had been those of the other Institutions. Masons had been somewhat heavily taxed this year by special claims, but he was sure the Masons of England would support the Festival of the Boys' School as they had supported the two others. They knew this Institution had peculiar merits, though each of them claimed the greatest interest of the Craft. He was sure the Boys would meet with the generous support of the brethren, no less than it had in the previous years. Brother Frederick Binckes, Past Grand Steward, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, felt deeply indebted to the Grand Secretary for the kind and sympathetic manner in which he had proposed the toast, and for congratulating the Girls' and the Benevolent Institution on their successes in connection with their respective Festivals. He had prognosticated — and he hoped the prognostication would be more than fulfilled—the success of the Festival of the Boys' School, to be held on the 14th of June, the day immediately succeeding the Jubilee Masonic gathering, or assembly, to be held at the Albert Hall. He felt to a certain extent relieved by having been enabled to join in the congratulation of the other Institutions on their successes. He naturally had some little anxiety with reference to the Boys' School. He had often said that that Institution came last of the three, and was generally content to take the crumbs left from the others. He was disposed that evening to take up another view; he wanted to impress on the brethren another lesson, comparing the three Institutions with the three degrees of Masonry. The Benevolent Institution was the entered apprentice. Having taken that degree the brethren were naturally desirous of progressing. The Girls' School was the second degree; it was the connecting link with the other two. The Boys' School was the third degree, where members rallied round and performed the most important ceremony. While he stood in an unfortunate position that evening, not being able to announce the name of any distinguished brother to preside, he had every faith that the intrinsic merits of the School would command success, and that the brethren would maintain the prosperity of his Institution. They were in debt, in doubt, in difficulty; he wanted the brethren to release them from all three. They wanted the brethren to come forward and help the sons of Masons—the men of the future—to be able in later days successfully to fight the battle of life, and maintain the two great principles which their Royal Grand Master enunciated on the day of his installation—loyalty to the throne and charity to the human family. Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer, next proposed the Stewards of the Day, with thanks to them for their excellent arrangements for the Festival. He expressed pleasure at meeting so many country brethren, and alluded to the fact that the Province of Shropshire had raised over £1,000 in aid of the School. Bro. Venables responded for the compliment. He was proud that Shropshire had provided more than 1000 out of the 11,000 odd bricks for the Institution that night. Shropshire was pleased to see such efforts in the cause of Charity, and hoped it would continue to all the Institutions, and so carry out the precept—"Hearts willing and hands ready." Bro. Letchworth P.G.D. proposed the Ladies, for whom Bro. P. De Lande Long P.G.D. responded, and the brethren then adjourned to the Temple, where a concert of vocal and instrumental music was given, under the direction of Bro. Franklin Clive. The following artistes assisted:— Madlle. Marie de Lido and Miss Ethel Winn, Madame Florence Winn and Madame Featherby-Capel; Bros. Arthur Thompson, Albert James, Egbert Roberts, and Franklin Clive; solo flute, Bro. John Radcliff; pianists, Bros. J. Turle Lee and Herbert Schartau.

VISIT OF THE STEWARDS TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Stewards' customary visit to the Girls' School, on the eve of the Festival, was paid on Monday last, when the prizes gained by the pupils in their various educational sections were distributed by Bro. R. Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence. The children looked remarkably robust and cheerful, and it is much to the credit of Miss Davis and her assistants that the interior economy of the establishment is maintained in such a high state of efficiency. On their arrival the visitors strolled round the grounds, in which many improvements have been of late effected, after which they assembled in the hall to hear a selection of music and recitations by the pupils, who acquitted themselves in a manner that elicited expressions of unbounded satisfaction from the audience. In the distribution of prizes, given by the Institution, the gold medal (with £5 added by Bro. W. Winn) was awarded to Helen Senior, and the silver medal for good conduct (with £5 added by Bro. Winn) to Grace Bartram. There was, as usual, an enormous array of prizes, in the shape of books, work boxes, &c., and as each pupil advanced to the dais to receive her reward she was spoken to in a few appropriate and kindly sentences by the Chairman. It is a satisfaction to know the whole of the twenty children entered for the Cambridge Local Examination passed, with the exception of one, who through illness was compelled to withdraw. One or two brief addresses followed the distribution, the Chairman explaining that his occupying the chair was an accident, owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Prov. Grand Master for Shropshire. He then congratulated his young friends on the very able manner in which they had done their tasks. Knowing them as old friends, it gave him much pleasure to be able to testify publicly to their merits. He knew such results could not have been achieved without constant care and study on their part, but no manner of study and perseverance could have enabled them to achieve such a success had it not been that they had been taught by such a scholar as Miss Davis. It was only a week or two ago that some of that lady's friends met together to celebrate her twenty-fifth year of labour and duty in this establishment, performed in a manner, he ventured to think, unsurpassed by any one in the world. Those who so ably assisted her—from Miss Redgrave down to those who had had prizes to-day—had followed worthily in her footsteps; each striving her utmost to bring this School forward in reputation for training the children, not only in secular knowledge, but also in moral and religious duties. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, after which the visitors repaired to the grounds, where tea, coffee, and other refreshments were dispensed, under canvas. Later in the evening the usual calisthenic exercises were witnessed, but the festivities were somewhat curtailed, in consequence of a scholastic examination on the following day.

The refreshment department appeared to be sufficiently well stocked for the requirements of the numerous party, but owing to a deficiency of seating accommodation in the tents, a considerable amount of justifiable complaint was heard. Many of the visitors came long distances, and that they should have found themselves unable to procure a seat while partaking of a cup of tea or coffee, was unquestionably a flaw in the arrangements. In the crowded marquees the counters were besieged, and this it will imperatively be necessary to obviate in the future.

We append the full programme of the day:—

Part I.

"O praise the Lord."—Mendelssohn.

Trio—"Célèbre Menuet"—Boccherini—42 hands.—7 Pianos.—Marion Bloomfield, Alice Blunt, Amy Cutbush, Lilian Frub, Kathleen Gibson, Beatrice High, Florence James, Maud Keily, Beatrice Knott, Gertrude Lockwood, Hilda Lyon, Edith Matthews, Isabella McLeod, Charlotte McMillan, Grace Musgrave, Lonisa Pincombe, Mary Sherington, Jane Smith, Lucy Smith, Fanny White, Kate Wortley.

Recitation—"The Pride of Battery B"—Daisy Capon.

Solo—"Funeral March of a Marionette"—Gounod—14 hands.—7 Pianos.—Daisy Capon, Amy Cutbush, Maud Keily, Charlotte McMillan, Lucie Ochsenbein, Lonisa Pincombe, Jane Smith.

Recitation—"Lost and Found"—Hamilton Aidé—Ellen Ashton.

Prizes given by the Institution.

Ellen Senior, the Gold Medal for Proficiency, with £5 by Bro. William Winn. Grace Bertram, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, with £5 by Bro. William Winn.

Cambridge Local Examinations.—Twenty entered—19 passed (1 withdrawn through illness).—Senior Third Class Honours—Miss S. M. Nerrish, Miss A. W. Cecil (Pupil Teachers.)

Junior Second Class Honours.—Ellen Senior, Jane Taylor.

Junior Third Class Honours (with £1 5s each—part of £5—by Bro. William Winn)—Fanny Oberdoerffer, Grace Bartram, Ada Crow, Mabel Osmond.

Junior.—Satisfied Examiners—Mary Spalding, Emily Cecil, Ellen Ashton, Josephine March, Juliet Priestly, Clara Coales, Sophia Riley, Beatrice King, Susannah Tippler, Frances Now, Helen Foxall.

Part II.

Madrigal—"The Nightingale"—Thomas Weelkes—Athalinda Allison, Ellen Ashton, Grace Bartram, Emily Cecil, Ada Crow, Eva

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Gibson, Gertrude Hare, Ethel Lang, Fanny Oberdoerffer, Mabel Osmond, Eva Owens, Annie Parker, Rosa Pelham, Florence Popkiss, Ada Stephenson.

Recitation—"The Pied Piper of Hamelin"—Robert Browning—Athalinda Allison.

Solo—"Menuet"—Raff—14 hands.—7 Pianos.—Grace Bartrum, Ellen Delafons, Minnie Gough, Florence Mason, Annie Parker, Florence Popkiss, Agnes Stephenson.

Recitation—"Morte d'Arthur"—Lord Tennyson—Ellen Ashton.

Duet—"Symphony XIII."—Haydn—28 hands.—7 Pianos.—Grace Bartrum, Norah Besley, Emily Cecil, Ellen Delafons, Minnie Gough, Gertrude Greenwood, Louisa Johnson, Florence Mason, Mabel Osmond, Annie Parker, Alice Pope, Florence Popkiss, Agnes Stephenson, Mildred Wrighton.

Prizes Given by the Institution.

College of Preceptors' Examination.—Thirty entered, all passed, three highest take prizes—Athalinda Allison, Edith Eastwood, Agnes Fyfe.

Class III.—Ethel Fallding, Proficiency.

Class IV.—Marion Warner, Proficiency.

Class V.—Beatrice Knott, Proficiency.

Class VI.—Florence Dunlop, Proficiency.

Class VII.—Proficiency, Ettie Chapman; General Usefulness, Sophia Smith, Alice Harbord; Needlework, Alice Pope, Beatrice Cookes, Ruth Byers, Agnes Gooding, Fanny Wain; Order and Attention (as proved by Conduct Marks throughout the year), Jane Turner, Lucy Besley.

Part III.

Song—"With a laugh as we go round"—Sir W. Sterndale Bennett.

Recitation—"Betsy and I are out"—Will Carleton—Ada Crow.

Solo—"Toccata"—Paradise—Agnes Stephenson.

Recitation—"How Betty and I made up"—Will Carleton—Ada Crow.

Duet—"Overture to Preciosa"—Weber—28 hands.—7 Pianos.—Grace Bartrum, Emily Cecil, Ada Crow, Ellen Delafons, Eva Gibson, Minnie Gough, Florence Mason, Fanny Oberdoerffer, Annie Parker, Rosa Pelham, Florence Popkiss, Sophia Smith, Agnes Stephenson, Mary Wyatt.

Prizes given by Friends of the Institution.

By Bro. Robert Grey, for Religious Knowledge (as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination):—Ellen Senior, Jane Taylor, Fanny Oberdoerffer, Josephine March, Julia Priestley.

By Bro. J. H. Matthews, for Music (Royal Academy Examination), (1st Prize):—Agnes Stephenson. (2nd Prizes)—Grace Bartrum, Ellen Delafons.

The "Wentworth Little" Memorial Prize, for Music (3rd Prizes):—Annie Parker, Florence Mason, Florence Popkiss.

By Bro. and Mrs. Louis Hirsch for Music (4th Prizes):—Minnie Gough, Gertrude Greenwood.

The "John Boyd" Memorial Prize, for Drawing:—Alice Pope, Nina Prideaux, Louisa Johnson.

By Bro. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French (as distinguished at Cambridge Examination):—Fanny Oberdoerffer.

By Bro. Robert Grey, for Elocution:—Ellen Ashton, Ada Crow, Athalinda Allison, Daisy Capon.

By Bro. Thomas Fenn, for Arithmetic:—Mabel Osmond, Grace Bartrum.

The Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, for Good Conduct (1st Prize):—Emily Cecil.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, for Good Conduct (2nd Prizes):—Mabel Osmond, Rosa Pelham, Gertrude Hare.

By Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, for Needlework (1st Prize):—Sophia Riley.

The "Yates" Memorial Prize (per St. James's Lodge, No. 842), for Cookery (1st Prize):—Nina Prideaux.

By Bro. Ralph Clutton, for Cookery (2nd Prize):—Clara Pratt.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Cookery (3rd Prize):—Mabel Osmond.

By Colonel James Peters (Trustee), for Calisthenics and Deportment:—Gertrude Balch.

By Miss Godson, for Swimming:—Rosa Pelham, Mary Skelton, Annie Parker.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Amiability (selected by her School-fellows):—Sophia Riley.

Prizes in Junior School.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, for Proficiency:—Amy Cutbush, Bertha Deane.

The "Henry Levander" Memorial Prize, for Arithmetic:—Amy Cutbush.

By Miss Bowyer, for Good Conduct:—Isabel Knight.

Pianoforte Solo—"Victoria"—Kuhe—14 hands.—7 Pianos.—Grace Bartrum, Ellen Delafons, Minnie Gough, Florence Mason, Annie Parker, Florence Popkiss, Agnes Stephenson.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Board of Stewards appointed to arrange for the approaching Festival in connection with the Boys' Institution held their first meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday last week. Bro. Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer and Patron of the Institution, presided. The following brethren were elected Officers of the Board:—Bros. Eve President; G. Cooper, Major G. Lambert, Horace Brooke Marshall, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Col. Peters, Alderman Savory, and J. L. Thomas, Honorary Presidents; C. Belton, A. F. Godson, M.P., C. F. Hogard, G. Kenning, A. T. Layton and J. L. Mather, Acting Presidents; T. Hastings Miller Hon. Treasurer; and Frederick Binckes Hon. Secretary. It was resolved that the Festival shall take place at the Crystal Palace, on Tuesday, 14th June; that the Steward's fee shall be two guineas, as usual; and that ladies and brethren shall dine together, as in recent years, at the same tables. A sub-committee, consisting of Bros. C. Belton, Charles Dairy, C. F. Hogard, George Kenning, C. J. Knightley, and Dr. George Mickley was appointed, to consider the musical arrangements. The next meeting of the Board was fixed for Monday, the 23rd inst.

On Saturday last the general committee held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Mather, Assistant G.D.C.; there was a good attendance. After the usual reading of minutes, the report of the Audit Committee was approved, and ordered to be entered. The nominations for the House and Audit Committees were considered; for the former only the prescribed number were handed in, but for the latter there were twelve brethren nominated, viz:—Bros. W. A. Scurrah, Henry Young, J. H. Hawkins, Andrew McDowall, T. Cubitt, G. P. Gillard, H. S. Goodall, T. Griffiths, C. F. Hogard, W. Maple, S. Richardson, and E. C. Soppet. Of these, nine will be elected in due course. Three petitions were considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the October election. Five applications, by ex-pupils, for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained; and the proceedings closed with the customary vote of thanks.

The Committee of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, at their meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, resolved that on Friday next they will proceed to the election of forty widows and sixteen male applicants for the benefits of the Institution. In both classes, however, three cases will be deferred till vacancies arise. Seeing there is a list of 130 candidates, it is obvious that many of the poor old people will be disappointed. As a solatium, however, we understand it is the decision of the Committee to present each of the unsuccessful candidates with half a guinea. This is one gratifying result of the success which attended the recent Festival, and will add another memento to the Jubilee year. It will be remembered that in previous years the unsuccessful candidates who were next highest on the poll in their respective lists have had sums of money, the two highest in each case from the John Hervey Fund, and the third from the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. No doubt those who have the control of these funds will deal in a like liberal fashion this year.

The Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex will celebrate its thirteenth convocation, at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, this day (Saturday). The Companions will assemble at three o'clock.

Obituary.

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BROTHER C. MATON.

THE remains of Bro. C. Maton, of Kew, were interred on Tuesday last, in Richmond Cemetery, in the presence of a circle of sorrowing relatives and friends, including representatives of Lodges where our deceased Brother was an honoured member. Though the intelligence came upon us with no surprise, inasmuch as we had been almost prepared for it, at the meeting last week of the Richmond Lodge, yet the melancholy event has evoked expressions of sincere regret amongst a very great number of those who knew Bro. Maton, either in his private, business, or Masonic capacities. For some time past he had been suffering from an affection of the throat, which defied all the remedial attention which was paid to it, and the patient succumbed to it on Friday, the 6th instant. He had been prevented from attending his duties at the Royal Alfred Lodge at Kew, of which he was at the time of his decease Worshipful Master, and also the Richmond Lodge, of which he was a member; and, as reported in our last issue, reference to Bro. Maton's illness was made at the meeting of the latter, on the 2nd inst., with the hope that he might be speedily restored to health. Such, however, was not to be, and those who shared in the good wishes spoken at that meeting were called upon, sooner than they had expected, to pay their last tribute of sorrowing respect to a much-esteemed fellow worker in the Craft. The funeral procession left the residence of the deceased shortly after three o'clock, and proceeded to the Cemetery, where it was met by a body of the deceased's employés, and by members of several Masonic Lodges, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Rowland, Ambrose, Aldin, Nash, Digby, Dare, Sapsworth, Costelow, Eydmann, Wheeler, W. Hilton, F. Reynolds, E. Downs, W. Gomm, B. Bleaby, W. Coombes, Cox, J. Munro, W. W. Morgan, &c. &c.

The service in the chapel and at the grave-side was impressively rendered by the officiating Chaplain, and the coffin was literally embowered with beautiful wreaths and floral crosses, sent as tributes of affection, from friends. Amongst them were massive wreaths from the Royal Alfred and Richmond Lodges, and others from Masonic acquaintance of the deceased. It will be remembered that only some five months since Mrs. Maton departed this life, and was interred in Richmond Cemetery; it added to the solemnity of the scene on Tuesday when the reopened grave showed her coffin; upon it the remains of her beloved husband were placed. At a comparatively early age he, too, has been called from us, and there are many besides those who were most intimately associated with him in local Freemasonry who will esteem the memory of Charles Maton,—as a brother, a neighbour, and a friend.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 14th 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)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1688—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1885—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
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, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 4
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Audert on's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, at 3
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Lawrence, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1443—Eea, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 16th MAY.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
448—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)
1807—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)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
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
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2090—La France, 68 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.

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
460—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 895—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 17th MAY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
25—Constitutional, Radnor Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
804—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.
755—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, Peckham-road, Camberwell, at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Turnmill-st., Clerkenwell, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Road, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1425—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8, (In)
1349—Friars, Lyceum of Arts, Carting Lane, 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-st., at 7 (Instruction)
147 —Hesper, Three Cranes, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1541—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1695—New Finsbury Park, Horsley Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1914—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Canon Street, at 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 Street Hotel, E.C.
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. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1651—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
2045—Wharton, Willesden
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 480—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, 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, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
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. (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Canada Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 311 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1 24—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In.)
1612—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst)
1681—Londesborough, Bar and Anchor, John Street, Mile End, at 8. (Inst.)
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Feuchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chiswell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 17—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 721—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 913—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1585—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
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
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Southport
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
854—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1018—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1120—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1245—Hoole, Hoole Hotel, Aston
1351—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bethel-street, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1444—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
1634—Stanhope, Railway Hotel, Rotherham
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1975—Mawddwick, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 253—Ambitions, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 281—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Loyal Todmordien, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 680—Unity, White Swan, Ormskirk
R.A. 692—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes

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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, 19th MAY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
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, 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)
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, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1331—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., 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.)
1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1632—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1633—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1635—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
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, Shepherd's Bush, (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 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, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
43—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
533—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1290—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 Norton (Stockton)
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
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, Haslingden
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 20th MAY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
35—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1106—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)
1286—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8 (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
M.M. 555—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
K.T. 49—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.
137—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
433—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Chigwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
519—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1095—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1388—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1963—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
2006—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 21—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, 21st MAY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
194—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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. (Inst)
1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 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. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
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
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow

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IN the midst of the multifarious duties which our Most Worshipful Master is called upon to discharge, in his regal and Masonic positions, His Royal Highness found time, on Wednesday last, to pay a visit to Great Yarmouth, where he laid the foundation stone of a new local hospital with full Masonic ceremonial. It may be assumed that with his hands so employed in anticipation of the Jubilee festivities, in addition to the usual pressing demands upon his time and attention, the Prince of Wales has quite enough to do, but from his intimate association with Norfolk, where a considerable portion of his property is situated, it is only in the natural order of things that he should entertain a lively regard for any philanthropic or public movement that may originate within its borders. Thus for the sixth time His Royal Highness found himself the honoured guest of an enthusiastic and loyal populace, nor could his visit be regarded as partaking of that distinguishing characteristic of the Masonic profession—an object of true charity and benevolence. By the Freemasons of the Province the event was regarded as especially interesting, and they testified to the honour once more conferred upon them by according their illustrious chief a welcome such as must have been highly gratifying to him, as it was to all concerned. Although the weather was far from being proverbially "royal," rain falling at the time, the streets were lined with crowds of enthusiastic spectators, who accorded to the Prince a most loyal and hearty reception as he drove to Shadingfield Lodge, South Beach, where he has stayed on each occasion of a visit to Yarmouth. His Royal Highness was accompanied on his journey by Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., Past J.G.W. of England, Lord Henniker Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, Admiral Sir H. Keppel, K.C.B., and Major General Teesdale, V.C. On the arrival of the distinguished party they were met at the Southtown Terminus by Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, Lieut.-Col. the Hon. Harbord Harbord, Colonel Wood (commanding the local regimental district), Colonel Shuttleworth, R.A., and a guard of honour of the Second Brigade Eastern Division R.A., of which the Prince is Honorary Colonel. Upwards of three hundred brethren in full regalia assembled at the Town Hall, where a Prov. Grand Lodge of Norfolk was held, the Provincial Grand Master Lieut.-Colonel Lord Suffield presiding, supported by a distinguished array of Grand Officers from the surrounding Provinces. At the conclusion of Provincial Grand Lodge His Royal Highness, accompanied by the brethren, proceeded to the site of the hospital, where the corner stone was laid, in accordance with the ancient rites of the Craft. Amongst the company present was the Mayor (Mr. T. Burton Stewart), the members of the Corporation, and a large number of the leading inhabitants of the district. A loyal and grateful address was presented to the Prince by the Recorder of the Borough, Mr. Simms Reeve, to which His Royal Highness replied. He said he had experienced much gratification in being able to visit their ancient borough for the sixth time, and was exceedingly pleased to have received so cordial a welcome from the loyal inhabitants. He thanked the Corporation very sincerely for the kind terms in which they had alluded in their address to his desire to assist by all means in his power all charitable works. He assured them it was a great pleasure to him to be present on that interesting occasion, and to lay with Masonic rites the foundation stone of an Institution so much needed in that locality as the Great Yarmouth Hospital was. He appreciated their expressions of loyalty to the Queen, and hoped Her Majesty might long be spared to rule over a great and prosperous kingdom, as wisely and as successfully as she had done since she commenced her reign. This hope, he was sure, would be re-echoed by all English hearts. The brief address of our Most Worshipful Grand Master was cordially applauded, and the architects to the Hospital having been presented, a silver trowel was handed to His Royal Highness by the Mayor. In acknowledging a hearty vote of thanks, the Prince expressed a hope that this might not be his last visit to Great Yarmouth. Later in the day His Royal Highness visited the Royal Naval Asylum, was present at an Illuminated Fête in St. George's Park, for the benefit of the hospital fund, and patronised performances by Mr. J. L Toole and his London Company at the Aquarium. On Thursday the Royal visitor inspected the Artillery Brigade, and in the evening the Officers gave a grand ball in his honour. It will thus be seen that the praises showered upon our Grand Master on every occasion of a Masonic gathering are well deserved, for he never shirks an occasion when he can take a leading and prominent part in advancing the cause of Charity. Though necessarily involved intimately in the responsibe duties of the affairs of State, he is ever prepared to lend a hand when his Royal presence is a means of stimulating the influences of benevolence, and in this way he is fulfilling in an eminent degree the functions which pertain to the exalted position he holds as the head of English Freemasonry.

SOME COMMON OBJECTIONS TO FREEMASONRY.

THE V.W. Bro. Dr. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, Senior G. Chaplain of England, delivered a lecture bearing this title before the members of Lodge Prudence, Leeds, No. 2069, of which Lodge Dr. Smyth is I.P.M., on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds. He said,—Although atheists, infidels and renegade brethren have exerted themselves to accomplish the ruin of Masonry; sovereign pontiffs and right reverend prelates of the Romish Church have levelled against it the thunders of their dark and once dreaded anathemas; able politicians and eminent ministers of all denominations have applied the lever of their talents and influence to topple it down from its high position in the hearts of thousands through the length and breadth of the civilised world; still, however, as a widely ramified and powerful community has it ever continued to lengthen its cords and strengthen its stakes, affording in the failure of its baffled detractors irresistible evidence of its innocency and excellence. Levity may attempt to soil its beauty, and sophistry to mar it, but like those pillars in the temple of the Deity which it nobly typifies it stands, and will stand, upheld by Truth, and admired in its Wisdom, Strength and Beauty by the wise and unprejudiced. Time will permit me on the present occasion to allude to but one or two of the opponents of our noble Fraternity.

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Ludwig Greismann, a Dominican monk and lecturer on biology, endeavoured to prove, at Aix la Chapelle, in a course of sermons preached during Lent 1779, that the Jews who crucified Christ were Freemasons; that Pilate and Herod were Wardens of a Lodge; that Judas Iscariot, before he betrayed his Lord and Master, was initiated in the Synagogue, and that when he returned the thirty pieces of silver to the Priests he did no more than pay the fees for admission to the Order. Paul Cullen, Roman Catholic Archbishop and Primate of all Ireland, in November 1851, declared that "all Catholics who join the society of Freemasons are subjected to the penalty of excommunication—cut off as rotten branches from the Church of God, and if they die in this deplorable state are doomed to eternal perdition." One Major Allyn published some years ago a book, in America, against the Order, in which he declares: "Its bloody picture exhibits a combination of principles the most inveterately opposed to free inquiry and individual rights that ever stained the annals of infamy. You may search the blackened character of the Holy Volume, or invoke the archives of the secret tribunals of Germany, where torture yells and grinds her bloody teeth, but your exertions would be vain, you could not find a case to match this masterpiece. The Holy Inquisition, that harbinger of Hell's most dreadful attribute—vengeance, alone may strive for the mastery." Major Allyn became an itinerant lecturer against the Order, and spent many months delivering addresses before crowded audiences in New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Philadelphia. In the course of these lectures he boasted that thousands seceded from the Order. His barefaced imposition was at last detected, and he was pelted off the stage in disgrace. He pitifully describes his most suitable reward of violating his Masonic obligations. Declaring himself a man of high standing, he confesses that he was "mobbed, insulted, stoned, imprisoned, abused, while he sought in vain the protection of the law." That many-headed body the *profanum vulgus* generally awards more pelting than pence to falsehood and perjury, and so Major Allyn appears to have found it. It is frequently asserted that Freemasonry encourages dissipation and intemperance of the worst description, as evidenced to the world by the evil lives of many of its members. I can scarcely imagine that a really unprejudiced and sensible person could admit such an argument against any community. Can we point through the world to a single Institution so perfect and infallible as to possess the power of excluding from its ranks objectionable members. If Masonic Lodges in different countries, as is doubtless the case, have in certain instances disgraced their meetings by evil deeds, the blame in all fairness must rest with themselves, and not with the Order whose primary principle it undoubtedly is to urge on its members with the fear of God. "The practice of every domestic as well as public virtue, that prudence may direct them, temperance chasten them, fortitude support them, and justice be the guide of all their actions." Connected also to this objection may be viewed the argument that the fruits of Masonry do not appear in every brother as regards peculiar eminence in the objects proposed by the Craft. I proceed in the next place to notice the objection that whatever is secret must consequently be bad; all secrecy, as some would argue, mplying evil. If Masonry be really replete with every moral principle, it is asked by many,—why is it not given indiscriminately to all, that all may be benefited by its valuable privileges? Now I utterly deny that secrecy can fairly be imputed as a crime, inasmuch as every age of the world has considered it an excellence, when judiciously exercised. Are we not taught by the wisest of men that "a tale bearer revealeth secrets, but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter." Is not secrecy, also, not only desirable, but absolutely requisite in properly conducting all worldly affairs, and do not all corporated bodies enjoy this liberty without impeachment? An apprentice, for instance, is bound to keep the secrets of his master, a friend to consult the interests of his company, and not to disclose in common society the mysteries of his profession; secret committees and privy councils are solemnly enjoined not to publish abroad their debates and resolutions. In courts martial all the members are bound to secresy, and in many cases for more effectual security an oath is administered. As we are united in general society by our wants and infirmities, and a variety of circumstances contributing to our necessary dependence on each other, so particular societies, of whatever denomination, are all conjoined by a sort of cement, by bonds and laws that are peculiar to each of them, from the highest to the lowest. Consequently the injunctions of secresy among Masons can be no more unwarrantable than in the cases and societies alluded to. Added to this, were the secrets of Masonry universally known, the design of the art, which is to include the honest and virtuous, and those alone, in the bonds of its principles would be utterly subverted, and becoming familiar, like many other important matters, would lose its value and speedily sink into disrepute. "Why," it has been asked in reference to this very subject, "do men lock up precious things, except to keep them from unhallowed hands?" The universality of our Order, moreover, extended as it is over every division of the habitable globe, must make it requisite that certain tokens and signs should exist by which brethren of different nations and languages may without difficulty be known to each other, and though we act upon the principle of excluding all known immorality, our Lodges are open to every good and worthy man, and our secrets are hidden from none but those whose presence among us would prove to the Order of doubtful benefit. We do not invite adherence, and therefore none can be disappointed. It is further alleged by objectors to our Order that on every occasion of admitting a member we bind him by an oath, under solemn obligations, with heavy penalties, which they stoutly maintain is an unwarrantable proceeding. Now, if certain persons have bound themselves into an organisation, with the laudable aim of constantly improving in useful knowledge, and also of promoting universal benevolence and the social virtues of human life, and have bound themselves by a solemn obligation to conform to the rules of such Society, where is the folly, immorality or impiety of such a proceeding? An oath taken under such circumstances is surely lawful and obligatory. A voluntary oath is more binding from being voluntary, because there is no stricter obligation than that which we willingly take upon ourselves. Let us further remember that a person by the fact of requesting permission to enter Masonry admits our authority as accredited custodians of certain secrets, which secrets we surely have a right to protect. I proceed in the next place to notice the objection that by admitting Mahomedans, Jews and Parsees we ignore the great Head of religion. This assertion is based on the generally received but erroneous assumption that while Freemasonry embraces that universal system in which all agree—while the infidel and atheist are excluded from its pale—it ought to be viewed as a religious sect. It is simply a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, uniting its adherents as well in the bonds of brotherly love, as well as in the constant practice of scientific attainments. It cannot therefore be justly denominated a religious society, except as far as it derives its authority of universal benevolence and charity from such parts of God's word as existed at different periods of time, when the various decrees of the Order were established; ancient Masonry having come into existence far antecedent to the Christian era, the name of Christ is not consequently essential to the formulas of the Craft or of Royal Arch Masonry. It has also been gravely asserted by some that our Order is dangerous as a political association; such an accusation is refuted by quoting the words contained in the charge to an E.A., "Your obedience must be proved by abstaining from all topics of political discussion," &c. "I am to enjoin you as a citizen of the world to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties, by never proposing or at all countenancing any act that may be a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society and by paying due obedience to the laws of any State which may for the time become the place of your abode or afford you its protection." When societies of Jacobins and disaffected persons were common in England during the sanguinary French revolution the arm of the law was brought into action to put them down; but the Order of Freemasons was especially exempted by the Act of Parliament which then was passed, "for the more effectual suppression of societies established for seditious and treasonable purposes." Well might it be so when the Government possessed so strong a guarantee for the loyalty of the Order as was furnished by the names of such of its members as the Duke of Wellington, Canning, and Wilberforce, and well may we point with pride in evidence of its firm devotion to the Throne and the law in these our days to a countless host of worthies so eminent as the Prince of Wales, the Earls of

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Carnarvon, Lathom, &c., to our own Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Tew), the Dean of York, and thousands of others. Can it be supposed that such as these would glory in owning fellowship with a body of secret traitors, banded together for the hindrance of justice—divine and human? I now proceed to notice the last objection to our Order upon which I propose to touch at present. Our opponents assert that if there is not possible harm in it there is really no benefits, the principal object of those who embrace it being to enjoy the good things of this life and to deck their persons with gaudy ornaments. While we believe that God in His beneficence has given us the things of this present world ever to use as not abusing them, we are bound most stringently to fix rational limits to our hours of enjoyment. Nor do we deviate from the ordinary usages of other societies in wearing badges and such distinctions as the Craft may confer on its members for their laudable progress in its noble principles. Such are the brief replies which time has permitted me to offer to the leading objections against our Order, an Order which has cheered for many a year my leisure hours, which fostered the piety of William of Wykeham, which developed the genius of Wren and of Vanbrugh, which soothed, amid the turmoil of war and the cares of Government, that dauntless soldier and patriot Wellington, who raised on the shores of the Western world the standard of the Empire. Finally, I believe, in regard to Freemasonry that God has indeed been in the midst of her, and therefore has she not been removed—God, who in many a bygone age has guided her back through the mists of idolatry, the shoals of infidelity, and the billows of faction. And sure am I that the Lord of Hosts will still be with her, and the God of Jacob still prove her refuge, while she continues true to herself in teaching her votaries generosity to the fallen, sympathy with the suffering, the love of peace, subordinate only to the love of freedom and the glorious principles of a vast philanthropy, embracing all nations; which shall have its completion in the Lodge above, where the Great Architect of the Universe reigns as the Eternal Grand Master, and the wise and good of every age and every clime shall meet as brethren to part no more.

FREEMASONRY AS A SOCIAL INSTITUTION.

VALUES are both absolute and relative. The intrinsic worth is one thing, and the comparative worth may be quite another. Thus in the Masonic system there can be no question as to the importance of those principles, moral and religious, which distinguish it, as compared with forms and ceremonies of a mere ritual observance. But these last-named features have their place and value in this system, and Freemasonry would be left poor indeed were these elements taken away. From a like point of view we can see how Masonic history, literature, symbolism, command the first place in the judgment of intelligent Craftsmen, and that it is along the lines of intellectual and moral expression that we find the glory of Freemasonry revealed.

But these principal things do not exhaust the benefits of the organisation. There are Masonic helps and ministries of higher and lower order, and even those that lie on the material side are not to be despised. So it is we are moved to offer an urgent plea in favour of Freemasonry as a social force. That is not its highest or chief function, but it has value and is worthy of being considered and fostered as an adjunct of that which represents more of dignity and usefulness. Some Lodges make the mistake of over-estimating the social features of the Masonic system. Fellowship and good cheer seem to be the primal virtues, and they cultivate with the utmost assiduity the graces of hospitality, friendliness and sociability. They eat oysters and drink coffee together on every possible occasion; they sit around the banquet tables, partake of the good things provided, smoke and chat, tell stories and gossip about the matters of local interest, and then go home feeling that the chief mission of Freemasonry is to provide occasions when the social nature can be thus ministered to in connection with the eating and drinking generally found to be conducive to the expression of a fraternal feeling. It goes without saying that the Institution is lowered in its aims when too much is made of the merely material and social elements. There is danger in the way of an excess of the good fellowship that the social board or the Masonic banquet room provides.

On the other hand, however, there is an unwise rigidity and constraint just as much to be avoided. Freemasonry is not to be interpreted and applied as though it only stood for instruction and devotion; as though it was only fitted to man's intellectual being, and must always be expressed in solemn precise forms. Pleasure and social enjoyment make much of the zest to life. It strengthens and helps a man to unbend sometimes, to take his place among congenial associates, eat a good dinner, and listen to a song or story, or join in friendly conversation. It is not wise to neglect these ministries because they are of comparatively slight importance. They have their uses in broadening and blessing human hearts, thus making the pilgrim way of earth a little less cheerless than it otherwise would be. they constitute a bond of union among Brethren. Other things being equal, that Masonic Lodge which makes ample provisions for sociability and friendliness among its members will be the most prosperous, and will be the most likely to appreciate the higher aims of the institution and do the best work for philanthropy and human good. Let it not be forgotten that Freemasonry is a Social Institution.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

BROTHERHOOD.

THE word Brotherhood sounds the keynote of all true Freemasonry. When a Lodge realises that it is a family of brothers, bound to each other by a common tie, having unity of interest in all that pertains to moral culture, material prosperity, and unblemished good name, it will find little difficulty in performing fully all its covenants, for they all grow out of the spirit of Brotherhood—the spirit of mutual protection and charity.

A spirit of devotion to our Institution will be increased and ennobled if members of the Order conform to a just conception of it, for while it is adapted to meet the needs of all, there is nothing narrow or bigoted in its character. It has come down to us from the dim past, venerable with age and honour; it stretches out its wide embrace to enclose men of every country and clime. In its catholic charity it excludes no creed, no political opinions, rank or condition. Making common cause with all that tends to elevate dignity and purify humanity, it is the rival of no institution that has these objects in view.

Religion, above all, finds in true Masonry its firmest friend. Its leading truths lie at the foundation of our Institution, and its system of morals is the same as that which is inculcated by all creeds. Its sacred oracle is the accepted rule by which we profess to guide and amend our lives. Hebrew and Christian brethren alike find the page they revere spread ever open upon our altar. Every rite points to the holy volume as its source; and every covenant is sanctioned by invocation to the Great Architect of the Universe.

Our Institution recognises the mutual dependence of one upon the other, through the varied vicissitudes of life, and for all the kind offices which justice and mercy require, its members should aid, sustain and uplift each other by mutual assistance and acts of kindness, for good deeds need no other praise than the acts themselves.—*New York Sunday Times.*

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when the President, Bro. R. Grey, occupied the chair, and was supported by a large attendance. Recommendations made at the April meeting, amounting in the aggregate to £450, were confirmed; the new list, containing 57 applications, was then considered. These were relieved, with a total of £585, consisting of two recommendations of £50 each, five of £40 each, seven of £30 each; grants of £20 each to ten petitioners, £10 each to eleven petitioners, and £5 each to eleven petitioners. Several cases were dismissed or deferred.

A Reuter's telegram informs us that Prince Albert Victor of Wales, accompanied by the Governor of Gibraltar, attended a ball given there on Tuesday night, by the Spanish Consul, to celebrate the first anniversary of the birth of King Alfonso XIII.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Meeting was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Past Grand Standard Bearer, Patron and Trustee of the Institution. The following is the Report, which was presented and adopted :—

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., Grand Patron and President, on Tuesday the 22nd February last, W. Wither B. Beach Esq., M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight presided, and the Board of Stewards, 384 in number, which supported him, were successful in raising amongst them the magnificent sum of £19,229 10s 0d. This grand total, which considerably exceeds the amount subscribed at any previous Festival in behalf of this Institution, cannot be otherwise than gratifying, not only to the general body of the English Craft, but likewise, and in an especial degree, to the Right Worshipful Brother in the chair and the Stewards who laboured so earnestly and energetically to promote his advocacy. Moreover, large as the sum undoubtedly is, there are grounds for anticipating that, before the year is ended, it will be supplemented by many further contributions The Province of West Yorkshire is engaged in raising 2,000 guineas (£2,100) to enable it to purchase the right of two perpetual presentations to the Widows' fund ; that of East Lancashire has entered upon a similar task, and the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland has resolved on contributing 1,000 guineas (£1,050). These undertakings, which are already in progress, furnish the best of reasons for believing that the subscriptions obtained during the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign will approximate closely to, if they do not exceed, a total—including the grant of £1,000 from United Grand Lodge, of £24,500, or about £1,500 more than has been realised at any Anniversary Festival held in behalf of a Masonic Institution. Under these circumstances it becomes the duty of the Committee—and it is needless to say the duty is fulfilled with the most genuine pleasure—to place on record its deep sense of gratitude to the Right Worshipful Brother W. B. Beach, M.P., and the numerous body of Stewards, for their successful services on the occasion. The Committee has also to report that in consequence of the unprecedented success attendant on the unceasing and urgent appeals on behalf of this Institution, the sum of one hundred guineas was presented to the Secretary, in acknowledgment of the zeal shown by him during the past twelve months.

At the Election in May 1886 there were upon the Funds of the Institution 375 annuitants, namely, 173 men and 202 widows. To-day there are 128 approved candidates, of whom 51 are men and 77 widows, and the Committee, having determined at its meeting in February that there should be elected from this list 9 men (6 immediate and 3 deferred) and 28 widows—that is to say 25 additional to be admitted immediately, and 3 deferred, who, in the then entire absence of vacancies, would otherwise have been the only Widows to be balloted for on this occasion—the total number of annuitants will now be 400, namely, 173 men and 227 widows.

But in the interval that has elapsed since the February meeting, there have died 2 men and 13 widows, so that as regards the former there will have to be 11 men elected, while as regards the widows the number to be elected will remain at 28, it having been resolved that such annuities as might fall vacant during the interim should be considered part of the authorized increase of 25. When, however, the Committee came to this determination it was not foreseen, nor could it have been anticipated, that the Festival of the year would have been productive of so splendid a total, and as it seems desirable that the overwhelming disproportion still existing between the number of applicants and the number of vacancies—particularly in the case of the Widows' Fund—should be reduced as far as possible, consistently with the future financial security of the Institution, the Committee considers itself justified in recommending that the 13 vacancies in the Widows' Fund caused by death should be filled up, and to further increase the number of male annuitants by 5. In the event of this recommendation being adopted, there will then be 178 annuitants, each receiving £40 per annum, on the Male Fund, and 227 annuitants, each receiving £32 per annum, on the Widows' Fund, the total sum annually distributable amongst these 405 annuitants amounting to £14,384. To this must be added a further £200, divisible under Law 9 (Male Fund) among the Widows, ten in number, of recently deceased male annuitants, so that the annual expenditure on account of annuities only will henceforth amount to £14,584, and the Committee trusts this large outlay will suffice, at all events for some years, to meet the average demands on the resources of the Institution. A time must come when it will be impossible, without serious risk, to further increase the responsibilities that have been incurred.

The Committee takes this opportunity of recording its sincere thanks to United Grand Lodge, both for the grant of £1000 from the Fund of General Purposes, and its renewed subsidy of £70 towards providing the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

It is also desirous of conveying its 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 unfortunately compelled to seek medical advice and assistance.

It is likewise most gratifying to the Committee to be in a position to report that the building at Croydon is in a complete state of repair, and only needs that care and supervision which are requisite in the case of all similar buildings.

The Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st March 1887 is appended, and in laying it before the Governors and Subscribers, the Committee, while inviting the most rigorous examination of its details, is confident it will be found that a scrupulously just economy has been exercised in administering the Funds of the Institution. It therefore hopes that the appeals which it will be its duty to address to the Governors and Subscribers for a continuance in the future of that generous support which has been so loyally accorded to it in the past will not be made in vain.

It remains for the Committee to express its earnest hope that the English Craft generally will be as liberal as heretofore in contributing the large amount of funds which is indispensable to the maintenance of the Institution in its present high state of efficiency. So long as Freemasonry remains among our most cherished Institutions in this country, so long will there be a number, more or less considerable, according to the varying circumstances of the times, of indigent brethren and widows of brethren, whose sore distresses it was one of the proudest privileges of our Society to alleviate as far as possible; and the Committee is persuaded that no existing Masonic Organisation is able to cope so readily and efficaciously with those distresses as the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. May a continuance, even in an enhanced degree, of the support so imperatively needed be always forthcoming.

After the other business of the Institution had been transacted, the brethren proceeded to the election of 16 Male Annuitants from an approved list of 51 candidates, and 41 Female Annuitants from an approved list of 77 candidates. Later in the day the result was declared as regards the Female Annuitants; but in the case of the Males, a question of accuracy arose; a scrutiny was demanded, and the result will not be officially declared till Tuesday or Wednesday next. Under these circumstances our readers will readily excuse us from giving details.

A banquet in connection with the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, was given on Thursday evening, at the Holborn Restaurant, in celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. The chair was filled by Bro. John Derby Allcroft Past G. Treasurer, Worshipful Master, who was supported by a distinguished company of Officers and Brethren. The affair was a brilliant success, the speeches being interspersed with a selection of vocal music, under the direction of Bros. J. F. Haskins and J. Kift, assisted by Bros. H. Schartau, Arthur Thompson, and R. Grice. We are reluctantly compelled to hold over our full report until next issue.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sure Relief.—The weak and enervated suffer severely from nervous affections when storms or electric disturbances agitate the atmosphere. Neuralgia, gouty pangs, and flying pains, very distressing to a delicate system, may be readily removed by rubbing this Ointment upon the affected part after it has been fomented with warm water. The Pills, taken occasionally in the doses prescribed by the instructions, keep the digestion in order, excite a free flow of healthy bile, and regenerate the impoverished blood with richer materials resulting from thoroughly assimilated food—wanting which, the strongest must inevitably soon sink into feebleness, and the delicate find it difficult to maintain existence. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible remedies.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES EDELL.

WE regret to announce the sudden death, by apoplexy, after an illness of only three-quarters of an hour, of Bro. James Edell, solicitor, of King-street, Cheapside, E.C., and Clapton. Deceased was in his 68th year. He was initiated in London Lodge 108, and here became a P.M. He was also a member of the City of Westminster Lodge, 1563. In both Lodges, and indeed out of the Craft, our deceased Brother was universally respected, as a genial, urbane, upright man and Mason. His remains were deposited on Monday last, at the City of London Cemetery, Ilford, after a special funeral service had been held in the parish church, Hackney. Here about two hundred friends had met to pay a tribute of regard to our worthy Brother. Among the many we noticed Bro. J. E. Shand Secretary 1563 and 2030, Eastgate P.M. 1563, Ward 2030, Charles P.M., old friends of the family. The coffin and hearse was covered with wreaths and flowers. The funeral arrangements were conducted by Bro. Ayton, of Whitechapel Road, E., and was furnished with every taste and solemnity for such an occasion. Our deceased brother leaves a widow, two sons, and six daughters, to all of whom we offer our deep sympathy. We trust the Grand Architect of the Universe will console and give them fortitude to bear their great and irretrievable loss.

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YORK LODGE, No. 236.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, when there were present Bros. T. Gerard Hodgson W.M., W. Smith S.W., Samuel Border J.W., C. Linley acting Chap., J. Todd P.M. Treas., E. W. Purnell Secretary, Mungo Bryson acting S.D., J. B Sampson J.D., T. Watkinson I.G., W. G. Calvert Tyler, Major McGachen P.M., George Kirby P.M., J. Sykes Rymer P.M., George Balmford P.M., David Lockwood, Tom Archey, Charles Anderson, J. Biscombe, H. P. Hopton, E Carter, E. B. Kendall, A. Jones, T. Rawling, C. Livesey, E. R. Dodsworth, H. L. Swift, N. Stimpson and others. The minutes of the last regular Lodge, and the Lodge of emergency held on the 2nd instant, were read and confirmed. A ballot was successfuly taken for Bro. Eugene George Nicholson, of 1449, as a joining member. Bro. Kendall was then raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Todd P.M. The W.M. announced that he should represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School, and Bro. Todd gave notice that he should propose a sum of twenty guineas be voted at the next meeting from the Lodge and Charity Funds, to be put on the W.M.'s list. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to the banqueting room, where the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

LODGE OF CONCORD, No. 632.

THE usual monthly meeting of this successful Lodge was held on 10th May, at Trowbridge. Amongst those present were Bros. F. Kelland W.M., J. E. Hayward P.M., R. De M. Lawson P.P.S.G.W., C. Gauntlett P.M., W. J. Mann P.P.G.S., H. E. Bishop P.M., T. S. Hill P.M., J. H. Foley I.P.M., G. L. C. Palmer S.W., J. Pocock J.W., H. Applegate, F. Selfe, W. R. Brown, A. Cox, H. H. R. Chapman, H. White, T. B. Barnes, H. Mundy, G. Snailum, J. Gouldsmith, Wear, J. Lansdown, and several visiting brethren. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Offer was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, after which Bros. W. Walker and S. Pickard were passed to the second degree. The ceremonies were most impressively performed by the W.M., who at the close of the proceedings rose and said that he had still another duty to perform, and one of a highly pleasing and gratifying character, viz., to present to Bro. Foley a Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master spoke in a most appreciative manner of the great interest Bro. Foley took in Masonry, and of the urbanity and courtesy which always marked his conduct, making special allusion to the able manner in which he filled the chair during his year of office and of the impressive way which he performed the installation in January last. Bro. Foley, in accepting the jewel, said he was completely taken by surprise, and, in a few appropriate remarks, referred to the great interest he felt in Masonry, believing that it was calculated to make us all better men. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and for the summer recess. The brethren then adjourned to the George Hotel for refreshments, during which Bro. Gibson, a visitor from a Lodge in the North of England, spoke of the great pleasure it had given him to see the very able manner in which the Lodge had been conducted that evening.

LILY LODGE OF RICHMOND, No. 820.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, under the presidency of Bro. G. T. Salmon W.M., who was supported by Bros. Richard Pye S.W., E. Liebmann J.W., C. Hubbard P.M., G. C. Young P.M., Myers P.M., Forster Reynolds P.M., Philips P.M., J. Heath Secretary, H. Seymour-Clarke S.D., J. Pelham J.W., C. Robson I.G., G. Cook D.C., several other members of the Lodge, and the following visitors:—J. G. Twinn W.M. 1306, H. Sprake 813, A. E. Sarti S.W. 180, R. P. Forge W.M. 1693, H. Jones 193, S. Smither J.W. 193, N. L. Western P.M. 1693, Th. Furst 269, J. F. Bliss 1440, G. R. Soper P.M. 1365, H. Thompson 890, W. McDonald P.M. 1445, T. J. Cusworth P.M. 813, W. Cook P.M. 22, J. Cogan P.M. 1365, J. Hobbs P.M. 749, E. F. Snook S.W. 1693, W. J. Crutch W.M. 1580 P.G.D. Herts, E. Cattermole 217, J. Tickle P.M. 1702 P.P.G.R. Middlesex, W. Pierpoint P.M. 813, G. T. Holdom P.M. 1306, R. B. Harding 1471, J. Godwin J.D. 1579, J. Herron 1524, Sidney Tower 1441, John Ambrose 2032, E. Holsworth S.D. 1607, F. Kennedy P.M. P.P.G.D.C., B. E. Blasby P.M. 780, E. Downs P.M. 788, Fountain Meen P.M. 1707, J. A. Robson P.M. 1415, &c. Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities the ballot was taken for Bro. F. Mouflet as a rejoining member, and he was duly admitted. The installation of Bro. Richard Pye having been completed, the following were appointed as Officers for the year:—Bros. Seymour-Clarke S.W., Robson J.W., Hubbard P.M. Treasurer, Heath Secretary, A. Combes S.D., G. Cook J.D., Young P.M. Organist, W. T. Laws I.G., A. Oliver D.C., Reynolds P.M. Steward, A. Copping Assistant Steward, and J. Gilbert Tyler. The tickets for the celebration at the Albert Hall having been disposed of by vote of the Lodge, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Salmon, the Immediate Past Master, who in reply tendered his sincere thanks for the many kindnesses he had received. He considered it would be his duty to attend the Lodge as often as lay in his power, while he should endeavour to promote its interests and advance its welfare to the best of his ability. A Past Secretary's jewel was presented to Bro. Myers, and then the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and in due course the customary toasts were honoured. The loyal ones having been disposed of, Bro. Salmon gave that of the Worshipful Master, a sentiment he felt which would be endorsed by all. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge was an excellent man and a most excellent Mason. He had shown his zeal and kindly feelings on many occasions. He had the welfare of the Lily Lodge thoroughly at heart, as was evidenced by the trouble he had taken for weeks past to ensure the success of that day's meeting and the enjoyment of the members and visitors who might be present. The Worshipful Master tendered his thanks. He did not know what was the height of a Mason's ambition if it was not the office in which he had that day been installed. He was particularly pleased to be surrounded on such an occasion by so many personal friends as he saw around him. He hoped he should carry out his duties in such a way that twelve months hence the brethren would be able to say he had worked with credit to himself and for the benefit of the Lodge. The Past Masters were next toasted, the Worshipful Master referring to the qualifications of each, and particularly thanking Bro. Myers for the ability he had shown in performing the installation ceremony that day. Bro. Myers felt the Worshipful Master must be recognised as a good man and a worthy brother, or he would never have risen to his present high position. Bros. Salmon, Hubbard, Young, and others also acknowledged the toast, which was followed by that of the Masonic Institutions, which was acknowledged by Bro. Pierpoint P.M. The health of the Visitors was next proposed, the Worshipful Master tendering a hearty welcome to the many guests who had honoured the Lodge with their presence. Bro. Tickle in a measure regretted the Lily Lodge was not included in the Masonic Province of Middlesex; in such a case it might not only bear the designation of Lily of Richmond, but also be recognised as the Lily of the county. Bros. Crutch, Twinn, Soper, Cusworth, Forge, and others also responded, and other toasts having been given the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. A very enjoyable musical programme was arranged for the evening, the artistes being Miss Ada Patterson, Bro. Sidney Tower and Bro. Arthur Combes, while Bro. Fountain Meen presided at the piano. The various songs were rendered in splendid style.

AMHERST LODGE, No. 1223.

A LARGE number of well-known Masons attended to witness the installation of the Master of the above Lodge, at Riverhead, near Sevenoaks, on Saturday, the 6th May. There were present:—Earl Amherst the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Smith Eastes Past Grand Deacon the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bros. Rev. T. S. Curteis Prov. Grand Chaplain, T. S. Warne Prov. G.S.W., Charles Graham P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, R. S. Wilmot P.P.G R., G. B. Chapman P.M. Egyptian No. 27 and W.M. 298, W. C. Cripps P.M. Holmesdale 874 and Wor. Master 2200, I. G. Calway P.M. Sackville 1619 Secretary Holmesdale 874, A. Young P.M. 1414, E. Sweeney P.M. 706, J. Hillhouse P.M. 228, C. Coupland P.M. 913, S. L. Green P.M. 1414, S. Clarke P.M. 706, H. H. Shirley P.M. 1491, W. J. Collins P.M. 766, W. T. Hammond W.M. 874, G. F. Varty W.M. 1854, C. Holcroft W.M. 1414, W. Drewitt S.W. 889, W. J. C. Brooks J.W. 22 J. W. Jull J.W. 1414, N. H. Turner J.D. 2000, C. Broad Steward 1632, J. M. Broad 1743, T. Whiting 22, M. Heath J.W. 766, G. Graham Bell 144, J. Morgan 1826, and the following members of the Lodge: E. S. Strange W.M., J. J. Birch S.W., W. Sparrowhawk J.W., R. Durtnell P.M. P.P.G. Sup. of Works Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, A. H. Lee S.D., J. Hamlin J.D., F. P. Lee I.G., P. S. Darnell D.C., C. Hooker A.D.C., W. H. Pascoe Organist, and South Tyler; P.M.'s E. J. Dodd P.P.G.O., A. W. Duret P.G. Steward, C. E. Birch, C. J. Craig, G. T. Thomes; Bros. N. Strange, Potter, Ryder, Hanmer, Staite, Grunwell, J. Willmot, R. Stevenson, J. Fyfe, L. G. Smith, T. Baker, H. S. Strange, H. Crane, E. Pilliner, G. Dixon, S. Newman, T. F. McGeagh, W. Burfoot, and P. G. Townend. After the Deputy Grand Master had entered the Lodge and had been saluted by the brethren, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Earl Amherst, was announced, and the Provincial Grand Officers and the Past Masters met him, and a procession was formed. The Provincial Grand Master having taken his seat he was saluted in the usual way. The W.M., Bro. E. S. Strange, then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. A. W. Duret P.M. P.G.S. acting as Director of Ceremonies. The ceremony was performed in such a manner as to elicit a general expression of satisfaction, and the Provincial Grand Master, who assumed the chair after the ceremony, said he did so in order that he might express to the brethren how much he was pleased with the work of Bro. Strange, and that he always liked to see a Master of a Lodge instal his successor. Lord Amherst expressed his regret that he would be unable to remain to the banquet, on account of pressing private business. He was loudly applauded by the brethren. The Officers were then appointed by the W.M., and hearty good wishes having been given all round, the brethren adjourned to a first-rate banquet, supplied by the landlord of the Amherst Arms Hotel, Bro. Waller. Bro. Birch, the new W.M., was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and the Provincial G.S.W., and the other Provincial Grand Officers. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Smith Eastes, responded for the Grand Officers, and was received enthusiastically by the brethren. He also responded to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers. His remarks about Lord Amherst having taken the chair at Grand Lodge only a short time back were also received with delight. The Provincial G.S.W., Bro. Warne, made a very amusing speech, in which he said that the Provincial Grand Chaplain was to follow him and was preparing a speech. The Rev. Bro. Curteis, also replying to the toast, denied the soft impeachment. The other usual toasts having been drunk, the brethren dispersed, highly pleased with one of the most successful meetings in the history of this rapidly increasing and highly popular Kentish Lodge.

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ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

THE installation meeting was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. R. R. Collick W.M., Williams S.W., Strong J.W. W.M. elect, Robinson P.M. Sec., Watkins Treas., Wing S.D., Harding J.D., Sandalls I.G., Oliver Steward, Collins P.M. D.C., and Bowler Tyler. Pardoe I.P.M.; P.M.'s Boehr, Smith, Mansell, and Whitley, and about 30 members. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. of 865, Williams P.P.G.D. Middlesex and W.M. of 865, Wingfield W.M. 1360, Causton P.M. 1726, Pardoe P.M. 511, Ginger P.M. 901, Beard P.M. 101, Room P.M. 2090, Swan Steward 865, Heath D.C. 1642, Renter 879, Grant 1656, Clarkson, 1604, Aldridge 1475, and Bishop 1319. The Lodge being opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Munston, Warlow and Moore were raised by the W.M., in his usual impressive manner. The chair was then taken by Bro. Collins P.M., when Bro. Strong was examined and obligated. A board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Strong duly installed in the chair of K.S.; he was afterwards proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. The various charges to Master, Wardens and Brethren were most ably and impressively rendered by the Installing Master. The W.M. named and invested his Officers, as follow: Bros. Williams S.W., Wing J.W., Robinson P.M. Secretary, Watkins Treasurer, Harding S.D., Sandalls J.D., Oliver I.G., Hoey P.M. Steward, Collins P.M. D.C., Stacy P.M. Organist, Windsor Assistant Organist, and Walkley Tyler. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Charles Baker; it proved in his favour, and he was initiated by the new Master, in a manner which speaks well for the future working of the Lodge. The Auditors' report (which showed the funds to be in a satisfactory condition) was taken as read. The Secretary read the communication from Grand Lodge on the subject of the Jubilee Gathering, and after some discussion it was decided that the Royal Commemoration Lodge be represented at the Albert Hall by Bros. Strong W.M., Wing J.W., Collick I.P.M., Watkins Treasurer, and Price. The question of subscribing to the Imperial Institutute was arranged to be left to the members' discretion. Any sum subscribed to be sent in the name of the Lodge, without any lists of names. The votes of the Lodge for the Masonic Benevolent Institution were given to Bros. Pardoe and Robinson, for the aged members and widows respectively, and to prevent the splitting of them. Bro. Watkins generously placed ten of his votes in the hands of Bro. Smith P.M. Bro. Williams S.W., proposed, and Bro. Wing J.W. seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the W.M. for the splendid present he had made to the Lodge, in the shape of a set of gauntlets (three pairs), such vote of thanks to be recorded on the minutes; carried unanimously; and with "Hearty good wishes" the Lodge was closed in accordance with ancient custom. After discussing the good things provided by Brother Page for the fourth degree, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given, but heartily accepted. The I.P.M., Bro. Collick, in proposing the health of the W.M., wished him every success in his year of office, and complimented him on the excellent manner in which he had begun. The W.M., in responding, promised to do his utmost for the welfare of the Lodge and the comfort of the brethren. The W.M. next gave "The Installing Master," and remarked what an impressive ceremony it had been to him, coming in the manner it had done from Bro. Collins. Bro. Collins replied, and said he had always great pleasure in carrying out, or assisting in any ceremony in his power for the good of the Lodge or the assistance of its Officers. The next toast was "The Initiate," and Bro. Baker responded in a few well chosen words, pleading the lateness of the evening as his excuse for being brief. "The Visitors" followed, and with the toast the W.M. coupled the names of Bros. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex. Williams P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Causton, Beard, Room, and Bishop, remarking how highly honoured he felt at seeing such a distinguished gathering to grace his installation. The brethren named each briefly responded, and paid a high compliment to the W.M. for his hospitality; to the Officers for their ability; to the Brethren for their sociability; and to the Lodge at large for its prosperity. In proposing the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Collick the Worshipful Master remarked what a very successful year the Lodge had just terminated, there having been 16 members join in the year; he concluded by decorating Bro. Collick with the P.M.'s jewel voted him by the Lodge for his services, wishing him years of health and prosperity and usefulness to the Lodge. Bro. Collick responded; he thanked the W.M. for the way he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the manner they had accepted it. The jewel he should always prize, as a memento of many happy hours spent with the brethren, and as long as he lived nothing would give him greater pleasure than to meet with and assist them as far as possible in promoting the welfare of the Royal Commemoration Lodge. Bro. Pardoe responded to the toast of the Past Masters. The Wardens and Assistant Organist replied for the Officers. The Tyler's toast closed a long but pleasant evening of labour and refreshment. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by harmony, Bro. Windsor officiating at the piano, songs being rendered by Bros. Page, Coleman, and the W.M. Bro. Bishop recited "The Showman;" Bro. Boehr played a solo on the zither.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Brown W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., G. Simpson P.M., M. Millington P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., W. B. Dyson S.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, J. Kay Secretary, W. Lockenby S.D., J. H. Shonksmith Steward, T. Pearson and J. D. Irving Assistant Stewards, W. Storry I.G., J. Hall Tyler, J. Thorpe, F. H. Vaughan, J. Shaw, J. W. Blenkin, L. Beaumont, A. Archer, E. Thackray, G. G. Pook, H. Chapman, W. Ream, J. Smith, W. T. Nance, G. Chapman, and W. Sharp. Visitors—Bros. T. Myers I.P.M. 304, and W. F. Tomlinson P.M. 304. After a successful ballot for a candidate, the Secretary read a letter from Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, thanking the brethren for his election as an honorary member, and Bro. Whytehead, on behalf of that brother, presented to the Lodge a copy of "Ahiman Rezon," 1807, and a vote of thanks was passed for this valuable gift, as also a gift from Bro. Whytehead of a Moira apron mounted for framing. Bro. Cumberland P.M. expressed the pleasure he felt at once more meeting in Lodge so many of his old friends in Freemasonry, and said how glad he was to see the Lodge making such good progress, working so well, and acquiring such a valuable collection of Masonic books, engravings, and curiosities; at the rate its collections were increasing it would soon be far ahead of any Lodge in the North. Subsequent to the closing of the Lodge there was a right merry meeting in the smoke room, when the old familiar ring of Bro. Cumberland's songs once more enlivened the hearts of the Eboracums.

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent Street, W., when among those present were Bros. R. A. Kingsbury W.M., John Miller J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treasurer, Baron D. Barnett P.M. Secretary, Henry D. Casperd P.M., C. Ochse P.M., I. Quincey P.M., S. Lancaster S.D., J. Levy J.D., Henry Moss D.C., and J. Van Praagh Steward. Visitors:—J. Stroud 1227, J. D. Barnett 185, E. Austin W.M. 1791, John Manger W.M. 1017, J. D. Smith P.M. 1658, S. Chubb W.M. 2029, J. Field 917, R. S. Dexter 87, M. Siegenberg 188, G. A. Vennell W.M. 165, R. H. Rogers I.P.M. 1791, S. R. Speight P.M. and Secretary 147, H. A. Borgen 177, A. M. Welsh, Joseph Levey, &c. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last regular Lodge and of a Lodge of emergency confirmed, the ceremonies of raising and initiation were performed, Bro. Hengst being the candidate for the third degree, and Mr. Albert Clark the initiate of the day. Lodge having been resumed, Bro. J. S. Miller, the W.M.-elect, was presented, and in due form was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Having received the greetings of the brethren the W.M. appointed the Officers for the year, as follow: Bros. Quincey S.W. (pro tem), Lancaster J.W., Loewenstark P.M. Treasurer, Barnett P.M. Secretary, Moss J.D., Van Praagh I.G., Moss D.C., Casperd Steward, &c. Before the closing of the Lodge Bro. Ochse gave notice that at the next meeting he would propose that the Lodge resume its monthly meetings, as heretofore. The sum of three guineas was voted from Lodge funds to the Imperial Institute, and a vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Officer the Lodge was closed, the brethren repairing to banquet. At the conclusion of the repast the customary toasts were honoured. The Queen and the Craft having met with a hearty reception, that of the M.W.G.M. was given. The Prince of Wales had always taken a great interest in the Craft, and that that interest was maintained was evidenced by the appointment of his son to the high office of Senior Grand Warden of England. The next toast was the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, all of whom, the Worshipful Master considered, did their duty most ably. Bro. Kingsbury I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He considered this the most important duty of the evening. The toast was one he was sure the brethren would be pleased to adopt, and he was equally certain the Worshipful Master would most efficiently fill the chair during the coming year. He would find the duties onerous, and he might say almost unbearable unless he received the support and assistance of the members of the Lodge, but there was little to fear on this point and he felt that the duty Bro. Miller had taken upon himself would prove pleasurable to himself and of benefit to the Lodge. Their present Worshipful Master had worked from the lowest office in the Lodge to the highest dignity it was in the power of the members to confer. Bro. Kingsbury felt the members all sincerely wished their ruler every prosperity which God Almighty could bestow on him, and which they as members of his Lodge could enhance. The Worshipful Master in acknowledgment tendered his most hearty thanks to the brethren for having elected him to the high office he then occupied, and further for the enthusiasm they had shown towards him that evening. He was afraid they had great expectations of him, and he was afraid it was more than likely they would be disappointed, yet he hoped to satisfy them by doing his best in the proud position to which they had raised him. He next proposed the health of the initiate. He always felt that the drinking of this toast was drinking prosperity to their own Lodge, for they would not be able to get on without initiates. He felt, from the way in which their newly-admitted brother had received the ceremony, that they had made an impression on him and that he was likely to prove a worthy member among them. He hoped he might never regret having been made a member of the Order. Bro. Clark replied, tendering his thanks for the reception which had been accorded him. On his part he hoped the Lodge would never regret having admitted him as a member. The Worshipful Master then gave the health of the Visitors, a toast which it was most important to do full justice to. He well remembered how he was received in the Samson Lodge on the occasion of his first visit to it. He was so pleased that he determined to apply for admission to the Lodge, with the result that he was now at its head. Since that day he had seen many Masters in the chair of the Lodge, and many visitors welcomed, and the best wish he could express was that he should be able to give the guests of his year as hearty a welcome as any had received in the past. Bro. Manger was the first to reply. The visitors fully appreciated the kindness shown by the Lodge that night, as was evidenced by the fact that so many visitors were still present, although it was very late. There were many matters which might be learned from visiting, and he felt that

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he should go away that night having learned something. Bro. Barnett followed. He had been reminded that he was an old member of the Samson Lodge, a fact which was both distressing and pleasing to him; distressing because it signified that he was really getting old, and pleasing because it called to mind many happy hours spent in the Lodge, of which he was proud of being a Past Master. It was also a pleasure for him to be present that night and witness the progress of the Lodge. It must be gratifying to any Mason to see the affairs of a Lodge managed as theirs had been that day. Bro. Vennell was the next to reply. He considered the name given to the Lodge was a most appropriate one. It suggested the Lodge had some backbone to it, and from what he had seen he felt it was equal to its name. True Masons loved to see hearts knit, and the brotherhood and unity of Freemasonry exemplified, as it had been that day in the Samson Lodge. They loved Freemasonry, the language of which appealed more to the heart than any other language, from the fact that it united the hearts of its members one to another. The health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Kingsbury, was next given. The way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that evening was really faultless. Personally the Worshipful Master had been surprised at the ability displayed by his predecessor in the chair, and it made him feel nervous lest he should fail to continue the work as that brother had left it. A pleasing duty devolved upon him, to present to Bro. Kingsbury the jewel which the Lodge had voted him, as a memento of his year of Mastership. Bro. Kingsbury, in reply, scarcely knew what to say for the very kind way in which the members of the Lodge had expressed themselves in regard to the inadequate way in which he had performed the duties of his office. He felt it was a great honour to be decorated as the brethren had that evening decorated him. He assured the Worshipful Master that the duties of his office were arduous, but he might also assure him that, like those who had gone before him in the chair, whatever he did would be kindly received by the brethren. He thanked all for their kindness to him during the year he had reigned over them. He had sometimes felt he should be unable to discharge the duties of the chair without giving offence, now he felt that instead of making an enemy he had cemented the friendship of all. So long as he lived he should be grateful to the Lodge for having been allowed to preside over its destinies. During the past year he had studied Freemasonry more than he had ever done before, and had arrived at the conclusion that the more it was studied the more must it be regarded as of service in making a man better in the world than he would be without it. He sincerely trusted that all Masons, and he in particular, might be known to the world as those to whom the distressed might pour forth their sorrows, while he would have them recognised as being better men from the fact of being members of the Masonic Brotherhood. Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the usual way.

HAMPSHIRE LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 1990.

THE annual meeting for the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on Saturday, 14th inst., when the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Hants and Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) installed Bro. R. J. Rastrick P.G. Treasurer. The Lodge is composed of Past Masters of the Craft, of whom a large number attended, and the Provincial Grand Officers and Worshipful Masters of local Lodges were present by invitation. The Provincial Grand Master was attended by Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre D.P.G.M., G. F. Lancaster P.G. Registrar, E. Goble P.G. Secretary, H. Lashmore P.G.S.D., F. Powell P.G.D.C., W. J. Rix P.G.S.B., H. Kimber P.G.Std.Bearer, J. Jackson P.G.P., D. G. Gilmour P.G.S., F. Sanders P.G.S., J. A. Foster P.G.S. There were also present Bros. M. E. Frost, E. M. Wells, T. Page, W. Gunnell, A. Cudlipp, H. Croucher, H. W. Townsend, J. Purnell, F. Court, R. Glassapool, J. E. Buck, W. G. P. Gilbert, W. A. Hill, W. Beattell, J. W. Boughton, J. J. Bascombe, G. Whitehall, E. Pratt, I. S. Gardner, F. Binckes) Royal Masonic Boys' School), J. Mason (Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), A. Caink, E. E. Street, Major W. Stanley, T. P. Palegraves, H. P. Holley, T. F. Hall, A. Wendover, C. G. Adames, G. F. Brown, G. T. Cunningham, T. Good; and the following members of the Lodge:—Bros. S. R. Ellis, F. Newan, A. Barfield, T. Francis, E. S. Main, Major Hooper, T. H. Williams, J. Gieve, R. W. Beale, A. R. Holbrook, J. W. Gieve, G. L. Stobbs, W. Moles, E. Nayler, Dr. C. Knott, J. A. Elverston, J. T. Craven, J. G. Niven, G. A. Gale, H. Cawte, and R. W. Mitchell. Letters of apology were announced from Bros. W. D. King (Mayor of Portsmouth), Lord Charles Beresford, Lord John Taylour, Canon Portal, Colonel Crease, R. Eve Grand Treasurer of England, R. L. Loveland, &c. The ceremony of Installation having been concluded, Bro. Rastrick appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Barfield I.P.M., F. Newman S.W., T. Francis J.W., Rev. J. N. Palmer Chaplain, T. H. Williams Treasurer, J. W. Gieve Secretary, J. Brickwood S.D., R. W. Beale J.D., J. E. Le Feuvre Dir. of Cers., W. Miles Organist, G. L. Stobbs I.G., G. Bond and S. Wheeler Stewards, G. Carter Tyler. The banquet was subsequently served in the dining hall, and was followed by a smoking concert, at which Bro. D. Lovegrove officiated as accompanyist, and also gave two pianoforte solos, in masterly style.

Each Masonic jewel, each implement of our Craft, each piece of furniture in the Lodge room, each symbol, each official title, each Masonic ceremony, from the least to the greatest, is an object lesson to the Craftsmen, a truth-teacher. They point Godward, Masonward and selfward. They teach us our obligations to the Grand Architect of the Universe, our Maker; to our brethren, our equals; and to ourselves, of whom alone we need to be afraid. We should love our Maker, love our fellows, and fear only ourselves.—*Keystone.*

MARK MASONRY.

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BRIXTON LODGE, No. 234.

THIS Lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Saturday, 14th inst., and although the attendance suffered through so many being at the Royal ceremonial at the East end, there was a very fair muster of members. The Lodge met at four o'clock, and the principal business, that of advancing Bros. A. Gibson and Rushton Odell to this interesting degree, was ably performed by the Master, Bro. R. R. Johnston and his Officers. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M., in presenting the Lodge with a volume of the Sacred Law, which was one of great antiquity, said it gave him great pleasure to call the attention of the brethren to the rest of the furniture which had been presented since last meeting to the Lodge by Bros. Holliday, Axford, W. Potter, A. J. Potter, Vickers, and Buxton. A most enjoyable evening was spent after refreshment, through the efforts of Bros. J. Holliday, R. Johnston, E. Storr, R. Odell, F. W. Smith, and others, who gave a very excellent selection of songs, duets, &c. The well-known musical capabilities of this Lodge has received a great acquisition to its strength in having Bro. Odell among its members, who, in addition to his merits as a vocalist, has no mean reputation as a composer. Among those also present were Bros. Brighten P.G.S., &c., McKay, Holliday, J. J. Pilley, Catterson, C. Q. Cooper, A. J. Potter R.M., W. F. Potter S.O., &c.

At the convocation of the Albert Edward Chapter, No. 1780, held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Tuesday, Comp. Grant was installed as Z., Comp. T. Walton and Comp. A. Algar taking the second and third chairs. The installation ceremony was performed by Comp. Berry, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for his services as installing Principal, and as Z. for the past year. The other Officers appointed were Comps. Berry S.E., A. M. Bailey S.N., E. Warren P.S., R. Reid and J. Slaten A.S., and W. Vare Janitor.

A MASONIC ALPHABET.

XVII.—QUIETNESS.

When toiling Day is over, with its troubles and its cares,
And Nature, for its needful rest, rejoicingly prepares;
When Night extends her curtains over all of life below,
And hangs her countless lamps above, their kindly light to show;
When the darkness hems us in with its gloomy shadow walls—
'Tis then upon the spirit perfect rest and quiet falls.
Forgotten are the crosses, and the dangers of the light,
And we feel the soothing presence of the restfulness of Night.
And so, within our Lodge's walls, should Harmony and Peace
Let over all their influence continuously increase;
And cares of life be cast aside, and hopes and wishes vain
Give place to gentle sympathies, and Order's pleasant train,
The world without may revel, may rampage, and may roar,
But "Quietness" holds solemn reign upon the chequered floor.

XVIII.—RELIEF.

In the 'leaguered city rays of Hope are dying,
Despair's dark clouds are shrouding all their light;
E'en Courage falters in the bold defying,
Whilst Valour shrinks to join the lengthened fight.

The daylight brings the desperate resistance,
And every soldier turns to stay the foe;
The darkness brings no symptom of desistance
In bold attempts the town to overthrow.

When bursting through the enemy surrounding,
They see their well-known banner bravely fly;
And Hope revives, and hearts again are bounding,
For in their need Relief is drawing nigh!

And oft the Mason Brother, sorely needing,
Resists the foe fast sapping life away;
In his distress sees hope of aid receding,
But still too proud for any help to pray.

'Tis then the bands of want and woe are broken
By words of kindness, and the generous deed;
They burst their way, and though no word be spoken,
Relief is given in their utmost need.

WM. H. ORR,
Wor. Master Lodge Edinburgh, No. 10, Grand Bard.

Much of the lasting effect and benefit of Masonry depends upon the dignity and solemnity attending the initiation. If a candidate is met with a spirit of frivolity rather than of seriousness, he is most likely to conclude that the whole thing is a kind of farce. But if the deep and solemn lessons are impressed upon his mind with that degree of earnestness which they demand, he goes out, profoundly impressed with Masonry's beauty and grandeur.

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9th May 1886.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

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Past Grand Senior Warden of England.
Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A MEETING of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held on Saturday, the 4th June, at Three o'Clock p.m., at the King's Head Hotel, Harrow.

By command of the Provincial Grand Master,
J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.M. P.Z.
Prov. Grand Secretary.

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For fares and full particulars see bills.

G. FINDLAY, General Manager.

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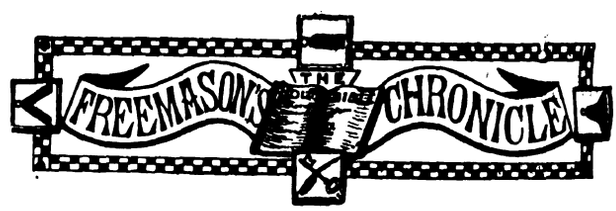
Bro. FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std., Sec. & V. Pat. of Institution) will preside.

All those gentlemen who take an interest in the welfare of the Institution are cordially invited to attend.

Tickets, which may be obtained at the Manager's Office, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., 6s each (exclusive of wine).

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDLLESEX.

THE Annual Convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex was held on Saturday, 14th instant, at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, under the presidency of Comp. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Superintendent, who was supported by Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp Prov. Grand H., Rev. S. T. H. Saunders Prov. Grand J., J. T. H. Woodward Prov. Grand Scribe E., J. T. Briggs Prov. G.P.S., C. H. Webb Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, W. H. Lee Prov. Grand Assist. Scribe E., and J. S. Fraser Prov. Grand Organist. There were also present:—

Comps. F. Sumner Knyvett G. Sword Br., A. W. Duret P.Z., 382, G. E. Clark jun. P.Z. 1777, C. E. Keyser P.Z. 404, G. J. Dunkley P.S. 1503, G. L. Wingate M.E.Z. 1423, Jas. Ollerhead M.E.Z. 946, J. J. Marsh M.E.Z. 1326, C. Veal P.Z. 1849, C. L. Smiles P.P.G.R. 1503, W. Fooks M.E.Z. 1691 P.P.G.Reg., W. Taylor P.P.G.J., W. A. Rogers 1549, B. Haynes J. 1549, R. H. Blackford P.Z. 1549, G. Gregory P.Z. 2148, J. Ferguson P.Z. 1691, R. Pasco 1549, J. C. Smith 1507, T. C. Edmonds S.N. 1507, A. H. Scurrah 2048, J. H. R. Cama 1503, E. G. Lewis Z. 1237, W. M. Stiles M.E.Z. 2048, H. Stiles P.Z. 1507, G. Moody 1507, R. F. Hosken 1503, W. W Lee 1524, D. R. Soames 1549, E. Cowley 1549, J. Etherington 619, E. Y. Jolliffe J. 1194, W. W. Morgan, &c.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened in form, and the roll of Chapters in the Province having been called, the minutes of the previous Convocation were read and confirmed. On the motion of Comp. W. A. Scurrah, the report of the Audit Committee, which showed a balance in hand of £34 6s 9d, was adopted. Companion Raymond H. Thrupp was then re-appointed as Provincial Grand H., and the Grand Superintendent appointed and invested Comp. A. W. Duret P.Z. 382 as Provincial Grand J. Companion H. Lovegrove, in his unavoidable absence, was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the following were appointed and invested as the Provincial Grand Officers for the year:—

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Comp. J. F. H. Woodward (re-appointed)	...	Scribe E.
J. Ferguson 1691 ...	...	Scribe N.
W. M. Stiles Z. 2048	...	Prin. Soj.
C. E. Keyser Z 1549	...	1st Asst. Soj.
G. L. Wingate 1423	...	2nd Asst. Soj.
C. L. Smiles 1503 ...	...	Registrar
G. Clark jun. 1777	...	Sword Bearer
J. Ollerhead Z 946	...	Standard Bearer
Dr. Rogers 1549 ...	...	Director of Cers.
J. J. Marsh Z. 1326	...	Assist Dir. of Cers.
W. H. Lee P.P.G.Std.Br. (re-appointed)		Assist. G. Scribe E.
G. J. Dunkley P.S. 1503	...	Organist
J. Gilbert ...	...	Janitor

On the motion of Comp. Thrupp, seconded by Comp. Duret, a Committee, consisting of Comps. Ferguson, Tickell, Scurrah and Lee, was appointed to frame a code of bye-laws for the Provincial Grand Chapter. Reference was then made to the Calendar which had been so ably compiled by Comp. H. Lovegrove, Provincial Grand Treasurer, a work that involved considerable trouble, and Companion Thrupp observed that a majority of the Secretaries had willingly given Comp. Lovegrove all the information they could. He wished, however, to impress upon the Secretaries and Scribes the desirableness of furnishing the fullest particulars, as the Pocket Book was a very great assistance to the Prov. G. Officers and the Companions generally. At the same time he reminded them it was a labour of love on the part of Companion Lovegrove, and that all profit on the work was generously devoted to the Masonic Charities. These observations were endorsed by Companion Woodward, who also pointed out the great inconvenience which often arose from Companions and Brethren not supplying the fullest details as to their respective Chapters and Lodges. Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed in the usual way, and the Companions subsequently partook of an excellent banquet, when the customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured. In proposing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, First Grand Principal, the Prov. Grand Supt. said it was a toast which would come to the hearts of all. They regarded him as one of themselves, and the manner in which he carried out the duties of his high position won for him the most profound admiration. His Royal Highness was one of the most distinguished members of the Order, and was always ready to advance the true interests of Freemasonry. He then gave the Grand Officers, and in doing so said they included some of the most distinguished members of Royal Arch Masonry; the three Grand Principals, who look after the well-being of the Order, were looked up to and esteemed by all; they were ever ready to discharge their duties to the very best of their ability. Having referred to the way in which Comp. Lord Leigh and the other Grand Officers performed their duties, and how instrumental they had been in raising the Order to its present high position, he expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see present to-day Comp. Knyvett, Grand Sword Bearer, who had rendered valuable service in many ways, and he would associate the name of that excellent Companion with the toast. Comp. Knyvett, after acknowledging the complimentary manner in which the toast had been proposed, endorsed all that had been said with regard to the Grand Principals. As to the other Grand Officers, they had but one object in view, and that was to promote the interests and to maintain the ancient landmarks of the Order. Their greatest reward was to merit the approbation and esteem of the members. Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp then proposed the toast of the evening, their Provincial Grand Superintendent, Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. It would be a difficult task to do ample justice to the toast, but, fortunately, Sir Francis was well-known to all present, and therefore it would require but few words from him to expatiate upon his merits, or his qualities as a Mason and a gentleman. Whenever he appeared in the Province he was always most cordially received, for he was universally recognised as a good Mason; he gave the hand of fellowship to all, even to the youngest initiate. By his geniality and kindness he had made himself one of the most popular Provincial Grand Masters and Provincial Grand Superintendents in the Kingdom. They all rejoiced exceedingly to see Sir Francis amongst them again, with recovered strength, and they all trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would bestow upon him good health and spare him for many years to come. The toast was most warmly received, and Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett said he found it somewhat difficult to find words to return thanks for the kind and eulogistic manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed by Comp. Thrupp. When he saw such a large assembly he assured them he could not adequately thank them for the reception they had given him. Comp. Thrupp had said much in his praise that he did not deserve, but not more than he wished to do for the advantage of the Province, and the general welfare of the members. It always afforded him the greatest pleasure, although he had not many opportunities, to meet the Companions, and feel they were companions and brethren, as they ought to be all over the world. He had heard with gratification what had been done in the Stanmore Chapter, which had met immediately previous to the Provincial Grand Chapter, and could only regret that he was not present. But he had been informed by those who were in attendance that they were very gratified at the way in which the work had been done, and he was sure there was scarcely a Chapter in the Province that would excel the working of the Stanmore. He sincerely thanked the Companions present for their hearty reception, and hoped to have the opportunity of meeting them on many future occasions. He then proposed the Provincial Grand Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex, warmly thanking them for the manner in which they had supported him. He had always found energetic Officers, but he could not say sufficient of those by whom he was at present surrounded. Comps. Thrupp and Woodward were his most able supporters; all the brethren were aware of their good qualities, and how they exerted themselves for the general well-being of the Province. It was a matter of regret to him that he was not able to be amongst the Companions more often, but he was confident that the work was left in good hands, and that the duties would be efficiently carried out under their direction. Comp. Thrupp, whom they all loved and respected, had for a length of time occupied the position he now held, and he hoped for many years to have the benefit of his services, and the continuation of the kind assistance he had always rendered. As long as he had been associated with this Province he had never had any more able supporter than Comp. Woodward. He had not only served most ably, but had carried out his duties in a manner that had endeared him to every Companion and every Brother. He was proud of him, and was proud of every one of his Provincial Grand Officers, for he felt they were ready and anxious to support him. Comp. Thrupp, in the course of his response, said he considered it an honour and pleasure to serve under their Provincial Grand Superintendent, for with such a head over them they were bound to do everything they could to support him and to promote the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province. The Provincial Grand Officers would, he was sure, unite with him in upholding the interests of the Province, and they were grateful to the Provincial Grand Superintendent for having appointed them. He assured them it was the desire of the Prov. Grand Superintendent to know who were the most zealous, and although not constantly with them he had always the Province in mind, and was the guiding spirit in everything that concerned its welfare. A cordial welcome was extended to the Visitors, and in responding Companion H. Stiles, P.Z. 1507, tendered sincere thanks for the very enjoyable time they had spent, and said he was only echoing the sentiments of the visiting Companions when he said they hoped to have the distinguished honour of meeting them again. The Companions of the Province ought to be very proud of having a gentleman such as their Provincial Grand Superintendent to preside over them. He hoped that on a future occasion he might be one of them, and again thanked them for the kind reception they had given to the Visitors. The Prov. Grand Superintendent, in proposing the Principals of the Stanmore Chapter, said he was sure the toast would meet with an enthusiastic reception. That Chapter had not been long established, but it had existed long enough to make itself well known, and his only regret was that he was not present earlier in the day to see its working. He felt convinced the Province would be proud of such a Chapter; he had heard that Companion Keyser had carried out the work in a manner that had given the utmost satisfaction to all. He sincerely trusted the Chapter would maintain its position for many years to come. Companion Keyser said the members of the Stanmore Chapter felt deeply grateful for the kind remarks of the Provincial Grand Superintendent. They certainly did their best, but he did not know they deserved all the praise bestowed. They would have been exceedingly

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pleased if the Provincial Grand Superintendent had honoured them with his presence, but trusted that on some future occasion the Provincial Grand Chapter or Provincial Grand Lodge would again visit them, and that they would not only be pleased with their working, but would also have a fitting reception. The proceedings of a most agreeable evening were enlivened by some excellent songs by our genial friend, Comp. Dunkley (G. S. Graham), who presided at the pianoforte, whilst Companions Pasco and W. W. Lee contributed to the musical selections by which the toasts were interspersed.

CONSECRATION OF THE STRIGUIL LODGE, No. 2186.

THE consecration of this new Lodge, whose title is the ancient name of the manor of Chepstow, took place on Friday, the 13th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Chepstow, and the gathering was one of the most influential and largely attended that has ever taken place in the Province of Monmouth, about 130 brethren being present. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Colonel C. Lyne, Provincial Grand Master for Monmouthshire, assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Brother Captain S. George Homfray A.G.D.C., William Watkins P.S.G.W., E W. Evans D.C., Rev. J. W. Osman Provincial Grand Chaplain, A. MacMahon Provincial Grand Secretary, and many other Provincial Grand Officers. The brethren assembled at half-past two o'clock in the ante-room, and walked in procession to the Lodgl room, where they took their respective seats, and the Presiding Officer on his arrival was received with the customary honours. He then appointed the Wardens pro tem, and Lodge was opened in the three degrees, the opening hymn being "Hail, Eternal!" The Presiding Officer then addressed the brethen on the nature of the meeting, and called upon the Chaplain to offer prayer. After the address of the acting Secretary and the reply of the Presiding Officer, the brethren of the new Lodge were arranged in order, and the petition and warrant were read. The brethren having approved of the Officers named therein, an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was delivered by the Chaplain, followed by the anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is for the brethren to dwell together in unity." The dedication prayer was said, and after the usual devotional exercises, the Presiding Officer dedicated the Lodge, and the brethren chanted the anthem "Glory be to God on High." After the constitution of the Lodge the anthem, "Glory to God in the Highest" was sung, the musical arrangements being admirably directed by Bro. W. B. Broad P.M. 457 Past Provincial Grand Organist of Monmouth. At the conclusion of the ceremony Lodge was resumed in the second degree, when Bro. the Rev. D. G. Davies P.M. P.P.G.C. was installed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master as the first W.M. of the Lodge, which is the ninth in the Province. The following brethren, who with the W.M. constituted the seven founders, were invested as Officers:—Bros. Alexander Miller S.W., Cuthbert W. Whalley J.W., Callaghan Treas., A. K. Griffiths Sec., C. M. King S.D., and C. J. Lindam J.D. The addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered in impressive manner by the Presiding Officer, and several names were handed in as joining members and candidates for initiation. After disposing of some routine business, Lodge was closed, amidst fraternal good wishes, and the brethren and visitors afterwards partook of an excellent banquet provided at the Beaufort Arms Hotel. The loyal toasts were duly honoured, and the health of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy, and Provincial Grand Officers each received their due meed of recognition. The Provincial Grand Master, in proposing prosperity to the Striguil Lodge, observed that it was the seventh constituted in the Province within the nineteen years he had been connected with it, and he expressed a hope that Striguil, though the youngest, would not be behind the other Lodges in the exercise of all the objects, duties, and virtues of Freemasonry. The enjoyment of the brethren was materially enhanced by some capital singing and recitations, Bro. Broad presiding at the pianoforte.

The Masonic fraternity has never faltered in its efforts to promote "Peace on earth, and good will toward men." Its vital principles teach this and nothing less. The time is coming when the whole world will be full of the knowledge of these teachings. They are quietly working their way. Every year adds to the momentum of the chariot of brotherly love. It will continue to move on until men will fully comprehend the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man.

As the human soul cries out to the Father of us all for daily food, so should we also remember all the sons of men in that cry. Those oppressed by tyranny, either on the part of rulers, or their own appetites. No true member of an order based upon a faith in God can put the cup to his neighbour's lips, and lure the weak to destruction.

THE MASONIC ORDER.—If the Brother who has lost the freshness of his first love for Masonry, who has neglected the Lodge room and gone off after the "strange gods" of glitter and novelty; if such a Brother was placed in a situation where he had nothing to read for a while except the Proceedings of the various Grand Lodges, he would experience a strange and salutary awakening. He would come to the conclusion that himself and not Masonry had been standing still and doing nothing. He would be compelled to admit that time had not diminished nor age weakened that powerful conservative influence which Masonry has for ages past exerted upon all the affairs of civil, religious and political life.—*G. E. Dodge, Arkansas.*

THE PROPOSED MASONIC HALL AND CLUB FOR PLYMOUTH.

A MEETING of the W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and intending shareholders in the above undertaking was held in the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-place, Plymouth, on Saturday evening, to receive a communication from the Committee, who will report that eligible premises, No. 1 Princess-square, have been purchased. W. Bro. John Parkhouse W.M. 156, was voted to the chair, and there were present:—Bros. John B. Gover P.M. 70, J. R. Lord P.M. 1247, D. Cross P.M. 1205, S. Jew P.M. 105, J. T. Bond W.M. 2025, E. Aitkin Davis P.M. 1099, J. Neno P.M. 223, J. Hiffy P.M. 223, J. Hoyton P.M. 223, F. Goodyear P.M. 223, W. Trevena P.M. 1255, W. Lavers P.M. 1255, Thos. Goodall P.M. 1550, W. H. Macey P.M. 1847, J. Y. Avery P.M. 156, J. W. Cornish P.M. 223, J. Gidley P.M 2025, F. W. Westcott W.M. 70, N. Rudmore W.M. 159, C. F. Dunsterville W.M. 189, H. Rogers W.M. 1099, T. R. Oliver W.M. 1247, J. Wallis W.M. 1255, J. Maton W.M. 1550, Bros. W. H. Dillon 1099, J. Goad 70, F. R. Thomas 189, Thomas Eyre 1247, G. Milford159, A. C. Titherly 1550, H. Chapple 1550, J. T. Rook, 1847, and J. Moore 1847. W. Bro. J. T. Bond W.M. 2025, the solicitor to the company, said, in pursuance of the directions of the general committee, the sub-committee had continued their labours. They had purchased No. 1 Princess-square, standing at the corner of Windsor-lane—the present house for the purpose of a club and the land behind to be utilised for the erection of a massive hall. A deposit had been paid, and the purchase would have to be completed by Midsummer next. He moved the following recommendations of the sub-committee, which were carried:—"That the name of the company be the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club Company; that the shares be £1 each, 5s payable on application 5s on allotment, and the balance to be called up at the discretion of the directors; that the qualification for directorship be ten shares; that the number of directors be twelve (inclusive of the chairman), and that each Lodge taking an interest in the hall be represented as far as possible on the directorate." It was explained that the directorship would be purely voluntary, and the selection of the Provisional Board of Directors would be in the hands of a sub-committee. Some questions were asked as to when the hall would be ready for occupation. It was hoped, Mr. Bond said, to get possession of the premises between Midsummer and Michaelmas, and then Bro. Trevena added it would take six months to erect the building. The sub-committee was instructed to have plans prepared at once, so that there should be no delay when once they got possession of the premises. W. Bro. D. Cross P.G. Treasurer, expressed a hope that brethren would bring the question forward in their respective Lodges, with a view of getting brethren to take an interest in the project. He should also like to have, as soon as convenient, some definite information when it was probable the foundation stone could be laid, as he had suggested to P.G. Lodge that they should celebrate the Jubilee by laying the stone with Masonic honours and marching in their regalia to church. Various matters were discussed for the benefit of the movement, and the meeting separated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

REVIEWS.

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Masonic Calendar for the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Edited by Bro. Edgar Goble P.M. P.G.S. and Bro. Rev. A. A. Headley P.M. P.P. Grand Chaplain. Southampton: Hants Advertiser Company.

THIS is the most bulky of all the Calendars that have as yet come to hand, and the compilers might probably have studied the convenience of the brethren who do not care to carry a big book in their pockets, had they paid a little more regard to size. However, there is this to be said—the manual is stocked with more than the ordinary quantity of information, and being printed in very clear and legible type, is otherwise in every respect admirably got up. After the usual list of existing Lodges in the Province, those which have become extinct are enumerated, from the "Masonic Records" of Bro. Lane, with the dates of their warrants, meeting-places, and numbers of Lodges when they became extinct. The Calendar proper is very completely made up, showing the dates of Lodge and other meetings, installations, and so on in the Province; and then follows a list of the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire from 1833 to 1869, and of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight since that date. All necessary information is given respecting the Craft and Mark Lodges, Chapters, &c., in the Province, and a record is also given of the voting strength of the Province in respect of the respective Charities.

As a benevolent association, Masonry differs from most organizations established for a like purpose. It strives to prevent the needs of charities by teaching men how to live and be self-supporting. It teaches its members to be prudent in expending, and assists them to be aggressive and prudent in acquiring. It does not, however, neglect those whom the fatalities of life render helpless, but ministers to their needs with a liberal hand. This is true benevolence. It is not true charity to encourage negligence by fostering it. It is no true benevolence to care for the physical wants of those who do not try to take care of themselves.

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LONDON VOTES FOR THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Looking through some old papers I have this week come across a copy of the proposed rules of the "London Masonic Voting Association," which it was suggested should be established some years back, but which was never fairly started. Having had a hand in drawing up those rules I may perhaps be a prejudiced party, but I still regard them as a good basis on which to work a London organisation, and believe that if they were strictly adhered to it would be possible for a body of brethren to make sure of success at either of the elections much more readily than it would be without combination.

Since these proposed rules were drawn up we have seen the establishment of a London Voting Association, and although it did much at first I believe it is now defunct, or if not absolutely defunct, virtually so; and I believe that the rock on which it came to grief was one particularly guarded against in the rules of the Association I with a few others had in contemplation; and which, I am egotistical enough to believe, led to the establishment of the Association referred to above, and which was actually set working.

I do not believe any London organization would be successful which went in for indiscriminate borrowing of votes, and it was to prevent this our proposed Rule 9 stipulated "that not more votes be borrowed at one time than can be repaid at the next election."

As we never went beyond proposition, it is of course impossible for me to say how this rule would have worked, but personally I should not care to take any active part in an Association which disregarded such a law, as I believe any Association must inevitably end in ruin unless some check be put on the—shall I say—excess of charity exhibited by its committee, who are being urgently appealed to for aid, which it is easy for them to afford if they do not mind getting their Association into debt for the purpose. My experience is, that it is tolerably easy to borrow votes at any of the elections if one's credit is good—and in the case of a really representative London Association it should be good to any extent—the danger to be guarded against being the borrowing of votes *beyond* what it is possible to repay at *next* election without again borrowing for purposes of repayment.

I am yet in hopes of seeing something done to secure a better understanding in regard to Metropolitan voting power, but very stringent rules in regard to borrowing would have to be adopted before I should consider any Association had a chance of continued success.

I am, &c.

EX PROMOTER.

CLIQUISM IN LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I was lately present at a convocation meeting of a Chapter, and regretted exceedingly to witness as discreditable a proceeding as can well take place under any circumstances in Masonry. I shall not mention names, because the victim of this piece of cliquism must certainly desire that he should not be further associated with the proceedings, and as for those who have benefited—well, perhaps, when they know that the proceedings have the reprobation of such of the members of our Craft who have heard of them—they may also be heartily ashamed of what took place.

I will now endeavour to state my case. A worthy and distinguished member of the degree, who is a warm supporter of our Masonic Charities, and who is an able and experienced Freemason, is next on the rota for high office in a Chapter. He has been required to obtain an intimation from authority that there will be no difficulty in his holding the office if elected, by reason of his holding a similar office in another Chapter, and he does so. Not a word of opposition is breathed to him, and he allows himself to be placed in nomination for the position, which he is justly and properly entitled to, when, owing to some mysterious machinations, another Companion, who is not eligible for the office, is elected by a majority. The same scene is enacted with regard to the Second Officer, with the same result; it is now proposed to associate this Companion's name in a further election, thus heaping up the insult, while the victim himself warmly protested against his name being bandied up and down the whole gamut of offices. I support warmly the elective principle, when properly carried out, but I think that neither a Chapter nor a Lodge is justified in departing from the principle of rotation, unless in the case of incompetence, the misconduct of the Brother or Companion, or his unwillingness to serve. If there is not some such code of honour recognised, deserving members of our Craft may render good service to their Chapters and Lodges and at last be at the mercy of a clique, or cabal, or some other combination, and that simply because they may not be boon companions with some influential persons connected with their Chapters or Lodges. In this particular case I noticed that the Companion performed his work with great ability, and in a manner calculated to impress any new member of the Order, and, above all, that it was not done in that mumble-jumble style which is too often heard when a Brother or Companion speaks as though he had a plum in his mouth, or as if he thinks that it is only necessary for him to spin out a given number of words in the shortest space of time. I listened also attentively for any word of regret from the successful Companions, but in vain; apparently advancement in the Order was their object, no matter how it came. The incident, however, provoked a great deal of comment, as may well be imagined, and it is not likely to tend to the advantage of the Chapter. Happily, in this case the Supreme Grand Chapter must be appealed to for dispensations in at least two cases, to enable the Companions to pass over offices they have not held, and I can only hope that in the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in general, and the herein referred-to Chapter in particular, Grand Chapter will unhesitatingly mark its view of these discreditable proceedings, by refusing to assist the Chapter out of these difficulties, its own creation.

Yours fraternally,

A COMPANION.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Gaiety.—Before a small but friendly audience Mr. J. L. Shine introduced, at a matinée, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., "an original three act farce," entitled "Blue Ribbons," the joint work of Messrs. Walter Browne and J. E. Soden. The authors cannot be congratulated on the success of their collaboration. At times the piece runs heavily; unquestionably we have material for a one act farce, but we question whether more can be made of it. There is some smart writing, but the bad so predominates that the authors' labour may be pronounced as lost. Now as to the plot: Mr. Drink-water Dewlap has a public-house, "The Blue Ribbon Banner," left him, at Putney, as a legacy; he goes to see it, and finds a waiter conducting himself as the master. This Mr. Dewlap resents, and tells the said waiter to clear out; he thus realises he has to wait on the customers himself. Among them he finds his daughter and her lover; also his man servant and a canting blue-ribbonite clergyman; and eventually his own wife; all of whom, however, have arrived on different errands, the wife imagining it to be a meeting place of a branch of the Blue Ribbon Army; while the others have attended to see the 'Varsity boat-race. Dewlap endeavours to pass himself off as a twin brother, and is not recognised; but eventually is arrested for stealing his own cigars and champagne, he being mistaken for a former waiter who is notorious for a partiality for perquisities. In the next act all is explained, and Dewlap turns the public house over to his brother-in-law, who marries the barmaid; thus matters are arranged to the satisfaction of all. Mr. J. L. Shine as Mr. Dewlap worked hard, and scored an undoubted success, though throughout the piece he seemed over anxious. Second honours are due to Mr. L. Rignold, whose get-up and acting, as the country parson, Mr. Frederick Gutteridge, is deserving of all praise. The other parts, all fairly played, call for no remark, if we except that of Miss Barlow, who made a very attractive barmaid. At the end there was a call for the authors.

Prince of Wales's.—Miss Clifford, a young actress, recently gave a matinée here, when she undertook the part of Juliet. The lady showed some promise, but at times lacked pathos and feeling. Still, taken all round, it was a creditable performance, and will doubtless lead to further efforts. Valuable assistance was accorded by Mr. F. Cooper, who gave a fine conception of Romeo, more especially in the third act. When we state Mr. James Fernandez was the Friar it goes without saying the part was well acted. Mr. Bassett Roe gave a careful and interesting rendering of Mercutio, while Mrs. Sydney was a capital Nurse. Messrs. Henry Vernon, Charles Carrington, and Miss Helen Leyton did justice to the parts severally allotted them.

Grand.—We are pleased to be able to notify that Mr. Charles Wilmot, the lessee of this theatre, is ever exerting himself to secure a good programme for his patrons. During the last fortnight, Miss Leslie, fresh from her successes at the Strand, has been delighting crowded audiences, while on Monday next, that charming fairy tale, "Alice in Wonderland" will be produced. That this effort on the part of Mr. Wilmot will be patronised we feel sure; it certainly deserves to be. Later on Mr. Wilmot will offer "The Beggar Student."

CHANGE IN TEMPLAR UNIFORM.—The *Masonic Advocate* of 1st February says: "The Grand Commandery of Illinois has dispensed with the baldric and gauntlets as a part of the Templar uniform in that jurisdiction. While there will be a small saving in the expense, and perhaps greater comfort by this change, we cannot but feel that much of the attractiveness of the uniform has gone with it. Without the baldric and gauntlets the *chapeau* becomes a top-heavy affair in appearance, as it has always been, in fact, to the wearer. It is the most expensive and uncomfortable of all the Templar toggery. If there is to be a change in the full Templar uniform, let it be one that will ensure greater comfort and less expense. We are not yet prepared to vote for a change, for we have never seen anything that excelled in appearance a Commandery of Knights Templar when in full uniform, as now worn.

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

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 21st MAY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
186—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (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
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1767—Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.
2013—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. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Cheresey
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 1194—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 2046—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 23rd 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, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
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—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1435—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 303 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—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)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
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)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
348—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham

TUESDAY, 24th 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 Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 21—Cyrus, 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.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst).
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, Bell Hotel, Dartford
310—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, Hales Owen
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1368—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1686—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
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, 25th 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, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, 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, at 8 (In)
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
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
896—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In.)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 17—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
230—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
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
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M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
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R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 26th 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
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instructions)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
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., at 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1524—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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—Trafalgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
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 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)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington
R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup

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346—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
804—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
851—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
907—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1560—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 33—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 27th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
26—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
807—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
766—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
834—Banelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1166—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)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1788—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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 C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In.)
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
483—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A. 183—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 343—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 28th MAY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1308—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1397—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2013—Chiswick, 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. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1983—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
R.A. 176—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

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MASONIC PHARISEES.

UNFORTUNATELY it is not necessary to go far beyond the limits of the Craft to find men who pose as the Pharisees of old are reputed to have done—not, perhaps, praying ostentatiously at the corners of the streets, but blessing their stars, in season and out of season, that they are "not as other men are." That even Freemasonry, within whose pale the most absolute equality is recognised, should be leavened by the presence of this Pharisaical element is no matter for wonderment, for is it not insinuated into every sort and condition of social and public life? And if the grandiloquent displays of oratory and pretension made by these modern "shining lights" are too frequently thrust upon the unwilling ears of more sedate and involuntary listeners, it is painfully evident that the inflated actors in the scene are oblivious of the discomfort they so often create, and of the disdain they unwittingly draw down upon themselves. The term "busybody" is capable of almost infinite manipulation, and we know that in social life it is the synonym for a person to be most studiously avoided. A chattering neighbour, a supercilious acquaintance—in short, a Paul Pry in any guise—is regarded as a bore, if not an abomination; and the parasite is as difficult of being stamped out as are any of our loathsome household pests. We have no hope that any words of ours or any application of moral disinfectants will stem the current of that egotism and boisterous love of display which, though happily rare, is nevertheless to be detected in certain members of our Fraternity. Actuated possibly by sincere and honest intentions, they go about their work in a rough-and-ready, clamorous way, to the utter disregard of the good old dictum, "Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth." Instances now and then crop up of deeds of charity and benevolence, most commendable in spirit, being marred and stultified by the loud proclaiming of them from the housetops by those who are their self-constituted instruments. Best of all the golden actions that are done by the Ancient and Honourable Institution to which we are so proud to belong are those in which the "going about doing good" is carried on in the quiet spirit of reserve, and with the subdued consciousness of performing deeds of dutiful beneficence. How many a poor and distressed brother, in the thaldrom of difficulties from which he could foresee no loophole of escape, has found himself relieved from the baneful burden which bore him to the dust, by some kindly considerate, though unseen, instrumentality on the part of the brethren to whom his distresses may have been whispered—not shouted! And could we not, if we chose, point to others who, in similar straits, have appealed to the hand of charity only to find the benefits received have been nullified and rendered almost not worth the having by the ostentatious manner in which they have been bestowed? To the credit of our Order be it said the latter case is in an insignificant minority compared with the real good that is ever being carried on in genuine earnestness and secrecy by various sections of the brethren, who are prompted solely by the grand tenets that are promulgated by Freemasonry. But, painful as it may be to say it, there are occasionally times when favours are conferred and help given in such a way as to show that the motive power on the part of those who undertake the work is at the bottom merely a love of self-aggrandisement and vain glory. Not only is this apparent in works of charity, but also in the ordinary avocations which are included in the Masonic category. The loud talker in the Lodge-room and at the banquet-table is every now and then a bugbear of which the more retiring and sensible brethren would be glad to be rid. "Bombastes Furioso" is very well on the boards of burlesque, and the quaint brusqueness of the character is ever sufficient to provoke a laugh. But when that rôle is assumed by men who have struggled through the intricacies of Masonry with a single eye to bedizen themselves with jewels and regalia, the burlesque is changed to dolorous inconsistency. There are some who, like the pigmy of the fable, standing on the Alps fancies himself bigger and a mightier man than the giant whom he espies in the valley below him; and there are some Masons who in the same ratio glance from the pinnacle of their consummate egotism disdainfully upon those who, though doing good and useful work in the Craft, are not blessed with the "gift of the gab" or the inclination to make a pyrotechnic exhibition of their own exalted virtues! Have we not knowledge of men who, having ceased from doing any active work in the Craft, even if they ever made any beginning at all, vaunt of their proud association with Freemasonry, whose emblems they flash on their persons, and of whose excellencies they prate in public and in private as though they were really and indeed solid pillars of the Masonic faith? It is vain to hope to curb the impetuosity and ill-timed exuberance of such individuals, and the only way to treat them is to allow their vapid utterances to blow off through the safety valve of their own verbosity. Then, again, we sometimes come across men who, under the guise of an assumed Masonic apostleship, glibly and profusely declare what they are ready to do to assist a fellow-man in the attainment of any object—socially, commercially, or otherwise—which he might be desirous of securing. In nine cases out of ten this "bunkum" is all gaseous, and promises vouchsafed by such men are like the proverbial pie-crust—made only to be broken. Of course, it is upon the young and credulous that such vagaries can best be foisted, but there are not wanting records in which disappointment and regret have followed the too implicit reliance by older Masons upon the assurances of these Pharisees of whom we speak. In the Lodge-room we occasionally find—as is the case in many other an assemblage of persons in public and commercial life—men who, unless they can "have it all their own way" become petulant, peevish, and arrogant, to the utter discomfort of their compeers, and the disarrangement of the whole of the internal machinery. These irrepressible gentlemen lose no possible opportunity of vaunting their own superiority, the infinity of their wisdom, and the overwhelming breadth of their intellectual achievements. Should any question arise with which they cannot entirely coincide, their motto seems to be "Nay, an' thou'lt mouth! I'll rant as well as thou!" And thus, whereas the matter under consideration might and should have been settled in harmony and peace, the apple of discord is thrown, and possibly the whole thing is relegated to the pigeon-hole of abeyance. The Masonic Pharisee is as objectionable an object as an intruding wasp into our dining-room; there is no peace so long as he keeps buzzing about. Rapt in the ægis of self complacency, he orates at painful length when responding to a toast, interlarding a meaningless harangue with ful-

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some quotations from the poets, and waxing wroth if his flat jokes fail to evoke a smile. Even the shuffling of impatient feet upon the floor he mistakes for applause, and, like the irresistible column of Fontenoy, he "moves on." In matters requiring judgment to discern and ability to execute he is conspicuous by his absence; there is no place for him in company where he cannot "rule the roost." At a charity election he flutters about with pompous mien and impudent intrusiveness, as though to make folks believe he were the very pivot upon which revolves the whole of the arrangements, and the mainspring upon which all success depends. He purloins thanks from those who are really deserving of them, and disappears from the field only when he has reached the end of his tether, and is unable to redeem the promises he has pawned. The votes he has pledged himself to secure from his persona friends are not forthcoming and, like a veritable "gay deceiver," he marches off with the stolen gratitude of those whom he has cajoled by the holding out of false hopes. We do not wish to overdraw the picture, and there is consolation in the knowledge that such knaves are very "few and far between," and that their machinations are speedily checked. But, in spite of that, it is impossible to shut our eyes to the fact that such characters do exist, and that until they have strutted their "brief hour upon the stage," they are difficult of detection and avoidance. Wherever he is, whether in public, private, or Masonic life, the Pharisee is a pest, and the only crumb of comfort is that the platform he raises for himself, propped up by vanity and sustained by bounce, invariably topples over and aids in his own discomfiture. He thereupon straightway quits the ranks of those who can tolerate his overbearing insolence no longer, and in "fresh woods and pastures new" he vapours about the "hollowness" of Freemasonry, and vows that he "never could see anything in it!" We are better without such ingredients in our composition, for they tend only to engender moral dyspepsia, and pollute the life blood of all well-intentioned enterprises. Those are the men to admire who, steadily and unwearyingly discharge the functions that are undertaken under impulses stirred by a true appreciation of the grand and glorious principles inculcated by Freemasonry, and who, without noise and show, continue to the end in well-doing. These are the men who form the backbone and the solid foundation of all that is good in the Craft, and we can gladly afford to spare those rumbustious individuals who create such a volume of fuss, the practical result of which is more harm than good to the society they solemnly promised to uphold.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

AS recorded in our last issue, the Annual General Meeting of this Institution was held on Friday, 20th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Brother Edgar Bowyer, Past Grand Standard Bearer, Patron Trustee, &c. There was a numerous attendance of brethren. After the confirmation of the minutes of last annual meeting, the Secretary (Bro. James Terry) announced that Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, had kindly promised to preside at the next Anniversary Festival, which is fixed for 29th February 1888. The auditors' report was received, and the annual report of the Committee of Management upon the proceedings of the past year was read, approved and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. This report, which was an eminently satisfactory one, was printed in extenso in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE last week. Bros. West, Skudder and Martin were elected members of the General Committee; and, on the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, seconded by Bro. Birch, a Committee was appointed to confer with the Boys' and Girls' Schools Committees as to the advisability of making other arrangements for the Spring Elections. Bro. Edgar Bowyer was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Institution, and Bros. Tattershall, Berry and John Newton were appointed auditors. After scrutineers had been appointed to conduct the Election, it was announced that since the proxies were issued two men and thirteen widows had died, and that the number to be elected that day would be sixteen males and forty-one widows, of whom thirteen men and thirty-eight widows would be immediate annuitants, and the remaining three in each class be deferred. The ballot was then proceeded with, the poll closing at three o'clock. The result of the Election to the Widows' Fund was duly declared. A scrutiny was, however, deemed necessary in the case of the Male Fund, and the result was not made known till the following day. The proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

A list of the successful candidates will be found in our Advertising columns. We append the names of those who were unsuccessful, with the number of votes each will be able to carry forward to the next Election.

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26	Bennett, William	687	1189	1876
14	Smith, John	943	901	1844
36	Cubitt, George			1836
34	Middleton, Thomas James			1708
24	Vass, John	487	975	1462
44	Hyde, John			1374
23	Wharton, Henry	124	1029	1153
46	Ingram, William			1012
35	Bedford, William			943
42	Codd, Frederick			769
17	Taylor, John Daniel	136	629	765
51	Seagrave, Isaac			614
50	Homewood, Spencer			612
20	Mole, Alexander	364	196	560
10	Laskey, Joseph John	2	428	430
7	Fry, Robert Henry	198	173	371
20	Cooper, George			294
1	Sarl, Charles	179	113	292
6	Hogg, Henry Leggott	12	117	129
4	Nicbol, Robert	94	14	108
5	McLean, William John	87	10	97
12	O'Kelly, William	24	28	53
21	Somerton, William	9	35	44
3	Musham, John	30	3	33
25	Cox, William Henry	1	18	19
15	Dale, Joseph Barker	3	12	15
48	Sellar, Alexander			15
32	Warren, Charles			11
16	Bray, Samuel	—	7	7
47	Fox, George			7
41	South, Thomas George			3
28	Kenworthy, Hugh			2

FEMALES.

48	Themans, Minca Amelia	232	560	792
20	Coles, Emma	457	334	791
56	Read, Emma			659
4	Timms, Susan	338	262	600
19	White, Mary	249	305	554
25	Haskins, Emily E.	190	205	395
11	Cooley, Elizabeth L.	275	108	383
16	Ford, Mary Ann	97	256	353
6	Heppel, Mary	292	39	331
75	Taylor, Rosetta Harriett			274
61	Worley, Georgiana Sophia			256
72	Munro, Eliza			254
29	Baker, Ann E.	79	145	224
23	Vile, Maria	84	135	219
74	Mahomed, Amelia Morrison			209
5	Lovelock, Louisa	122	77	199
49	Thomas, Elizabeth	82	109	191
43	Russell, Olivia	132	32	164
30	Weston, Julia	23	75	98
18	Mannington, Elizabeth Atkinson	94	—	94
15	Jackson, Elizabeth Reynolds	72	19	91
12	Redman, Mary	48	16	64
2	Copeland, Charlotte	26	23	49
8	Greenwood, Helen	18	19	37
3	Rizarisford, Sarah	23	6	29
60	Olive, Elizabeth			16
13	Salisbury, Jane	8	7	15
33	Foot, Mary Ann	2	13	15
32	Manson, Mary Bryce	8	—	8
78	Cowell, Nancy			5
27	Hartley, Isabella	—	3	3
55	Newton, Mary Ann			2
37	Ionn, Elizabeth	—	1	1

PROV. G. LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire wes held at West Bromwich on Tuesday, the 17th instant, and was attended by about one hundred and fifty members of the Craft. This was the first occasion on which Grand Lodge had met at West Bromwich, and the event excited unusual local interest, as was evidenced by the crowd which assembled to witness the procession from the Town Hall to Christ Church, and the large congregation which filled the building. The proceedings of the day began with the opening of the Dartmouth Lodge, No. 662, at noon, by the Worshipful

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Master Bro. T. Spencer. Shortly afterwards the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Colonel G. S. Tudor, and his Officers, entered the Lodge, which on this special occasion was held in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall. There were present, in addition to the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Colonel Foster Gough, and the following Provincial Grand Officers :—

Bros. J. Bromley S.W., T. J. Barnett J.W., the Revs. G. Tuthill (Vicar of St. Paul's, Wednesbury) and F. E. Waters (Vicar of Hope, Hanley) Chaplains, J. Bodenham Treasurer, E. H. Croydon acting Secretary, J. B. Morgan J.D., T. E. Fowke D.C., F. Woodley A.D.C., H. Hartland Organist, F. Brandon P.M. 418 Registrar, B. H. Brough Superintendent of Works, J. R. Lee and J. T. Snape Standard-Bearers, R. A. Willcock Steward, F. Perkins Assistant Pursuivant, and H. Bagguley Tyler. There were also present J. Webberly P.M. 546 P.P.G.R., Edwin Roberts P.M. 677 and 1942 P.P.G.J.D., J. Beanmont Piercy P.M. 418 and 2148 P.P.G.S.D., A. J. Prince 546 P.P.G.J.D., E. Peake W.M. 1942, W. H. Hales P.M. 418 P.P.G.S.W., T. Turner P.P.G. Registrar, John Smith W.M. 460, J. T. Eayrs G.M. 662, E. T. Collins W.M. 696, G. H. Stanger P.M. 419, H. C. Owen I.P.M. 526, J. Steen P.M. 526 P.P.G.R., H. Lewis P.M. 526 P.P.G.S.W., J. L. Hamshaw P.M. S.W. and I.P.M. 418 and 2149 G. Dance P.M. 662, E. H. Thorne 526 and 1838 P.P.G.S.B., T. H. Cope P.M. 1520, J. Wentworth W.M. 347, E. Piddock P.M. 1792 P.P.G.S.B., F. E. F. Bailey W.M. 539, Rev. R. B. Storey 696 Chaplain, G. F. Oldershaw I.P.M. 662, H. George P.M. 884 1661, the Rev. F. H. Beaven Chaplain 726, Dr. E. W. Taylor Organist 726, Rev. T. Lloyd 526 Chaplain P.P.G.P., C. Jones P.M. 1060, H. J. Clarson W.M. 1060, J. Jacobs P.M. 482 P.P.G. Reg., H. Rogers P.M. 696, W. Vernon P.M. 456 1587 P.P.G.S.B., W. W. Weston W.M. 1039, J. F. Pepper P.M. 482 P.P.G.A.D.C., F. R. Kimpton P.M. 482, M. Barker P.M. 1792 P.P.J.G.W., J. Warrilow W.M. 482, R. H. Rowbotham P.M. 539, G. J. Payton W.M. 482, Kent P.M. 546, Rev. W Randall P.M. 482 P.P.C.S., W. B. Stocker P.M. 493 P.P.J.G.D. Gloucestershire, S. Parker P.M. 419, T. Spencer W.M. 662, W. J. Whittall P.M. 482 P.P.G.R., T. Taylor P.M. 2149 and 418 P.P.G.S.W., G. Barker W.M. 526, J. H. Walton P.M. 696 P.P.G.P., D. Smith P.M. 637, S. Clapp P.M. P.P. Grand Superintendent of Works, W. Mould P.M. P.P.G.S.B., &c.

Colonel Tudor having taken the chair and opened the Lodge, the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. were greeted Masonically, after which the minutes of the Grand Lodge held at Stafford last year were read, the Treasurer's accounts were submitted, and the roll of Lodges called over. The P.G.M. then announced the receipt of letters expressing regret that the writers were unable to be present, from Bro. F. James P.P.D.G.M., and many others. Having expressed his pleasure at seeing so many brethren present, Colonel Tudor referred in terms of deep regret to the loss which the Province had sustained by the death of Brother Cartwright, who for a long number of years faithfully carried out the duties of P.G. Secretary. Noticing the occurence of the Jubilee, he said that Masonry had made wonderful progress during Her Majesty's reign. When the Queen ascended the Throne, there were between 500 and 600 Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England; now there were 2,200. The P.G.M. then announced his appointment of Capt. E. H. Thorne, of Wolverhampton, as P.G. Secretary, and expressed his full assurance that Captain Thorne would be a worthy successor to the late Secretary, and that the Province would have in him an Officer of great ability. He was sorry that in consequence of the state of his health Bro. Fowke had felt himself compelled to resign the office of Director of Ceremonies. Brother Fowke had performed a great deal of hard work in that office, and he (Colonel Tudor) greatly regretted on that occasion that he had not an opportunity of promoting him to some higher office, which he well deserved. Another old Officer of the Province, Bro. Bagguley, was also wishful to resign, but did not like to do so after so many years' service. Under the circumstances, he proposed, for the present, to leave the office vacant and appoint an Assistant Tyler. Having expressed his grateful acknowledgments to Col. Gough for the great assistance which he received from him in ruling the Province, Col. Tudor proceeded with the formal appointment of his Officers, as follow :—

Bro. J. F. Pepper	- -	Senior Warden
E. H. Croydon	- -	Junior Warden
J. Bodenham	- -	Treasurer
E. H. Thorne	- -	Secretary
G. C. Kent	- -	Assistant Secretary
Rev. F. E. Waters	-	Chaplains
Rev. F. H. Beaven	-	Chaplains
W. G. Lowe	- -	Senior Deacon
D. Smith	- -	Junior Deacon
T. Spencer	- -	Registrar
W. Brown	- -	Superintendent of Works
G. H. Stanger	- -	Director of Ceremonies
T. H. Cope	- -	Assistant Ditto
E. T. Collins	- -	Standard Bearer
W. T. McLean	- -	Assistant Ditto
J. H. Smith	- -	Sword Bearer
Dr. Taylor	- -	Organist
W. Davenport	- -	Pursuivant
J. Stringer	- -	Assistant Ditto
A. Truss (Wolverhampton)		Assistant Tyler

At 1·45 the Lodge was adjourned and the members walked in procession to Christ Church. The prayers were said by the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Joberns, M.A.; the Rev. F. H. Beaven, vicar of St. Chad's, read the first lesson, and the Rev. G. Tuthill the second lesson. An excellent practical sermon, concluding with a few words of exhortation suitable to the occasion, was preached by the Rev. T. E. Waters. The amount of the collection was £11 3s 6d.

At the close of the service the members returned to the Town Hall and resumed business. On the motion of Col. Gough, the sum of £5 was voted to Christ's Church School, £3 to the Vicar's Needy Fund, and £4 to Hope Sunday School, Hanley, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. T. E. Waters for his admirable discourse. On the motion of the Rev. Dr. B. Rendall, seconded by Bro. Webberley, a vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Bro. Cartwright. Some conversation took place with reference to the fund which is being raised to perpetuate the memory of Brother Cartwright. It was stated that about 160 guineas had been subscribed. The matter was further referred to a committee.

The Lodge having been closed, a banquet was afterwards served in the same room, and subsequently a toast-list was gone through. The Queen and the Craft, and the Health of the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, were drunk with the greatest cordiality, as was also the toast of the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past, with which was coupled the name of Col. Gough, who responded. Referring to the recent candidature of Brother Godson, M.P., for the Grand Treasurership, he spoke of the hearty reception which Staffordshire brethren always received in Worcestershire, of which Bro. Godson is D.G.M., and stated his intention of asking for the support of the Staffordshire brethren to Bro. Godson's candidature on a future occasion. The Rev. Dr. Randall proposed the health of Col. Tudor, remarking that the P.G.M. had been most careful in the performance of his Masonic duties, though his health had been such that most men would have excused themselves in similar circumstances. He expressed a fervent hope that Col. Tudor's health would improve, and that he would be long spared to carry on those duties which he performed with so much satisfaction to the Province. Col. Tudor in the course of his reply, expressed a hope for a large attendance of brethren from the Province at the Jubilee Masonic gathering, at the Albert Hall, London. The P.G.M. then proposed the health of Col. Gough and Officers, the D.P.G.M. and Bro. Pepper responding, and the other toasts were the Visitors, proposed by Bro. Caddick, and responded to by Bro. Stocker (Gloucestershire); the Masters of Lodges, proposed by Bro. Lewis (Wolverhampton), and responded to by Bro. Spencer; the Masonic Charities, given by Bro. Barnett (who mentioned that £700 had been subscribed in the Province last year to the Charities), the Provincial Stewards, and the Tyler's toast. At intervals throughout the proceedings the masterly performances of Bros. Dr. Taylor and Hartland on the fine organ which the hall possesses gave genuine pleasure. The organ, which was a gift to the town by Mr Brogden, formerly member for the Borough, is perhaps the finest concert instrument in Staffordshire.

The most useful inventions are oftentimes the most simple, and the expression frequently heard on the production of any new contrivance is "Why was it not found out before? Now, one would think that in the prosaic, but very necessary, process of brushing one's hat there were brushes to suit every possible use, but we have before us a sample of hat brush which needs only to be seen to be pronounced far superior to any that have hitherto appeared in the market. This superiority consists of a duplex manipulation of the bristles, by which the side and rim of the hat are brushed and smoothed by the same movement of the brush, instead of having to turn the hat in many directions, and often to spoil the rim by having to force the ordinary brush along the inside of it. There is no extra charge for these additional advantages, for we understand the uniform charge is one shilling each, and the patentees are Messrs. B. Woodfield and Son, 96 Pancras-road, N.W.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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JUBILEE CELEBRATION BY THE DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

As briefly mentioned in our last issue, a special banquet was given in connection with the Derby Allcroft Lodge, at the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday, 19th inst., in celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. This being one of the earliest Festivals of the kind, and the forerunner of many similar gatherings that will no doubt be held within the next few weeks, it naturally attracted considerable interest, and a numerous company assembled, under the presidency of the esteemed Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Bro. John Derby Allcroft, Past Grand Treasurer of England. Amongst those present were:—Bros. Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., Rev. Dr. Lansdell, E. Letchworth, Rev. Dr. Brette, J. S. Jarvis, G. Kenning, E. Y. Jolliffe Treasurer, J. Salmon, T. B. Concannon, Arthur Smythe, Nathan Robinson, F. A. Pullen, Higgins, Thomas Eccleston Gibbs S.W., James P. Fitzgerald J.W., R. D. Cummings Secretary, H. Halliday S.D., J. Corbett J.D., Muir Smith I.G., J. P. Harding, W. Frewen Lord, Charles Coutts Mechi, S. R. Lamble, W. Wetenhall, Geo. Rawlinson, A. B. Hudson, E. Anderson, E. E. Wright, R. Pittam Stevens, W. Lake, I. C. McLean, M.D., Whiting, Mostyn, Thomas, Major Arthur Hill, John Glenn, J. F. Davey Steward, Frank Rothschild, Geo. Godfrey Millward, W. J. Charles, Henry Povey D.C., Dr. Haskins, W. Cook, H. Sebartan, R. Grice, Arthur Thompson, Jas. Kift, Bristo, W. W. Morgan, W. W. Lee, and others. An excellent repast was provided, in keeping with the well-known superb appointments of the Holborn Restaurant, and the arrangements made by Bro. Hamp for the comfort and enjoyment of the party were of the most thorough and admirable character, and elicited many expressions of satisfaction. The Worshipful Master, in introducing the preliminary toasts, said it was not his intention to indulge in lengthy speeches; he would therefore dispose of them in the briefest manner possible. He then in loyal terms proposed the Queen and Royal Family, which was enthusiastically received, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. The next toast was that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; in proposing it he said they as Freemasons could not be too gratified that they had such an excellent man and Mason at the head of their Order as was the Prince of Wales. He then made reference to the visit of His Royal Highness on the preceding day to Yarmouth, where he had been to lay the foundation-stone of a local hospital. During his (the speaker's) year of office as Grand Treasurer he had an opportunity of attending with the Most Worshipful Grand Master similar celebrations, at Oxford and and at York, and therefore knew the practical zeal and ability which His Royal Highness threw into any work of that description, particularly when the movement was in the cause of Charity. Long might he live, for they were all proud to do honour to such a Grand Master as was the Prince of Wales. He then proposed the Right Hon. the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. He regretted there were no Grand Officers present except himself; the Grand Secretary was at Yarmouth, and several others had been prevented by various causes from accepting invitations for the occasion. But all who attended the meetings of Grand Lodge were well aware of the admirable manner in which the affairs of the Craft were managed, and how earnestly and thoroughly all the Grand Officers worked for the advantage of Freemasonry. In giving the toast of the evening, Her Majesty's Jubilee and the Craft, the Worshipful Master observed that on the summons convening this meeting it was described as a Jubilee Gathering, and as this Lodge was one that had been consecrated during that memorable year he thought they would all agree with him that there was a peculiar appropriateness in holding such a réunion. He then referred to the fact, so highly gratifying to all Freemasons, that three of Her Majesty's sons had taken exalted positions in the Order; the Prince of Wales, who now ruled so well and wisely at the head of English Freemasonry as its Most Worshipful Grand Master; the Duke of Connaught, who had recently accepted the position of Grand Master of the Province of Sussex; and the late Duke of Albany, whose death, some three or four years since, evoked expressions of deep and sincere sorrow from a national, as well as from a Masonic, point of view. Under these circumstances he thought Her Majesty might be looked upon in the light of being the Mother of the Craft, of which she was the illustrious Patroness; she was also the mother of her people. Then, if they looked back to the period when she ascended the throne, fifty years ago, they could not but be astonished at the immense progress which this country had made in its trade and commerce, in literature, science and art, and in all those things which tended to the development and the stability of a nation. At that time railways were practically a novelty, as gas had been only a few years earlier; and steam was then, as one of Dickens's characters had been made to say, only "in its infancy." The speaker then gave some interesting reminiscences of the old coaching days, and the mode of travelling half a century ago, and compared those slow times with those of the present day, dilating upon the gigantic strides made in our national progress through the development of our railway system, the penny postage, the electric telegraph, the telephone, and other means of locomotion and intercommunication in all parts of the Empire. Coming immediately to the subject of the toast, he remarked that on the preceding Saturday they had had an illustration of the popularity which Her Majesty enjoyed amongst all classes of her loyal subjects, when she travelled from Paddington to the Mile End Road and back again, amidst the enthusiastic acclaim of hundreds of thousands of people, who assembled along the whole line of route. It was nothing but a triumphal progress right through, and Her Majesty was evidently deeply touched by the expressions of loyalty which were manifested on every side, from end to end of the long journey. Speaking of the decorations, he considered they were everything that could be desired, though perhaps there was nothing much to boast of from an artistic point of view. That occasion, when the Queen so graciously came to town to open the People's Palace at the East End, was rendered historical by her visiting, for the first time during her reign, the Mansion House, thus paying the highest compliment to the Civic authorities of the Metropolis that has been conferred upon them, at any rate, within the present Century. That event, as they had seen by the daily newspapers, was signalised by Her Majesty conferring a Baronetcy upon the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, and also upon Alderman Sir Robert Carden, who was a very popular man in the City of London. Naturally Her Majesty was deeply moved, and intensely gratified, by the reception that was accorded to her by the populace, for in no other country—with the exception of Germany—could a Sovereign travel so long a distance, in the manner she did on this occasion, without some misgivings as to the evil results arising from disloyalty or political intrigue, which would be almost sure to assert itself in some shape or form. He then again referred to the visit of His Royal Highness on the preceding day to Great Yarmouth. In responding to a loyal address by the Mayor and Corporation of that borough, His Royal Highness expressed the hope that Her Majesty might long be spared to rule over a great and prosperous kingdom, as wisely and successfully as she had done since the commencement of her reign. That hope, he was sure, would be shared by all English hearts. If they looked at the manner in which the Queen had ruled over the destinies of her mighty Empire, they could not but be struck with the vast moral good which had flowed from her example and precept; no word teaching could have achieved such great results. He then referred to the political aspect of the situation, and observed that in her intercourse with many Prime Ministers, since the days of Lord Melborne, who was the chief adviser of the Crown when she came to the throne, she had shown herself capable of entering into the actual details of the business of the State, and throughout her long and illustrious reign she had manifested the most careful discretion and the most wise and beneficial judgment. On all these grounds they had reason to be thankful that they lived under such a benign and successful reign. Referring to the domestic life of Her Majesty, he observed that it had been a motto that "whatever ye have to do, do it with all your might;" and that had characterised the Queen's doings in each and all her capacities. Her Majesty's sympathetic heart was ever drawn out when suffering or distress afflicted any classes of her subjects, and this was exemplified by those messages of sympathy they so frequently saw whenever the occasion unhappily rendered them necessarily opportune. That was also a distinguishing feature in Her Majesty's character, and reflected the highest credit upon her as a woman and a Queen. Many of those to whom such messages had been sent in the midst of their sufferings would remember with gratitude the kindly words of sympathy which had been forwarded to them by the Royal command. The speaker then briefly alluded to the death of the Prince Consort, the Princess Alice, and the Duke of Albany, and said although the Queen had been chastened by many sore afflictions, yet she had borne them all with exemplary fortitude and resignation, the result of which had been for the good of the country. The W.M. went on to speak of the additions which had been made to Her Majesty's domains within the period of her reign, referring especially to the recent acquisitions of territory in Burmah, Zululand, and elsewhere. They might believe that the general increase of the extent and prosperity of the Empire, the prosperity and contentment of the people at home, and the promotion of the arts of peace abroad, was to be attributed in a great measure to the wisdom, sagacity and prudence which had been displayed by Her Majesty, whose Jubilee was shortly to be commemorated. He reminded the brethren of the great demonstration of English Freemasons, which was in contemplation for the 13th of next month at the Albert Hall, and concluded by expressing the hope that, "happy and glorious," Queen Victoria might continue "long to reign over us." The toast was received with prolonged cheers. Alderman Sir John Staples, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said he felt gratified that the task had devolved upon him, and both personally and on behalf of the brethren he thanked Bro. Allcroft for the manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening. They all knew the interest which he took in Freemasonry generally, and more particularly in the Aldersgate Lodge, of which he was a prominent member; also in this Lodge, which was named after him. When he held the office of Grand Treasurer he gained the approbation of all by the manner in which he discharged his duties. They could scarcely regret that he did not fill a seat in the Legislature, seeing how the composition of the Lower House had deteriorated; and, judging from the apathy of the people, it was more than probable that the status of the House of Commons would retrograde still further. Sir John then referred at some length to the increase in the number of Lodges on the roll of English Freemasonry, and contended that it was impossible for a good Mason to be a bad man. The Worshipful Master in responding, expressed regret that he had been unable to devote more time to Masonic pursuits, in consequence of the multiplicity of his other public duties, but he assured them he felt a deep and sincere interest in the welfare of this Lodge. Since its establishment there had been seven initiates and three joining members, and that in itself bore testimony that such a Lodge was needed. They did not aim so much at numbers as at quality, and in this they had been peculiarly fortunate. When he was asked to become the first Master of the Lodge he expressed his fear that he should not be able to devote so much time to the duties as he should desire, and which would be necessary for a fresh Lodge; and he was deeply indebted to the promoters, all of whom were competent to do any work that was required, for the assistance they had given him. He referred especially to Bros. Fitzgerald, Corbett, and Henry Povey.

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When the time arrived for him to doff his collar of office he knew he should be followed by men who would take as deep and permanent an interest in the welfare of the Lodge as he had done himself. In proposing Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund, the Worshipful Master remarked that it had been decided to set aside a certain portion of the regular income of the Lodge towards the creation of that fund. In doing this they were actuated by the great cardinal principles of Charity and Love. Being only a young Lodge, they had, of course, no great amount yet accumulated, but a certain per centage of the absolute receipts of the Lodge were to be devoted to it, and moreover the fund would be augmented by the contributions of members to the charity box. Responding for the Visitors, Rev. Bro. Lansdell, of the Royal Somerset House Lodge, No. 4, spoke of universality, equality and benevolence, as the three great watchwords of the Order, and made interesting allusion to his travels in the East and in Siberia, of which he had many pleasant Masonic recollections. Bro. Wetenhall proposed the Press, coupling with it the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan, of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and speaking in the highest terms of the manner in which all matters of interest and importance to the Craft were recorded in the recognised Masonic journals. Bro. Morgan said he felt greatly honoured by having his name associated with the toast in such an assembly as the present, and thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received it. Looking back to the consecration of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, he recollected that he received a very pressing invitation to attend that ceremony; and he felt convinced that every one present would share the regret he now experienced at missing the once familiar face of Bro. E. F. Storr, who by his assiduity and zeal had won for himself the appellation of which he was so justly proud—"Charity Storr." At the time of the consecration of this Lodge he (the speaker) was prevented by serious illness from accepting the late Bro. Storr's invitation; indeed, up to the present time he (Bro. Morgan) had scarcely recovered from the effects of that indisposition. Still he could not easily forget the kindly words of sympathy which he received during the time he was laid aside, and more especially the message delivered to him from Bro. Storr, wherein he said he wished him (the speaker) to help him in carrying out some matters of Masonic importance in which he took an active interest. Only three days afterwards he heard of Bro. Storr's death, and it came as a shock to him, as doubtless it did to the very wide circle of Masonic friends and admirers with whom "Charity Storr" had been brought into contact. They had had, necessarily, some rather lengthy speeches that evening, and he did not feel inclined to follow the example set, neither did he consider any words of his could compare with the eloquent utterances which had fallen from the Worshipful Master and other speakers. But as the W.M. had made special reference to the death of the late Prince Consort, and the other losses that had occurred in the Royal Family, he thought Tennyson's "In Memoriam" would have a peculiarly appropriate application at this Jubilee gathering to the remarks that had emanated from the Worshipful Master. With their permission he would recite that selection, one of the best that had been penned by the Poet Laureate. The recital was then given, and was cordially received. The Worshipful Master paid a deserved tribute to the zeal, ability and assiduity displayed by the Officers of the Lodge, and responses were severally made by Bros. T. Ecclestone Gibb S.W., J. Percy Fitzgerald J.W., and E. Y. Jolliffe P.M. Secretary. Reference was made to the satisfactory increase of the Lodge and the solid position it had already attained, and the members were congratulated upon having sent up the very satisfactory contribution of over one hundred guineas, through their Steward (Bro. E. Y. Joliffe), to the recent Festival of the Girls' School. During the evening the speeches were interspersed by a choice selection of vocal music, under the direction of Brothers J. F. Hawkins and J. Kift, assisted by Bros. H. Schartau, Arthur Thompson and R. Grice.

The arrangements made by Bro. Cummings, the esteemed Secretary of the Lodge, for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests were beyond all praise, and thanks were tendered to him for his energetic efforts in that direction. Bro. Henry Povey, also, as Director of Ceremonies, exerted himself most assiduously, and shared, with Bro. Cummings, in the expressions of approval that were heard on every side.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE ordinary meeting of this Lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds. The W.M., Bro. C. Letch Mason P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, was surrounded by the following Officers and members:—Bros. Tudor Trevor P.M. S.W., W. Watson P.M. J.W., Middleton Secretary, R. Abbott Treasurer, Scott Young S.D., Butterworth as J.D., Jameson I.G., Howarth Organist, Milling Steward, Wilton Jones, Smithson, &c. Defence Lodge, No. 1221, was the visiting Lodge, and amongst the Officers and members of that Lodge who partook of the hospitality of the W.M. (Bro. Mason) were: Bros. R. Harris W.M., Major Moore P.M. P.P.G.S.B., R. Lucas J.W., Tomlinson Secretary, C. D. Swale S.D., H. Child J.D., and Marsh. The other Visitors included Wor. Bros. Henry Smith D.P.G.M., J. W. Fourness P.M. P.G. Treasurer, W. F. Smithson P.M. 1001 P.P.G.D. and Chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire, T. E. Pritt S.D. 289, Rev. J. Earle 630 Vicar of Shrewsbury, Rev. G. Vine E.A. (Apollo), &c. As this was the first meeting of Prudence since its I.P.M. V.W. Bro. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, M.A., was invested Senior Grand Chaplain of England, his entrance to the Lodge was the signal for a hearty demonstration of respect and congratulation. The W.M., advancing to meet this popular and widely respected brother, said V.W. Bro. Dr. Smyth, in the name of Lodge Prudence I welcome you in your capacity as Grand Chaplain of England. Lodge Prudence feels it is no mean honour having on its roll of members such an illustrious brother as yourself. It is very gratifying to the members to know that through the establishment of this Lodge, with you as one of its founders, you have been enabled to receive the great honours now bestowed upon you, and although we have not been privileged to be the first Lodge in Leeds to welcome you since your appointment as Grand Chaplain, yet rest assured our welcome is none the less sincere; and I am only re-echoing the feelings of every member in saying that we hope the Great Architect of the Universe will grant you long life and health to enjoy the rank so deservedly bestowed upon you. Dr. Smyth in suitable and graceful language reciprocated the good wishes of which the W.M. had been the mouthpiece. W. Bro. Mason then with great force and impressiveness passed Bro. Pendleton to the second degree. The ballot having been declared clear for Mr. Crossley, a candidate for initiation, he was introduced to the mysteries of the first degree by the V.W. Bro. Dr. Smyth. The announcement was made in the Lodge that Bro. Jameson having received an important appointment under the Hackney Local Board was about to leave Leeds, and whilst hearty congratulations were poured upon Bro. Jameson upon his success, the pleasure of the brethren was somewhat tinged with pain, for Bro. Jameson's genial presence will be greatly missed from his mother Lodge. The Grand Chaplain then read his paper, entitled "Some common objections to Freemasonry," a report of which has already appeared, and it is only necessary here to say that it was listened to with attention and enjoyment by all who were privileged to be present during its delivery. The Lodge having closed in peace and harmony, an adjournment was made to the banqueting room, where an ample repast was laid, and, though alcohol, by the rules of this Lodge, was conspicuous by its absence, a happy time was spent, speech and song alternating with pleasing variety. It was announced that nearly £50 had been subscribed by the members of the Lodge towards the two presentations to the Widows' Benevolent Fund (1000 guineas each), which were being raised in West Yorkshire to celebrate the Jubilee.

ROYAL VICTORIA JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

THE first regular meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Tilbury Hotel, Tilbury, Essex, on Friday, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. C. T. Lewis W.M., W. Smith S.W., G. J. Westfield J.W., H. Lewis Treasurer, Geo. Hughes Secretary, C. H. Canning S.D., A. T. Dale J.D., C. Jolly D.C., T. Ringrise I.G., J. G. Hammond Steward, F. J. Eedle A.S., A. J. Manning P.M., J. T. Barnes, J. W. Cain, J. Billinghurst, C. Tayler, C. Wood, J. W. Joyce, H. Plater, G. F. Penney; and the following visitors:—Bros. G. West P.M. 1327 P.P.G.S.D. Herts, J. Howell W.M. 1343, W. Dickeson W.M. 179, C. W. Butler 228, W. S. Cooper 1783, J. Carter J.W. 898, S. Brown 1472, S. Sutcliff 1472, and W. J. Mott 1343. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the Consecration meeting were read by the Secretary, and duly received confirmation. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Barnes 226 S.C. and C. Tayler 228; this proved unanimous in favour. The ballot was then taken and proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. J. W. Joyce, H. Plater, and G. F. Penney, as candidates for initiation. These gentleman being in attendance were duly initiated. Bro. H. Lewis was unanimously elected Treasurer and invested. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren, to the number of about thirty, adjourned to banquet table. On the cloth being removed the W.M. gave the loyal toasts, which were duly responded to. In replying for the Grand Officers, past and present, Bro. Manning P.P.G.S.D. Essex, in a few well chosen remarks, said that time was getting short, and as Bro. Philbrick remarked at the consecration, "Time and trains wait for no man," so that anything he might leave unsaid was on account of time. However, he esteemed it a great honour to be called upon, and thanked the brethren for the kind manner they had responded to the toast. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Manning, who undertook the duty with a very considerable amount of pleasure. He had had the honour of initiating Bro. Lewis in the Henley Lodge, and had enjoyed his friendship ever since; he was sure he would do his duty, and under him the Lodge would prosper. Bro. Lewis in reply hardly knew how to thank Bro. Manning and the brethren for the manner in which his health had been proposed and received; he was very proud to hold the position of first Master. Nothing should be left undone on his part to make the Lodge a success. He trusted that at the end of the year the brethren would have no cause to regret having placed him in his high office. There were several other toasts—the Initiates, the Visitors, and the Officers of the Lodge—proposed and responded to before the Tyler closed the proceedings of the evening. The founder's jewel, which was a very handsome one, was designed by Bro. F. J. Eedle, one of the promoters of the Lodge.

ALDERSGATE CHAPTER, No. 1657.

THE May Convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Albion, when Comp. Alfred Brookman, C.C., M.E.Z. presided. The Companions elected for the ensuing year were as follows:—Comps. Crockford M.E.Z., Jolliffe H., Marshall J., Froom S.E., Saillard S.N., Kenning Treasurer, Larkin P.S., Hudson 1st A.S., Rawlinson 2nd A.S., Parkinson J., Shotter, Anderton and Reynolds Auditors. A handsome gold jewel was presented to Comp. Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., P.Z., in recognition of his services as M.E.Z. during the past year.

The regular Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at Northampton House, St. Pauls Road, on Thursday. Comps. Edmonds M.E.Z., Radcliffe H., Brasted J., Sheffield S.E., Salmon S.N. Jones P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, and the Chapter of Improvement was adjourned till the third Thursday in September.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MASONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—While agreeing in the main with Bro. James Stevens as to the desirability of subdividing the Metropolitan Lodges into a series of Provinces or Districts, there is one point in his letter which appeared in your issue of the 14th inst. to which I take exception. He draws comparisons between Lodges outside the radius of ten miles from Freemasons' Hall and those within it, which are alike uncalled for and unfair, even if they may not be termed incorrect.

For instance, he says that "far more social harmony and concord are to be found in the Lodges outside the radius of 'ten miles from Freemasons' Hall' than within it"—a libel on London brethren "which is *not* correct!" I am sorry Bro. Stevens should have deemed it desirable to introduce such arguments in support of his pet scheme. Then he speaks of uniformity of working, and says that "the Lodges in each Province at least observe one and the same system, enforced by their recognised authority, the Grand Lodge of the Province in which they are enrolled." This may be the case, but my opinion is that as wide diversions are to be found in individual Provinces as are to be met with in the Metropolitan area.

I do not for one moment doubt that Bro. Stevens firmly believes what he has written, but he may have overlooked the fact his remarks are open to the objection I have pointed out; I can hardly believe he intended to libel his London brethren, or to question their sincerity or "respect for the principles of Freemasonry." I can assure him that no "stronger bond of union and advantageous co-operation" are to be found anywhere than exists among the members of many London Lodges.

I am, &c.

A LONDON MASON.

PREFERMENT AMONG MASONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I think the "COMPANION" who addressed you last week on the subject of what he terms "cliqueism" is labouring under a misapprehension when he assumes that preferment among Masons—either in Lodge or Chapter—is to be by seniority. I think he will find it stated in the Constitutions that all preferment shall be by merit. When it comes to the filling of an elective office by ballot, I think it is absurd for a minority in a Lodge to accuse their fellows of cliqueism because such and such a brother is not accepted for an office. What is the use of an election if the opinions or the motives of the majority are to be questioned? It is absurd to argue that a majority of the members of any Lodge can engage in "cliqueism" against the minority. It is the old story of the dog wagging his tail, or the tail wagging the dog. As soon as a majority in a Lodge want matters a certain way it may be assumed there is some sort of method in their "madness," and the best course is for the minority to bow to their opinion and thus ensure harmony.

I also think your correspondent spoils his case by his own evidence. He says the Companion passed over already "holds" a similar office in another Chapter "to that he sought in the one where he was rejected on the ballot." This, to my mind, is sufficient to warrant his rejection. I consider it unfair for Brethren or Companions to seek for office in more than one Lodge or Chapter, to the exclusion of others equally worthy and equally anxious for preferment. It seems to be the ambition of some men to hold any number of offices to which they can be appointed, overlooking the fact that by holding more than one collar they are shutting out some other brother from the coveted honour. I should like to see a rule passed that no brother should hold more than one office without obtaining a dispensation, which should only be granted when it was proved there were no other members of the Lodge or Chapter capable of carrying out the duties required.

Yours fraternally,

SOLO.

THE FUTURE OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a supporter of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, I experienced great pleasure in reading the report of its Committee of Management, as published in your last issue, as I think any one must do who has the welfare of his fellow creatures at heart. I rejoiced to think it was possible to relieve so many as are now provided for—no less than 415 old people, in receipt of either £10, £32 or £20 per annum each—but I was also struck with feelings of anxiety when I learned the amount annually needed to provide for this large number of annuitants—£14,384! Where is this money to come from year after year, in addition to what is needed to maintain the other Masonic Charitable Institutions?

I should certainly be very sorry to see a falling off in the amounts subscribed for this charity, and I hope I may not live to hear of any less sum being contributed, but is it fair on the part of the present generation to assume that those who come after will be as willing to support this Institution as are the Masons of to-day; and, above all, that they will equally have the means of doing so. It is a very difficult matter to say what is to be done with the money subscribed. I certainly am of opinion that it should be distributed as fast as it comes in, and not be invested—at least not to any large extent—but it may be worth considering whether the Institution ought not to make some of its annuities terminable, or at least give them on the understanding that they may be discontinued at the end of say three or five years. At present I think it is generally assumed that the annuities are given for life, and I dread to think what would be the consequences if from any unforeseen calamity the income of the Institution was for a number of years considerably reduced below its present figures.

I hope my alarm is uncalled for, but we none of us know what the future may bring forth.

Yours, &c.

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

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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Official Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall. Edited by William James Hughan, P.S.G.D. England, &c. Truro: "Royal Cornwall Gazette" Office.

As the compilers of many other Provincial calendars have had occasion to explain, Bro. Hughan informs the brethren of the Province of which he is the Past Grand Secretary, that in consequence of the delay in the receipt of some of the Lodge returns the Directory is published later than usual. However, so far from this being an unmixed disadvantage, he has been able to include the latest details, embracing the Officers recently appointed in Grand Lodge, and other matters of interest. The Directory has now reached the sixteenth year of its publication, and seeing that it is issued quarterly it will be evident that each issue is carefully amended, and the information given in it brought "down to date." For all this, however, it does not appear that the demand for the little handbook has been so satisfactory as could have been wished during the last year or two, and consequently the Editor has decided not to print the list of votes for the central Masonic Charities, which had been compiled by Bro. C. Truscott, because of the time and expense involved. Should the demand for this year's Directory be more satisfactory, the list will be published as a Supplement, on completion of Brother G. B Pearce's Stewardship, in June. With respect to the manual itself there are throughout its pages evidences of careful and judicious compilation, whilst the additional reading matter towards the end of the book invests it with interest. Several pages are devoted to details respecting the Masonic Charitable Associations of the Province, after which come lists of the annual meetings and festivals of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, towns in which the Lodges are held, with the days of meeting, and a complete list of the present and past Officers and other members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall having the right to vote, compiled from the annual returns for 1886. The laws and regulations of the Provincial Grand Lodge are printed in full; and, as a kind of appendix, are given two addresses delivered by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. E. K. Kendall, M.A., Hon. D.C.L., at the meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge in 1885 and 1886. The subjects are "What have ye to do with the Lord God of Israel?" and "What mean ye by this Service?" and these addresses, which give to the Directory more than a mere local interest, have been printed by request of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Provincial Grand Master. This is a neat and handy work of reference, and deserves all the support the brethren of the Province can give to it.

The "march of improvement" has been exemplified in few branches of industry more than in the manufacture of that recent, but rapidly developed invention, the bicycle. Probably no other implement in which utility with popular recreation are combined has assumed such a variety of shapes and patterns as have of late years been witnessed in the "wheel world"; at our exhibitions the array of machines of every sort and condition, each presenting some ingenious specialité, is sufficient to bewilder even those who are adepts at the athletic exercise. Added to the list, we have before us an illustrated catalogue issued by the British Cycle Manufacturing Company, of Liverpool, giving description of several new patterns and important improvements to their machines. Foremost amongst these stand the "Jubilee" safety bicycle, for which is claimed superiority of speed, ease, and safety in riding. It is well made and finished, and suitable for any person to ride; will withstand the hardest work and is very easy to propel; and the increased number of orders received from dealers and others prove that this "mount" is giving entire satisfaction. In this catalogue is a vast amount of information for cyclists, whilst the illustrations give an interesting indication of the uses—commercial, military, and pleasurable—to which these machines are now applied.

DEATH.

PRICE.—On Tuesday, 24th inst., MARY ANN, wife of Bro. Captain Henry Ernest Price. The funeral will take place at Norwood Cemetery, this day (Saturday), at 12·45.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Opera Comique.—Adapting such a novel as Mr. F. C. Philips' "As in a Looking Glass" for the stage was certainly the last thing one might have expected; still this was the task undertaken by Mr. F. C. Grove; the result giving a play thoroughly interesting from start to finish; yet, we are compelled to add, with a somewhat unwholesome flavour. This mistake is caused by one character—Lena Despard—the centre of attraction throughout. In the first three acts this woman is nothing better than an adventuress, seeking whom she may devour, while in the last act she calls for all the sympathy stage heroines are entitled to. Mr. Grove has set himself a difficult task, and has successfully accomplished it. Lena Despard, a divorced wife, has associated herself with a certain Jack Fortinbras. That, later on, she should desire to get rid of Fortinbras is only natural; with this object in view she plots that Algernon Balfour shall marry her. There is, however, an obstacle in the way; Balfour is engaged to a Miss Vyse. Lena, however, resolves to carry out her wish, to which end she makes the acquaintance of Miss Vyse, whom she leads to believe that her lover is false, and by this means the engagement is broken off. Then Lena's turn comes; she sympathises with Balfour, who in return proposes for her hand. Balfour takes Lena to Balfour Castle, where Jack turns up, to know what Lena is "going to stand on the job." She refuses, and Jack threatens to tell Balfour, by whom the threat is partly overheard. To save her lover Lena takes a dose of poison, from which she eventually dies. The character of Lena wants a finished actress to interpret it, and certain is it Mrs. Bernard Beere has capacity. Her happy and thoughtless display in the first part is ably delineated, while the death scene is rendered in so natural a way that if anything is wrong it is that it is too realistic. Mrs. Beere has thoroughly grasped the character, and we may without hesitation chronicle a best on record for her. The support given her is fair. The Balfour of Mr. Bucklaw was earnest, if not impressive. Mr. Herbert Standing had but little to do as Jack Fortinbras. The best drawn male character was Count Paul Dromiroff. M. Marius gave a capital rendering of this character. Miss Eva Sothern made the most of the easily deceived Miss Vyse, and Miss Maud Williamson was a fair Lady Damer. Messrs. A. M. Denison, A. Marcel, Compton Coutts, H. Deane, H. W. Brame, and the Misses Ashford and Marie Wynter all rendered able support. That "As in a Looking Glass" is a success we feel assured, and it should run at least to the end of the present season.

Alhambra.—Another of those charming ballets so popular at this house has lately been produced. When we state that Mons. J. Hansen is its inventor, while M. Jacobi has composed the music, it goes almost without saying it worthily upholds the traditions of the Alhambra. Mons. Hansen has dropped on a happy idea for his latest work, which he calls "Nadia," the scene of action being in Russia. The ballet has been arranged in two tableaux, the first represents a rustic interior, where a wedding is about to take place. The bride, however, is attended by a kind of Mephistopheles, who so charms her, by his performance on a musical instrument, that in the end she allows this mysterious being to lead her to a stalactite cave in the silver mines. Here, however, he loses his power, and when the bride's lover comes to the cave she at once consents to return to her native village. From this outline it will be seen Mons. Hansen has based his ballet on a substantial idea, one that can easily be followed. But what matters whether the idea be interesting or no, so long as there are pretty dresses, graceful dancing, and tasteful groupings. That all these are provided in "Nadia" we can assure our readers. L. Besche has not failed to avail himself of the opportunity afforded for designing the dresses, which have been manufactured by M. and Mdme. Alias, in their best style, and the grouping, in the last tableau shows them to the greatest advantage. In reference to the music, which we have already stated is by Jacobi, it does not strike us as being so tuneful as some of this composer's previous efforts. Mdlle. Palladino has returned to the Alhambra, again to be received with the plaudits she certainly deserves. Her dancing is of the highest order. We may especially mention the pizzicato and variation in the first, and the variation valse in the second tableau. Mdlle. Palladino receives capital support from Mdlles. Cormani and Marie. That "Nadia" has started on a long and successful career we cannot doubt, and we congratulate all concerned on their success.

THE 19TH CENTURY ART SOCIETY.

THIS Society has opened its summer exhibition with some good work. Indeed, it is, altogether, an interesting exhibition. There are but few non-exhibitors amongst its 557 members. To those who are not well acquainted with this Institution, so valuable to young and rising artists, it may not be out of place to mention that the rooms are admirably adapted to their purpose; the terms of membership are most reasonable, and for eight months in the year the galleries are open to the public.

The figure subjects are not numerous, but amongst the most noticeable are the following, "Ready for Church" (143), by E. Dixon; an old country dame, with prayer book in her hand, carefully and strongly painted; J. M. Bowkett's "A Happy Family" (167), a pretty child with cat and kittens; "Far from the madding crowd," by Edgar Anderson, a venerable head in profile; a careful study; but Mr. Anderson's best work is in another gallery, Mabel (551), a highly finished vignette in red chalk. Herman Schmiechen's "Portrait of the Artist's Mother" (275), F. W. Hayes' "Portrait S. H." (259), are careful pieces of work; and "Sweet rival of the gems she sold" (223), by T. K. Pelham—a Spanish girl with a basket of flowers, is admirable for its mellow and harmonious treatment. Amongst the sea pieces Mr. G. S. Walters' "Sunset on the Maas, Holland" (16), is strikingly beautiful in its rich atmosphere, and with the artist's customary finish in details. "A ground-swell, after a gale" (240), by Walter J. Shaw, for real living water, so to speak, is a masterpiece of painting; lovely in its transparency. "Autumn Mellow: Thomasin Pass, Goatland, Whitby" (159), occupies the post of honour in the principal gallery, and deservedly so, as it, for breadth, solid treatment, the preservation of distances and atmosphere, possesses all the true qualities of landscape. "Fishing Hut on the Tow, North Devon" (101), by A. Bevan Collier; "The Bulwarks of Old England," by Douglas Adams (101), and "At Shere, Surrey" (369), by Georges Marks, deserve attention—the latter for its indication of repose. To be critical, the greens are a little too green. There are several pretty flower paintings, but "Roses" (51), by Sophie Marr, is the best. For its humour—"A Skeleton at the Feast" (84), by Arthur C. Dodd should not be passed by. The subject—two dogs and a cat looking at a bowl of milk, all disconcerted by a large spider hanging directly over the tempting fluid. Space prevents our noticing the exhibition more fully, but young artists will do well to visit it, and compare notes between mature and immature work; and the public will be glad to know that the catalogue is useful in more senses than one, inasmuch as it gives the prices of the pictures.

We have been requested to direct attention to an error that crept into the advertisement of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, in our last week's issue. It was there stated the time the trains leave Baker Street for Harrow would be 9 and 49 minutes past each hour; this should have been **29** and **59** minutes past each hour.

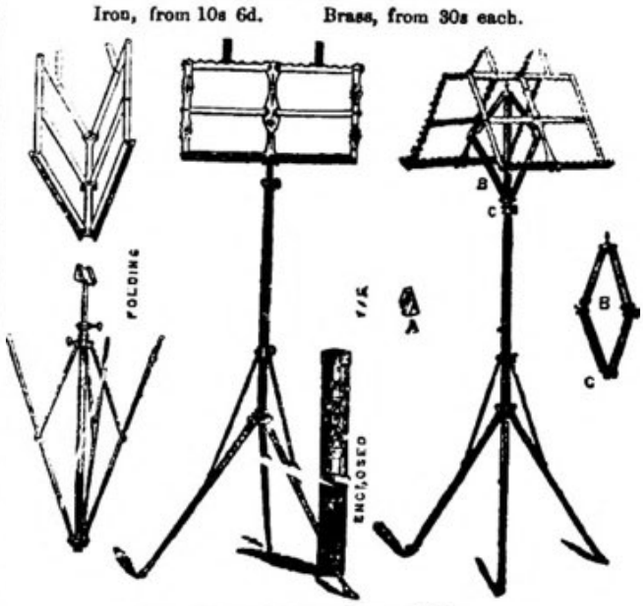
THE REIGN OF SOLOMON.—Solomon died about the year 975 B.C., according to the received chronology, and was buried in Jerusalem. His age was not more than fifty-eight (though he is described in the Bible as old); but he had reigned as long as his father—viz., forty years. Though not distinguished by any very striking vicissitudes, so far as external facts are concerned, the rule of Solomon had been weighty with moral teaching. Beginning with signal prosperity, and passing onward and upward to the zenith of magnificence, it closed amid gathering clouds, and under the shadow of impending change. Solomon had tasted the utmost sweetness of fortune; he did not live to taste its utmost bitterness; but he apprehended to the very root that inexpressible melancholy and despair which lie at the bottom of all pleasures in excess, of all associations that are unsanctified by love, and all power that is unwarranted by the good it does. Dominion had been his, and honour, and success, and knowledge beyond the lore of other men; he had seen the pomp of regality as only the potentates of the East can see it; and the exaltation of religious triumph had lifted him for a season into the loftiest air that human pride or humbleness can breathe. Yet, in the latter days of his life (if the book of Ecclesiastes be really his), he discovered that all was vexation of spirit, to no worthy end—that all was vanity beneath the sun which lit him to an unregarded grave.—*Cassell's Illustrated Universal History.*

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A MEETING of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held on Saturday, the 4th June, at Three o'Clock p.m., at the King's Head Hotel, Harrow.

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AT the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Friday, 20th May 1887,

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, P.G.S.B., Patron & Trustee,
in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 16 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 51 Candidates, and 41 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 77 Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	21	Bro. Jolliffe	4684
2	33	Elcomb	3360
3	38	Ruf	2395
4	49	Darwin	2365
5	18	Riddell	2154
6	40	John Taylor	2140
7	45	Larsen	2140
8	48	Sewell	2121
9	37	Townsend	2115
10	11	Monday	2066
11	19	Marshall	2012
12	2	*Harper	1972
13	8	*Rowe	1966
14	9	Hackforth (deferred)	1930
15	39	Bowler "	1894
16	23	Willcocks "	1860

WIDOWS.

1	21	Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett	2570
2	39	E. M. Langley	2379
3	10	E. A. Cook	2123
4	9	J. Leaver	2108
5	45	E. L. Harper	2038
6	22	M. A. Taylor	1930
7	42	A. Page	1914
8	44	E. Gibson	1856
9	40	E. A. Butcher	1853
10	38	J. Ellis	1809
11	35	M. A. Bird	1746
12	28	R. Wardale	1649
13	51	Mary Holder	1649
14	14	E. C. Dann	1661
15	17	M. Percy	1593
16	36	C. L. Hart	1513
17	77	C. Beake	1467
18	7	J. M. Townsend	1479
19	76	M. A. George	1464
20	31	Harriet Andrew	1443
21	63	Margaret Perrott	1442
22	46	Mary A. Brown	1391
23	59	C. M. Lückes	1357
24	71	Eliza Smith	1327
25	24	Annie Lloyd	1344
*26	26	Elisabeth Oates	1335
*27	62	Elisabeth A. Brafield	1335
*28	53	Julia Acason	1329
*29	34	Elizabeth Redfearn	1306
*30	47	Emma Spencer	1306
*31	70	Matilda C. Jones	1303
*32	66	E. Stapleton	1301
*33	65	Mary Ann Weldon	1286
*34	57	Ann Geldart	1281
*35	50	Jane Taylor	1248
*36	52	Mary A. Godbold	1213
*37	41	Mary S. Edwards	1150
*38	68	Francisca Bradley	1042
39	64	Ellen Hall (deferred)	922
40	1	Margaret Rowell "	834
41	58	Georgiana Lucia "	812

The following candidates who were next highest on the Poll, in their respective Lists, were awarded 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, as follows:—

JOHN HERVEY MEMORIAL FUND.

MALES.		FEMALES.	
Bro. W. Bennett	7 10 0	Mrs. Thomans	7 10 0
J. Smith	7 0 0	Coles	7 0 0

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Bro. George Cubitt	5 0 0	Mrs. Read	5 0 0

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

Those marked * were elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the proxies were issued.

The three lowest on the Poll both (Male and Female) will be placed on the list of annuitants as vacancies occur.

By order,
JAMES TERRY, P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,
Secretary.

OFFICE:—4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
21st May 1887.

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

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PROSPECTUS ON APPLICATION.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 1st June 1887, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd March for confirmation.

2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 27th April for confirmation.

3. Appointment and investiture of President of Board of General Purposes.

4. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.

5. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.

6. Election of a Grand Lodge Auditor.

7. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

(For list of names of the Brethren nominated for the several Boards and Committees see below.)

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

A Brother of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship, No. 851, Worthing	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate	75	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother	150	0	0
A Brother of the Camaledunum Lodge, No. 660, Malton	75	0	0
A Brother of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, Hertford ...	150	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, London	75	0	0
A Brother of the Pimlico Lodge, No. 1772, London ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 272, Boston ...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge Zetland-in-the-East, No. 508, Singapore	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Mundy Grove Lodge, No. 506, Shipley Gate	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607, London ...	50	0	0

9. Special Report from the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire—under Article 193, Book of Constitutions—transmitting and recommending a Memorial from the Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, East Stonehouse, for the expulsion from the Order of a Brother of the said Lodge, he having been recently convicted of felony and sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

10. 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 there being at present no complete catalogue of the library of Grand Lodge, they have arranged for one to be prepared as soon as possible, and that in order to accommodate brethren who may desire to make use of the library in the evening, the Board propose that it shall remain open on Mondays and Thursdays until ten o'clock p.m., and on other days by arrangement. The Board recommend that Bro. H. Sadler Grand Tyler be appointed Sub-Librarian, under the Grand Secretary, in addition to his other duties, with a salary of £20 a-year, in order to carry out the proposed arrangements.

The Board also recommend that in consideration of the very large increase in the Craft and Royal Arch of late years, and consequently in the duties of the Grand Secretary, and especially of the manner in which, in the unanimous opinion of the Board, those duties are discharged, it be recommended to Grand Lodge that the salary of Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the present Grand Secretary, be raised from £800 per annum, its present amount, to £1,000 per annum, and that the first quarterly payment of such increased salary be due and payable on Midsummer Day now next ensuing.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £6,401 17s 10d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for Library, £25 6s 8d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
17th May 1887.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 17th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, Bro. John Lawrence Mather, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, said that this being the last meeting of the Board prior to the election, he was desired by the members to express their most sincere thanks to the V.W. Brother Thomas Fenn for his kindness and courtesy uniformly displayed by him on all occasions as President of the Board of General Purposes.

11. APPEAL.—By Brother the Rev. Henry Watson P.M. 757, Past District Grand Chaplain Bombay, against a ruling of his District Grand Master, refusing him permission to refer to official letters of the District Grand Secretary when asking a question in District Grand Lodge of which he had given due notice.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION—

1. By Brother Joseph Clever P.M. Lodge of Amity, No. 171, Greenwich.

That the sum of £1000 be paid from the Fund of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to each of the Masonic Institutions, viz. :—The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as a special Jubilee Offering of this Grand Lodge to further the objects of those Charities.

2. By Brother Raynham W. Stewart P.G. Deacon.

That in commemoration of the Jubilee of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen, the following donations be given from the Fund for General Purposes :—

To the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £2000.
To the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £2000.
To the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £2000.

3. By 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.

AUGUSTUS TAYLOR DAY	58
HENRY SUTHERLAND, M.D.	99
HUBERT L. M. HANCOCK	143
FREDERICK TROTMAN BENNETT	211
NUSSERWANJEE DOSSABHOY FRAGIS	255
ROBERT GEORGE CLUTTON	631
HENRY PRITCHARD	1415
JOHN HORACE THOMPSON	1471
HENRY DICKEY	1744
WILLIAM EDWARD STEWART	2000

PAST MASTERS.

EDWARD TERRY	29
RICHARD COLEMAN HALLOWES	33
HENRY BISHOP	66
CHARLES DAIRY	141
CHARLES BELTON	165
CHARLES FREDERICK HOGARD	205
JAMES TERRY	233
ROBERT CLAY SUDLOW	263
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER	907
HENRY VON JOEL	957
GEORGE HUNT	1009
JAMES STEVENS	1216
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	1381
TOM DREW BEAR	1584
ALFRED COOPER	1591
W. ALFRED DAWSON	1768
FREDERICK ERNEST POCOCK, M.D.	1891
GEORGE GARDNER	2012
WILLIAM ALFRED SCURRAH	2048
HOWARD HENRY ROOM	2090
JOHN SPRIGHT CUMBERLAND	2128

List of Brethren nominated for the Colonial Board.

JAMES BRETT	177
THOMAS HENRY GARDINER	657
THOMAS JAMES REEVES	1118
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	1381
REGINALD ST. A. ROUMIEU	1537
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 HENRY TATTERSHALL	140
CHARLES GEORGE DILLEY	147
JOHN EDWARD DAWSON	404
HUGH COTTER	554
Major ALFRED DURRANT	569
CHARLES ALEXANDER COTTEBRUNE	733

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JAPHETH TICKLE	1196
RICHARD KIMPTON	1287
ALBERT FISH	1366
WILLIAM JOHN MURLIS	1642

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2196.—The Victoria Lodge, Bridgetown, Barbados, West Indies.
2197.—The Spencer Walpole Temperance Lodge, Douglas, Isle of Man.
2198.—The Beresford Lodge, Petersham, New South Wales.
2199.—The Jubilee Lodge, Mittagong, New South Wales.
2200.—The Pantiles Lodge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
2201.—The Earl of Sussex Lodge, Brighton, Sussex.
2202.—The Regent's Park Lodge, Regent's Park, London.
2203.—The Farnborough and North Camp Lodge, Farnborough, Hampshire.
2204.—The Poulett Lodge, Wynyard, Tasmania.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1887 can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

N.B.—The Book of Constitutions, edition 1884, can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, in 8vo, price 1s 6d a copy, bound in cloth.

FREEMASONRY IN SUSSEX.

THE Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Sussex was held in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, the 23rd ult., under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, Comp. Gerard Ford. The report of the Audit Committee and the Treasurer's accounts having been adopted, the Prov. G. Scribe E. reviewed the state of the Province, showing it to be in a prosperous condition. The following address was then given by the Prov. G. Superintendent:

Companions,—It is customary at this stage of our proceedings for the presiding Companion to say a few words, commonly called an address, to those present in reference to the state of Masonry in the Province, and, in particular, of Royal Arch Masonry. I find myself in the position of having to do this for the first time in my life, and I therefore ask your indulgence for any shortcomings at this moment. It is impossible, whilst considering and reviewing the present state and condition of Masonry in the Province of Sussex, not to be stayed at the threshold by the startling changes which have of late come over us, and one result of which has been to place me in the position I now occupy—all unworthy as I feel myself to sit in the seats of those revered Companions and Brethren who in times past, and prominently in recent days, have occupied this position. The loss of our Grand Superintendent, Sir W. W. Burrell, and his next in command—our Companion John Henderson Scott—constitute two events of surpassing moment to this Province; but when we consider that those two distinguished Masons not only represented the control of all that could further the prosperity of the Craft, as representing the double positions of Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but of Grand Superintendent and his second Principal in the Royal Arch degree—when, I say, we contemplate all that is implied in this duplicated Masonic bereavement, we may well mourn for them and deplore the removal of those eminent Masons and worthy men, who lately fulfilled their highly-important offices with so much zeal and untiring devotion to everything which might possibly conduce to the prosperity and the general well-being of our beloved Order. These being considerations which must occur to all of us, whether in or out of office, I would ask you for one moment to picture to yourselves what must pass through the mind of any one of you were he to be suddenly called upon to undertake the responsibilities, the labours, and the anxiety which any conscientious Mason must take upon himself when entering upon these duties. The Duke of Connaught, as you all know, is stationed in India, and, during his absence, it is my honour and privilege to represent his Royal Highness, and, so far as in me lies, to conduct the business of the Province to his and your satisfaction. There is also the responsible post of Grand Superintendent—that which I am occupying to day. Well, I can only say I shall anxiously do my best to carry out what is my duty in this direction. This is what chiefly concerns us on the present occasion as being assembled in Provincial Grand Chapter. It is with but a limited knowledge of the responsibilities of these positions that I essay to undertake them; but, from what I have thus early experienced, I feel great confidence that I shall have your indulgence; and, perhaps, with time will come better experiences. The encouragement to go on, in the shape of many fraternal assurances of support, and I feel that if I have the Province with me—with Arch and Craft—I shall be enabled to preside over it with pleasure to myself, and, certainly, with the single aim of securing its profit and advantage. As to the state of the community in this county—you have heard the statistics—we are in a fairly good and prosperous condition, and I trust we may look for increasing prosperity. A new Lodge, to be called by one of the titles of H.R.H. the Provincial Grand Master, "The Earl of Sussex," will shortly be consecrated; for the warrant has been issued. As to whether there may be a possibility of the Duke of Connaught finding time amidst the host of engagements which will beset him during his brief visit to England, to run down here and inaugurate this new Lodge, is a matter upon which the Very Worshipful the Grand Secretary, whom we have the happiness to see amongst us to-day, is better able to enlighten you than I am. It will be a great day for us if we should be so fortunate as to have, so soon, another Royal Masonic visit—a distinction which you will agree with me we ought to honour in every possible way, because of H.R.H.'s prominent interest in Masonry, and the honour we enjoy in having him, one of a line of Royal Masons, to preside over us—the only instance I believe, in the kingdom; and it has secured to him the cordial fraternal adhesion of every Brother and Companion amongst us. In proof of which it will be remembered how cordial was the greeting he received when his illustrious brother the Prince of Wales, our future King, came here to instal him as our chief. His name, which is identical with the soil we tread upon, adds another strong link to those already associated with the enduring Masonic memories belonging to his Royal House. The late Duke of Sussex was, as you all know, our sovereign amongst Masons, and did wonders for the Institution; and it is a happy day indeed for us to know that the same grand principles survive with undiminished, nay, increasing, lustre in the persons of his Royal, and, better still, young relations. I have little to add to that which, I hope, has not already become too lengthy; yet I must congratulate you all, and the whole Masonic Fraternity, upon the grand results of our philanthropic appeals. You all know how powerfully they have availed to fit the female children to attain useful and honourable positions in life; how the boys have been instructed so as to go forth and worthily earn an honest livelihood; how the weak and tottering have been succoured and assisted in the downward path, which we all of us have to tread as we feel ourselves getting older. I will but ask you to realise the state of things which would have occurred if these Charities had not existed. Count the numbers of those who have been helped, and think of the misery, distress, and pauperism—probably crime—which have been averted! This is the watchword of the Masonic charities—"Help all to help themselves, and soften the downward steps of those who can no longer help themselves." I feel sure my words will not be in vain, and that you will—I do not say in profusion, for we are all pretty heavily called upon this year, but in readiness and willingness when the time comes, and particularly through our Masonic Charities' Committee—produce the ready shillings which do so much for us if, in God's Providence, we should ever be placed in a position of helplessness. Companions, I have done. I have asked your indulgence for myself. I have pointed out something of our present position here in Masonry. I will not imply indifference on your part to the grand principles of our Institution by subjecting you to any further exposition of them. You all know them. They have been indoctrinated in a manner which, I believe none of you will ever forget. It is enough for me, in this place, and once a year, to remind you of them, and I have every conviction that, as good Masons and true, you will take all care to propose and introduce into your Chapters none but men who will do us credit; that you will consider as secondary every idea which might possibly bring in anything like a qualification of the old and established principles and landmarks of the Order; and that you will, and once more I ask it, assist me by your cordial co-operation and a measure of your confidence, in enabling me to carry out all that by my new position is entailed upon your Superintendent.

The following Companions were then appointed as the Officers for the year, those present being duly invested with the insignia of office:

Comp. Lieut.-General W. Randolph P.Z. 1466	H.
T. Trollope, M.D., P.Z. 40	J.
V. P. Freeman P.Z. 311 315 732	S.E.
W. Dawes P.Z. 40	S.N.
R. Crosskey P.Z. 311	Treasurer
R. Pidcock P.Z. 916	Registrar
J. H. C. Coles P.Z. 916	Prin. Soj.
P. Robinson Z. 40	1st Asst. Soj.
J. Adams P.Z. 311	2nd Asst. Soj.
I. Wilkinson P.Z. 271	Sword Bearer
Arthur Smith P.Z. 38	Standard Bearer
B. Bennett P.Z. 732	Director of Cers.
A. King H. 271	Organist
G. R. Lockyer P.Z. 315	Stewards
E. Broadbridge P.Z. 811	Stewards
H. Hughes 811	Janitor

Provincial Grand Chapter having been closed the Companions repaired to the banqueting room, where they were joined by a large number of Craft Masons, the united company being presided over by Bro. Gerard Ford, in the dual capacity of Provincial Grand Superintendent and Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Replying to the toast of the Grand Officers, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke said the officers of the Grand Lodge were always glad to have the opportunity of supporting the officers of a Province so high in their esteem as that of Sussex. Referring to the Earl of Sussex Lodge, for which a warrant had been granted, he regarded its foundation as a happy method of commemorating the successful meeting of June last, when the Prince of Wales installed his brother as Provincial Grand Master.

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The D.P.G.M. would be the first W.M. of the New Lodge, and under such auspices its success was assured. Personally, he gave the founders assurances of his own hearty support, and he entertained the belief that the Duke of Connaught would be present to take part in the Consecration.

The toast of the Provincial Grand Master having been honoured, Bro. Clerke proposed the health of Bro. Gerard Ford, who in reply said he laid no claim to ability, but would yield to no man in his desire to carry out the duties of his office with the utmost efficiency. He felt greatly encouraged by the words that had fallen from Bro. Clerke, and would do his utmost to merit the confidence of the brethren throughout the Province. He had now arrived at the end and object of the meeting. They were met to ask Bro. V. P. Freeman's acceptance of a proof of the great respect and esteem in which he was held by the brethren of Sussex. He felt that he was not the best qualified brother present adequately to point to the merits of Bro. Freeman. He would not attempt to enumerate his many good points: they were known to all present. As Provincial Grand Secretary and Scribe, he had laboured with such assiduity that his (Bro. Ford's) labours were materially lightened. Bro. Freeman's work for the Province was daily; it never left him, and the machinery was never out of order. He merited the warmest thanks to every brother in the Province for his untiring efforts, and he trusted Sussex Freemasons would long have the advantages of his services. The Masonic fates had apparently united together in doing honour to him; for, associated with the presentation they were about to make to him, came the news of his appointment as Grand Deacon. Cordially they all congratulated him upon the high honour bestowed upon him, and hoped that in all his glory he would not forget the Province of Sussex. Bro. Ford then called upon Bro. B. Burfield, Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary, who read the following address, which formed part of the testimonial:—

"To Worshipful Bro. Vincent Paine Freeman, Provincial Grand Secretary, Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra, of Sussex. This testimonial, consisting of a bound address and purse, the latter containing a cheque for £700, has been mainly subscribed by his brethren and Companions of the various Lodges and Chapters of the Province, as a tangible expression of that high Masonic regard which they have so long entertained towards him. In making this presentation, the Masons of Sussex desire to express to Bro. Freeman their deep obligation to him for the untiring energy with which he has uniformly given effect to his valuable Masonic acquirements. They feel that it is in a great measure due to his zeal and assiduity that the working of the Province has been so successfully kept in motion, and that without a Provincial Grand Secretary and Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra possessing those high qualifications which belong to Bro. Freeman, they could not have hoped to see the best interests of the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry so ably cared for, and the dignity as well as usefulness of the important positions which he occupies with the entire acclamation of his brethren and Companions, so effectually maintained. In asking him to accept this tribute, the various subscribers fraternally wish him lengthened days of health and prosperity under the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, and they trust that the Brethren and Companions of Sussex may for many years enjoy the great advantages of his tried experience, and his ever ready helpfulness in all important cases of doubt and difficulty. Dated, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, this 23rd day of April, A.L. 5887, A.D. 1887. Signed on behalf of the Presentation Committee, Gerrard Ford, Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Chairman), Robert Crosskey, Provincial Grand Treasurer (Treasurer), John M. Kidd P.M. 732, Francis Daniel P.M. 732, B. Burfield P.M. 1821 (Hon. Secretaries)."

[Here follows an alphabetical list of the names of the various Lodges and subscribers, 372 in number.]

The illuminated address, an admirable work of art, took the form of a book bound in blue morocco. The silver shield on the cover bearing the engraved monogram, "V.P.F.;" while the first page was occupied with the following words, artistically arranged and cleverly designed:—

"United Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England and Wales; Province of Sussex; H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn Provincial Grand Master."

The testimonial was handed by the Deputy Prov. G.M. to Bro. Freeman, amidst enthusiastic and prolonged applause. Bro. Freeman in the course of his reply said, the Province of Sussex had sent respectable sums to the Masonic Institutions, and the Brethren had recently subscribed to the Scott Testimonial and the Burrell Portrait Testimonial Funds. Nor had the funds of local Institutions been forgotten, and during the last ten years between £9,000 and £10,000 had been subscribed by Sussex Freemasons. He (Bro. Freeman) was proud to share their respect and esteem, but surprised at the magnificent testimonial. He was not personally known to all the brethren, and that served to enhance the value of the presentation. The kind words of the address had awakened in his mind feelings of the warmest appreciation. His unexpected honour in Grand Lodge he also appreciated, not merely as a compliment to himself, but to the Province. Bro. W. R. Wood P.G.D., proposed the Visitors. Bro. F. Binckes and Bro. Major-General Ford responding. The Deputy Prov. G.M. gave the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter, Present and Past, which was acknowledged by Brother Lieutenant-General Randolph, Prov. S.G.W., and Brother C. W. Hudson Prov. J.G.W.; while that of the Principals of the Chapters in the Province, was responded to by Bros. P. Robinson, W. R. Wood jun., and S. Peters. Brother Dawes proposed the W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province, to which Bros. W. Botting and Price responded. The remaining toasts were the Testimonial Committee, acknowledged by Bros. R. Crosskey, J. M. Kidd, F. Daniel, and B. Burfield, and the Tyler's Toast.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE SOCIETY.

THE anniversary dinner of this old and useful Society, which has reached the seventy-second year of its existence, was held on Thursday evening, at Simpson's famous restaurant, in the Strand. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., honorary treasurer, presided, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. James Corbett, M.P., who had promised to occupy the chair, but was prevented by indisposition from fulfilling his engagement. The company included Sir E. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., the Mayor of Worcester, the Mayor of Kidderminster, and many prominent supporters of the Society. The object of the association, as set forth in the speeches during the evening, is to raise a fund, by donations and annual subscriptions, for apprenticing children of necessitous persons, natives of any part of the county of Worcestershire, in the City of London and its vicinity, or in the city and county of Worcester; and also for lending them a sum of money at the expiration of their apprenticeship, to establish them in business, should their conduct have been meritorious. The report of the Committee showed that the funds of the Society now amount to £1620 1s 8d, standing in the names of the trustees, while the liabilities are £490. During the last year the Committee have apprenticed eight children, but there are fifteen waiting to be apprenticed. During its existence the Society has apprenticed 355 children, twenty-eight of whom are now serving under indentures. The Committee earnestly draw the attention of the friends of the association to the fact that the funds at their disposal had only allowed them to apprentice eight children out of a total of twenty-three applications. Up to this year no application had been made for any aid from the Assistance Fund. During the year the Committee had received two applications, which had raised an entirely new and important question. A few years ago it was determined by the Society that pupil teachers should be made eligible for the benefits of their assistance in apprenticing, and afterwards of assisting them in their start in life. It happened that two pupil teachers, natives of Worcestershire, who had not been apprenticed by the Society, were anxious to obtain assistance by paying the fees required for entrance into the Schoolmasters' Training Institution. Both were under age; one had passed first in all England in his final examination, and the other bore an exemplary character in every way. As time pressed in the first case, the committee determined to recommend a vote of £40 out of the Assistance Fund, and they trusted that in doing so their views would be ratified by the general meeting of the Society. The other case stood over, pending their decision upon the action already taken by the Committee. A hope was expressed that the opening of the People's Palace in the East End, and the schools connected therewith, would effect a material advance in the cause of technical education. There were several suggestions before the Legislature in reference to the matter, which would no doubt receive due attention as soon as the state of business would permit. Reference was made, with deep regret, to the loss the society had sustained in the death of Lord Hindlip, whose generous sympathy with all the charitable institutions in the county was extended to this Society in a marked degree. One of the oldest subscribers, he was most regular in his attendances at their anniversary meetings, as long as his health permitted him. The report, which was regarded as generally satisfactory, was received and adopted. The usual toasts, which bore principally upon the trade and business of Worcestershire, were given, and received due attention, and during the evening several substantial subscriptions were promised in aid of the funds of the Society.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 28th MAY.

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)
1366—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1397—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1964—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2013—Chiswick, 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—Cavesc, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1965—Eastea, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1969—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan

MONDAY, 30th MAY.

1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
149—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
425—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1543—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 446—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 31st MAY.

Grand Mark Festival, Holborn Restaurant, 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 Mansions 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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)
1331—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8¼ (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)
1473—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)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—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, Hales Owen
634—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1314—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1506—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight

WEDNESDAY, 1st 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, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1134—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In.)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1932—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 17—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
98—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
336—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
337—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
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
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
858—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
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
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2043—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
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, 2nd 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, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—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. (In.)
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)
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, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1716—All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield Road, Bow
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Haywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
445—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bulteng-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
970—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1104—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
1282—Auchollee, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire

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1384—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1504—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1507—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1579—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1584—Equity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes
1600—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2060—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. 439—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 906—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool
R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. 63—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 3rd JUNE.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.3
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
15—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1185—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instrction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1543—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
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
343—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
463—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
653—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
908—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1034—Ecclesbill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesbill
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1287—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
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, 4th JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1634—Ecclesion, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
2013—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. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, King's Head Hotel, Harrow, at 3 p.m.
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1123—Amherst, Amherst 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
1467—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1939—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent

The following Festivals took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 28th May 1887:—

Monday—Royal Somerset House Lodge, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, Mr. Morton's May Ball. Tuesday—St. James's Union Chapter, Tuscan Lodge, 34th Regiment, the Queen's Tradesmen. Wednesday—The Artists' Benevolent Fund, Smeatonian Society, Lodge of Antiquity, Evening Star Lodge. Mount Moriah Lodge, Bedford Chapter, St. George's Chapter, Girls' School Club, National Benevolent Institution, 9th Regiment, 19th Regiment. Friday—Jerusalem Lodge, 60th Rifles, 12th Suffolk Regiment.

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THERE are few gatherings in the "annual round" which afford more real gratification to those who take an interest in our Masonic Institutions than on the occasion when the "Old Boys" who have received their education at the Wood Green establishment are invited to assemble around the festive board, there to renew and perpetuate old friendships. Thus, by the kind invitation of Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G. Steward, Secretary and Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who admirably fills the post of President of the Association, a company of between forty and fifty of the former students of the School set down to an excellent repast, provided in Bro. Clemow's usual style, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. Binckes was supported by Bros. T. Dollings Bolton, M.P., P.G.A.D.C., Patron; J. W. Woodall P.G. Treasurer Vice-Patron, Jas. Moon Vice-Patron, Hy. Venn P.G. Steward Vice-President, W. Hopekirk Asst. G. Pursuivant, W. Pass Vice-President, W. A. Scurrah Vice-Patron, W. M. Stiles, G. P. Festa Vice-President, James Terry, R. Berridge, W. W. Lee, W. W. Morgan, and other friends. The gathering would in all probability have been much larger had not the date been fixed during Epsom week, and that the attendance of prominent brethren was needed at several other Masonic meetings held in the Metropolis on the same evening. There were few, if any set speeches, the main object of the réunion being to re-unite the young men who had in former years been comrades in the school-room and the play-ground, and who, in addition to the sound education imparted to them at the School, fitting them to obtain good positions in commercial life, entertain the strongest and most lasting affection for the old Institution and all who are associated with its management. The appearance of the young men was such as could not fail to be highly gratifying to Bro. Binckes and the other Masons present, for in the company they could discern the most tangible evidence of the splendid training which had been conferred upon "the boys" by the establishment over which Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris now rules with such zeal and ability at Wood Green. The guests were evidently delighted at meeting one another once more, under the genial presidency of their kind friend, Bro. Binckes, and it was abundantly clear that the esteemed Secretary of the Institution was equally proud of his cheerful and happy "family." The young men gave ample testimony as to their doing well in their respective avocations, and there can be no question that by their perpetuating old associations in this agreeable manner, and by cultivating an *esprit de corps* amongst them, the "Old Boys" are enabled materially to advance each other's interests, and to work together for their mutual advantage. This is the spirit that has actuated similar associations, such as the "Old Blues," the "Old Carthusians," and other guilds, who continue to re-unite annually for the purposes of social amenity and the interchange of friendly reminiscences. We trust this feature of the Old Masonians' gathering will increase as years roll on, and that the excellent spirit displayed by students who have received their start in life entirely through the munificence of the Craft, will be strengthened and consolidated. The principal toasts were the Old Masonians, the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys, the Vice-Presidents, the Officers of the old Masonians, and the Chairman our President, the latter of which was received with especial enthusiasm. During the evening some excellent vocal and instrumental music was given, Mr. E. A. Morris presiding at the pianoforte. Amongst those who contributed to the harmony were Mr. A. Watkins (hon. sec.), Mr. J. A. Richardson, Mr. C. D. Barrett, Mr. A. Pearson, Mr. L. H. Palmer, Mr. H. R. Williams, Mr. C. H. Uwins, Mr. A. H. Stephenson, and Mr. A. B. Whiteley. The gathering, which may best be described as a happy family party, was brought to a close at a reasonable hour by the singing of the National Anthem.

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THE APPROACHING BOYS' FESTIVAL.

WE are now in a position to make the announcement which we have been looking forward to bring before our readers for a considerable time past, namely, that Bro. Binckes has at last secured the services of an eminent and highly popular brother to preside over the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which is fixed to be held at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, the 14th of the present month. Although the intimation comes rather late, the delay is more than compensated for by the gratifying character of the intelligence just imparted to us, and the friends of the Boys' School will unite most heartily in congratulating Bro. Binckes and the Board of Management upon having succeeded in enlisting the services of so distinguished a Craftsman for President of the approaching Festival as the Right Worshipful Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Past Grand Deacon of England, and Provincial Grand Master for the West Riding of Yorkshire. The fact that Brother Tew has consented to perform this service speaks volumes for the energy and spirit which he throws into all his Masonic working. It is well known to our readers that the Province over which Brother Tew so ably presides is at the present time—and has been for several months past—engaged in raising a sum of money for two Jubilee Presentations to the Widows' Fund in connection with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It will be recollected that at the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, held in April, at Huddersfield, it was resolved that the sum of two thousand guineas be raised by subscription, to purchase the right of two Permanent Presentations to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund for Widows, to be named "the West Yorkshire Queen Victoria Jubilee Presentations;" in addition to which they have decided to contribute the sum of at least three guineas from each Lodge to the funds of the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India. Such being the case, and the sources of generosity and benevolence having been drawn upon so largely, and in such a variety of ways, it might be open to fear that the result of the coming Boys' Festival would in some degree suffer thereby. We are glad to be assured otherwise, and to anticipate that the Festival will be a success from every point of view. If there be any one thing more than another conducive to that desirable result it is the noble and courageous conduct of Bro. Tew, in the face of so many contingencies, coming forward and throwing the great weight of his own influence, and that of the extensive Province over which he rules, into the balance in aid of the Boys' Institution. In spite of all the laudable exertions that are being made by the brethren of West Yorkshire in the cause of Benevolence we believe they will rally round their chief with the sturdy tenacity which is characteristic of our northern race, and that the Stewards from West Yorkshire will testify, in the most substantial manner, not only the love and admiration which they recently expressed towards their chief, but also their unabated interest in the welfare of the Boys' School. There are so many movements and "schemes" just now before the public that even the most opulent and large-hearted has need to look carefully before he gratifies too lavishly his desires and ere he loosens his purse-strings too widely. Undoubtedly the auspicious event of the Jubilee has called into being a very large number of projects, most of them of a laudable description, but all calling for the expenditure of money; and it is not to be thought for a moment that the few, however desirous of doing so, can contribute to even a tithe of them. The Freemasons of England have been foremost in giving tangible and lasting form to their sentiments of Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft, as the munificent contributions at the Festivals already held, and the additional good the two other Institutions—the Benevolent and the Girls'—have been able to accomplish, abundantly testify. But for all this the eminently deserving character of the Boys' School, and the peculiarly needy circumstances in which it is placed,—from a financial point of view,—render it absolutely necessary that some extraordinary effort should be made to strengthen the hands of the Executive in their efforts to maintain the establishment in full efficiency. It has ever been our pride and boast that, amongst all the Institutions that are so nobly upheld by the Craft, the School at Wood Green bears very favourable comparison; indeed, never so far as we can remember has the slightest aspersion been cast upon the way in which the interior economy of that great and useful enterprise is administered. It is unnecessary to remind our readers of the enormous advantages that have been conferred upon the youthful orphans of deceased Masons who, through the considerate forethought and liberality of those who are able to afford it, have gone forth into the world fully equipped for the struggles and the "stern realities" of life. But for those benefits who can tell what might have been the condition of the hundreds of young men now holding comfortable and prosperous positions in commercial and social life, and who are absolutely indebted for those blessings to the training imparted to them in the curriculum of the School at Wood Green? We need only refer, as an exemplification of this gratifying fact, to the meeting of "Old Masonians" in London, of which we gave a mere outline in our columns last week. Of course, that assemblage was only a representative one, seeing that numbers of the "Old Boys" who have passed through the School are scattered far and wide in this and other countries. But, taking the gathering of last week as a fair sample of the "men of the future" who are turned out of our Institution, there is reason for intense gratification at the results that have hitherto been achieved, and a strong incentive also to still further strengthen the foundations and underpin the buttresses of that fabric from which have flown untold blessings upon families who, bereft of the breadwinner, are now receiving the collateral advantages of the support accorded the Charities in their more palmy days. The young men we saw clustered, like a "happy family," around Bro. Binckes, their "father" and benefactor, were a splendid example of the fruits of a sound and efficient training—of an education based upon the soundest moral principles, and of discipline which though firm, has been tempered by a judicious admixture of manly recreation. No one could look upon that cheerful group without seeing in their bright countenances and well-developed frames all the benefits, present and permanent, which those sturdy young gentlemen are now enjoying. And it must be recollected that our Schools are filled by hundreds more who will succeed, we hope, to like prosperity and social status; and who will in years to come return and mingle with the "Old Masonians" of their day

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in testifying to the advantages they derived from the association of their parents with the Masonic Order. Ours was necessarily a brief visit to the réunion at Anderton's, last week, but it was quite sufficient to warrant us in saying that the results apparent were of the most refreshing and satisfying description. We may here be permitted to rectify an omission in our report of the proceedings, the name of Bro. Thomas Cubitt having been inadvertently overlooked. Bro. Cubitt, as the brethren are well aware, has ever taken the warmest interest in the welfare of the Boys' School, as well as the other Institutions of the Craft, so that we need scarcely add our omission of his name was by no means intentional.

Reverting, however, to the immediate object of this article, we earnestly appeal to the brethren generally to rally around the Executive of the Institution at the Festival which is now so close upon us. There are some, probably, who may be standing aloof, thinking they will be able to do better in the future, or actuated by some other such notion. This is unquestionably a "year of years," in which every available pressure will be put upon the benevolent instincts of the British nation, not only amongst Masons, but upon all sorts and conditions of men. So far as we are immediately concerned, however, we believe that every man amongst us who can afford the most trifling sum will most cheerfully render it to the great and glorious cause of Masonic Charity, nor will he permit even the enormous amounts already announced in connection with the other Festivals, or the anticipated proceeds of the great Jubilee Gathering at the Albert Hall, and through the special efforts of private Lodges, to deter him from casting his mite into the coffers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which, as we have already pointed out, is so eminently deserving and so urgently in need of increased funds. Each and all will yearn, during this eventful year, to pay some tribute to the cause which has so imperative a claim upon our consideration and support, and thus to constitute one of the Band of Brothers who have united to make the Jubilee year of Victoria's reign one to be proudly remembered in the annals of the Masonic Craft. It is scarcely to be expected that so much money can be raised next year for charitable purposes as we rejoice to be able to record now, for the circumstances and the times will have undergone a change. On this ground, also, we most sincerely entreat the brethren to do their level best to show they are by no means insensible to the claims of this Institution, which has done such a world of good already during the Eighty-nine years of its existence, and which is destined, by the continued support of the Brotherhood, to carry inestimable blessings into myriads of homes in the future. Words would almost fail to convey to the brethren the herculean exertions that have been put forth by Brother Binckes during the last quarter of a century—nor is it necessary, for are they not engraven on the tablet of the memory of every true Freemason? Of him it may be said, he has never wearied of well doing, and although the physical overstrain has been almost enough to "break the camel's back"—to use a homely phrase—yet he has kept on unwearyingly, swerving neither to the right hand nor to the left, but always having a single eye to the welfare of the Institution of which he may be truly styled the mainstay and prop. Let the brethren recognise this life-long devotion to the cause of Charity by cordially holding up his arms during the few days which have yet to elapse before the Festival at the Crystal Palace, and let Brother Binckes then be able to announce with grateful satisfaction that, in spite of his being the third of the Annual Festivals, and notwithstanding the tremendous strain that has been placed upon the pockets of the generous and benevolent, the result is on the whole satisfactory, and in proportionate excess, when compared with those of the other Institutions. We shall listen with impatient hope for that shout of acclamation which shall greet an announcement of the kind, for it will be an indication that the brethren throughout our land have nobly done their duty.

The installation of Bro. Hugh Marcus Hobbs, as Worshipful Master of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, took place on Thursday evening, at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath. Our report is unavoidably left over until next week.

REVIEWS.

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Masonic Musical Service for the Three Degrees of Craft Masonry and Installation Ceremony. Words selected by Bro. N. R. Fitzpatrick, P.M. Director of Ceremonies; music composed by Bro. M. E. Doorly, Organist. London: Spencer and Co., 23A Great Queen Street, W.C.

We have often had occasion to remark upon the value of music as an accessory to the proper and efficient rendering of the Masonic ritual, and any advance made in the direction of improving our choral services or making them more general amongst Lodges is heartily to be welcomed. It needs no effort on our part to draw for the comparison of our readers the difference between a Lodge in which no note of vocal or instrumental harmony is heard, and that in which the beautiful ritual of the Craft is rendered doubly impressive and sublime by the introduction, in their appropriate periods, of the soft cadences of the voluntary, the devotional hymn, and the soul-inspiring anthem. In each and all of the ceremonies the same remarks apply. How dull and uninteresting to the novitiate where even the organ is silent compared with the impressive melodies that fall upon his ears during the initiation rite in a well-appointed Lodge, where the most striking points are embellished by the softening and subduing influences of the voices of the brethren uniting in solemn accord, led by a judicious accompanyist. The tone and colour of the whole ceremonial are changed as though from darkness to light; and the solemn esprit—if such an expression be permissible—in the minds of the brethren is deepened and cultivated in a manner which gives appropriateness to the whole of the surroundings. More especially is this the case in the second and third degrees, and in the installation ceremony, where passages occur, as our readers are well aware, when music plays a still more important part. We thus welcome with satisfaction the addition to our Masonic music which has just been submitted to the Craft by Bros. Fitzpatrick and Doorly, and opine that it will speedily find a place in many Lodges where the brethren have "music in their souls," and desire to see our sublime rites efficiently carried on. The work is well printed and got up, in quarto size, and is dedicated to Wor. Master Colonel John Elliott, C.B., and the members of the Albion Lodge, No. 196 E.C. The opening hymn, "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," is set to simple yet effective metre in B flat, and this is followed by a few bars of subdued harmony during admission, the words being "Seek and ye shall find," &c. The anthem is "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity!" and after the Ob. is an appropriate stanza, "Ye shall not swear by My name falsely; neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God." At the re-union the words "And God said 'Let there be Light,' and there was light." Then come the interludes during the processions, and during the test is sung "Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy; the Lord shall deliver him in time of trouble." Suitable interludes are also played during the retiring and re-admission of the candidate; and the closing hymn, "Now the evening shadows closing," is in a chord which could be easily acquired by brethren with any vocal ability whatever, and forms a bright and devotional termination of the ceremony. In the second degree the admission of the candidate is accompanied by the refrain "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom," and in the subsequent stage by the hymn "The Lord Himself is thy keeper." When conducted to the P. the brethren sing "Except the Lord build the house their labour is but lost that built it;" and after the Ob. "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips that they speak no guile." During the investiture the accompanying words are "The heav'ns declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handiwork;" the closing portions of the ceremony being interspersed by appropriate selections. At admission to the third degree, after the opening prayer, is sung "What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the land of the grave?" and after the Ob. "Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High." The "Dead March" is introduced, and during the investiture is sung "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." In the installation service two selections only are given in this work, viz., after the Ob. "Thou shalt make prayer unto Him, and He shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows," followed by the installation ode, commencing "When heaven's Great Architect divine." It will be gathered from this brief outline that the words selected are most appropriate throughout the whole of the ceremonies, whilst the music, without being difficult, is full of harmonious melody and effect. The music is bound in a neat cover of purple cloth with gilt title, and seeing that the price is only a modest half-a-crown, there is little doubt that this useful addition to our Masonic music will find its way to the appreciation of a wide circle of those for whose use and assistance it is designed.

With unfeigned sorrow our readers will have heard of the decease of Mrs Eastes, wife of Bro. J. S. Eastes, the popular and highly esteemed Deputy Provincial G. Master of Kent, which event occurred a few days since. All who know the excellent qualities displayed by Bro. Eastes, in private, public and Masonic life—and those qualities are known and appreciated far beyond the confines of his own immediate Province—will deeply sympathise with him in his heavy affliction, and we sincerely tender to him our condolence, well knowing the kindly sympathy he ever extends to others in time of trouble and bereavement.

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THE JUBILEE JEWEL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We have already been officially informed that a commemorative jewel is to be issued, which all Masons who are subscribing members of some English Lodge on 20th June 1887 will be entitled to wear. May I suggest that all Masons who have forwarded their guineas and applied for tickets for the Festival at the Albert Hall on 13th June should be entitled to add a special bar or clasp to this jewel. The concession would be a small one, and the memento would thereby be rendered additionally interesting.

I remain, Dear Sir, yours fraternally,

W. SILVER HALL P.M.

Prov. G. Assist. Secretary Derbyshire.

30th May 1887.

THE "DEVIL" AMONG THE TYLERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—What a stir and botheration your correspondents have kicked up amongst the noble army of Tylers, to be sure! Why cannot the scribblers for the Press leave those immaculate and dignified gentlemen alone? I do not mean to say that his Satanic Majesty has actually got amongst them, as he is said to have done amongst the proverbial "tailors," but really it would seem that the imp of the printing-office who rejoices in the nickname of "devil" is almost as mischievous and capable of kicking up a dust. Why, bless you, a bomb-shell could not have played more havoc amongst them than that awful word "idiosyncrasy." You might as well call an infuriated woman a "parallelogram" at once. I overheard a couple of these worthy men the other day discussing the question, evidently from what they had heard of the matter—not read. And never was offended dignity better exemplified by a theatrical "Jeames," whose rights and privileges had been infringed upon, than by these poor men who had been shot at in your columns by anonymous writers. Each one thought himself the target that had been aimed at, and both were deeply wounded. As they sipped their whisky hot in the bar parlour of a tavern, not a hundred miles from Great Queen Street—where I presume they had been on official business, or probably to enter a protest in Grand Lodge against the calumnies showered upon them under the guise of "idiosyncrasies"—I could overhear snatches of conversation somewhat after this fashion. Mind you, I am not going to commit any such folly as to even indicate who the speakers were, but this is something after the style of the dialogue.

"Well," ventured the first, "I haven't seen the letters myself, but from what So-and-so tells me, the writers are down on us all round."

"Let 'em!" rejoined the other, "I don't much mind it, for I don't believe Masons read the papers much, only for their own Lodge reports, when their names are mentioned." Here he winked slyly, as much as to say, "I know."

"But," continued the first, "what right have they to find fault with us, when there are so many other people and things they could pitch into with far more reason and justice?"

"Well, after all what do they say?"

"Say! They actually accuse us in print—in black and white, mark you!—of being guilty of 'idiosyncrasies.' I don't exactly know the meaning of the word. Anyhow, if they can't say any good of us, why can't they leave us alone? I heard our W.M. the other night, at the banquet, recite the lines:—

> 'Be to our faults a little blind,
> And to our virtues often kind,'

And that's what I call true Masonry, not picking holes in other people's coats and calling 'em hard names. If that man who writes in the name of 'AN OLD TYLER' means me—if I really thought he did—when he talks of 'dancing round with a box' and that sort of stuff—I'd go direct to my W.M., who is a lawyer, and demand the name of the writer, so as to have him up for libel. That I would!"

"Hear, hear, and quite right, too," quoth the other. "And you'd get it, too; no mistake about that."

"One thing I can say," continued the first, waxing warm, "I never smoked a briar pipe in a banqueting-room, as So-and-So tells me some one of us is accused of doing; and that's another libel. I never saw such a thing done in my life, did you?"

"Certainly not," was the emphatic reply, "any respectable Tyler would scorn the action. If he tyles a Lodge where he can't get a decent cigar, without having to find his own 'baccy, more fool he to hold the situation. That's what I say."

"Right you are," observed the other, who was evidently the elder of the two, and the more loquacious. "And what if he do hint to the candidates that, as they must have aprons and calendars, and so on, they can get 'em as cheap, or perhaps cheaper, through us, than they could at the shops. What of that, I should like to know? I don't see any trading on Freemasonry in that. If it is, why not shut up all the shops that sell such goods?"

"Well," interposed the quiet one, "I suppose they must have something or other to fill up their blessed papers with, and what does it matter to us so long as we do our duty all right, and get paid for it? I shall certainly borrow the paper and see for myself what these penny-a-liners have to say."

A loud guffaw from the other, followed by the remark, "That's just the name for 'em," betokened his entire acquiescence, and the glasses were replenished. The conversation, however, took a more methodical turn, in the particular business in which they were respectively engaged; but, before separating, with "just one more," Mr. Tyler sen., who seemed to have taken the matter more to heart than had his *confrère*, expressed his determination to "fish out" who the fellow was that dared to charge the Tylers with having "idiosyncrasies," and that if he did succeed he would hold him up to scorn and ridicule as a slanderer, and no Mason.

At which they shook hands and parted, and one apparently resolved to take upon himself a mission for relieving himself particularly, and the great body of Tylers generally, from a palpable and unjust accusation, the whole string of which was summed up in the word "idiosyncrasy," the meaning of which he admittedly did not understand, and the other not caring a rap for all the papers or all the writers in the universe, so long as he stuck to his post and got paid for it.

Here the matter ended, and it is at the suggestion of a friend who was with me, and who hinted that the "devil" (of a printing office) had been playing the deuce with the poor Tylers that I jotted down the above conversation, so far as memory serves, thinking the episode rather too good to waste its fragrance on the redolent amosphere of a public house parlour.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

QUIZ.

THE ALBERT HALL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I regret to observe a wide-spread and increasing apprehension among the Provincial brethren in various parts of the country that the approaching ceremony at the Albert Hall will be of the baldest, briefest, and most perfunctory character; and this apprehension is naturally coupled with a sense of disappointment in the minds of those who have remitted their guineas and applied for tickets in the expectation that the ceremony would be one of a more imposing and impressive character than anything that has been witnessed since the installation of H.R.H. our Grand Master.

To us Provincials, to many of whom the cost of the ticket bears but a small proportion to the total expense of the trip and the inconvenience of one or two days' absence from business, such a disappointment of our expectations would be additionally severe; and it is much to be hoped that those who are engaged in elaborating the programme of that day's proceedings will take an early opportunity of dispelling these—as I hope and trust—unfounded apprehensions.

It would also be a convenience to those of us who wish to return the same night if some intimation were given as to the probable hour when the proceedings will be concluded.

I remain, Dear Sir, fraternally yours,

PROVINCIAL.

THEFT OF MASONIC REGALIA.

JOHN BROWN, 20, private in the Royal Irish Rifles, stationed at the New Barracks, Gosport, was charged on remand with stealing a Master Mason's apron and jewel in case, Royal Arch jewel and case, American timepiece, and cardigan jacket, value £8 2s 6d, the property of Lance-Corporal Carmack, on Tuesday; also with stealing a pair of boots and a towel, value 10s 6d, belonging to P.C. Gorman, and a flannel vest and soldier's cap, value 6s 6d, the property of Lance-Corporal Day. The articles in the first case were left in the barrack-room, on a shelf, by the prosecutor, who on his return from the Review on Southsea Common missed them, and gave information to the Police. P.S. Wyatt the same afternoon went to Portsmouth Police-station, and received prisoner in custody from P.S. Arnold, of the Portsmouth Police, by whom prisoner had been detained on suspicion, having been found in the act of dealing with the missing articles. In reply to the charge prisoner admitted the theft. He now declined to say anything in extenuation, and an officer from his regiment said prisoner bore a very bad character. The Bench sent him to gaol for six months with hard labour; the other charges were withdrawn.

Our suburban brethren may be glad to hear that a Lodge of Instruction will be held at "Heathfield," Streatham, on every Thursday, at 8 30, under the sanction of the Ebury Lodge, No. 1348. The first meeting was held on Thursday, when the Preceptor, Bro. J. Warren P.M., rehearsed the ceremony of the first degree. Bro. Barnes was elected W.M. for next meeting, to rehearse the ceremony of the second degree.

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GRAND MARK LODGE.

ON Tuesday evening the Half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held, at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master. The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett officiated as S.W., and Lord Saltoun as J.W., Bros. W. W. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, P.G.M., W. Kelly, Provincial Grand Master Leicestershire, as D.G.M., and a numerous assembly of Provincial Grand Masters and Officers. Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the Deputy Grand Master was saluted, when the minutes of the last half-yearly Communication were read and confirmed. The acting Grand Master called the attention of the brethren to a communication from the M.W. Grand Mark Master, in which His Royal Highness proposed to confer Past Grand rank on some distinguished brethren, and he moved that the proposition be accepted by Grand Mark Lodge. This, on being seconded by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Smyth G.C., was carried unanimously. The acting Grand Master then intimated that he had received a communication from the Earl of Kintore, stating that, in consequence of his brother's sudden death, he had been obliged to go abroad, and regretting that he was unable to be present. The next business was to do that which he was sure the brethren would cordially agree to, as every body of loyal Englishmen had already done, to vote a congratulatory address to Her Majesty the Queen, on attaining the fiftieth year of her reign. No body of men in England or in the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown were more loyal than Masons or Mark Masons. In Freemasonry they had a living illustration of the extent of Her Majesty's sway, not only in these islands, but in all the habitable portions of the globe where the English language was spoken. With the utmost cordiality they congratulated Queen Victoria upon the Jubilee of her reign, and thanked the Grand Overseer of the Universe for having preserved her so many years to reign over a happy and prosperous people. Might she be spared for many years yet to come to exercise her wise and benign rule. He then read the address, and proposed that it be engrossed and illuminated, and presented to Her Majesty, be trusted by His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful the Grand Mark Master. The motion was seconded by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., amidst applause. The Report of the General Board was then presented, taken as read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

We append the full text:—

During the six months ending 31st March last, there have been issued:—Mark certificates 566; total number registered 22,793. Warrants for new Lodges 10, viz.:—

No. 370 Jamestown, St. Helena.
" 371 Warangs, Murchison, Victoria.
" 372 De la Pole, Seaton, Devon.
" 373 Ilkeston, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.
" 374 St. Chad, Leeds.
" 375 Jubilee, Ulverston.
" 376 Herschel, Slough.
" 377 Brentwood, Brentwood.
" 378 Invicta, Ashford.
" 379 St. Martin's, Liskeard.

Royal Ark Mariner Certificates 149; total number registered 2225.

Warrants for new Lodges, viz.:—Trent, attached to Fleming, No. 265; Fearnley, attached to Fearnley, No. 58; Sussex, attached to Royal Sussex, No. 75; Northumberland and Berwick-upon-Tweed, atttached to Northumberland and Berwick-upon-Tweed (T.I.); Wiltshire Anchor, attached to Wiltshire Keystone, No. 178.

The following re-appointments as Prov. Grand Masters have been made for a further term of three years:—R.W. Bros. Jack Sutcliffe, Lincolnshire; R. I. Finnemore, Natal; Hon. William Badgley, Quebec; C. L. Mason, West Yorkshire; Wm. Kelly, Leicestershire, &c.

The Board recommend to Grand Lodge, that, as a token of personal affection and respect for His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, the sum of one hundred and fifty guineas be voted from the General Fund of Grand Lodge to the Masonic section of the "Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India," being the National Memorial of the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, originated by the Grand Master, and approved by Her Majesty.

They further recommend that every Mark Master Mason who is a subscribing member of a Mark Lodge on the 20th June next, shall be permitted to wear on the hanger of the jewel of the Degree a Jubilee badge in gold or gilt, and enamel, sealed patterns of which may be seen at the office.

A Memorial has been received from the St. Ethelbert Lodge, No. 243, Hereford, praying to be attached to the Province of Gloucestershire, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master having signified his consent, the Board submitted the Memorial to the M.W. Grand Master for his approval.

It having been reported to the Board that the Provincial Grand Secretary of Nottinghamshire had irregularly granted a dispensation to a brother of the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 344, and to a brother of the Fleming Lodge, No. 265, to fill the chairs of these Lodges, the said brethren not being qualified as Worshipful Masters of Craft Lodges, and such dispensations being the sole prerogative of the M.W. Grand Master—(see Article 99, Book of Constitutions, ed. 1886)—on careful consideration, the Board resolved that the M.W. Grand Master should be respectfully requested to direct the issue of regular dispensations, on payment of the usual fee of 21s, and that the Prov. Grand Secretary be fined the sum of one guinea.

The Board, having considered the case of Bro. Charles F. Johnson, who, by inadvertence, occupied the chair of Peveril Lodge, No. 323, for eleven months, recommend the Grand Lodge to confirm him in the rank and privileges of Past Master on payment of a fine of one guinea.

The Board having been informed that Bro. Arthur H. Marsh had been installed in the chair of Howe Lodge, No. 21, on the 2nd July, 1885, and that he had not served the full period of twelve months, his successor having been installed on the 20th May 1886, recommend him to Grand Lodge for confirmation in the rank and privileges of Past Master on payment of a fine of two guineas.

The Board record with the deepest regret the death of Ill. Bro. Albert Gallatin Goodall, 33°, New York. Bro. Goodall had acted for many years as General Representative of this Grand Lodge in the United States of America, and from the time of his acceptance of that appointment had been in every way mindful of its interests.

The General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, acting in support of the unconstitutional pretensions of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, have withdrawn their recognition of this Grand Lodge. It is satisfactory to find that a minority of 65 against 99 refused to concur in this attack on ancient landmarks. Should, however, this action of the General Grand Chapter be found to involve any practical injury to English Mark Masters in the United States, which it is earnestly hoped may not be the case, this Grand Lodge will be reluctantly compelled to give them its support in working the Mark Degree.

It having come to the knowledge of the Board that a testimonial is about to be presented to R.W. Bro. Binckes, on the part of a numerous body of his friends, the Board recommend that, in recognition of his services to this Degree during 29 years, 26 of which as Grand Secretary, an honorarium of £50 be voted to the R.W. Brother from the General Fund of Grand Lodge.

The Nineteenth Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on the 20th July, and the M.W. Bro. the Earl Amherst has most kindly consented to preside. In the Jubilee year of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Board cannot entertain any misgiving as to the result of the labours of the Board of Stewards, who will on that occasion support the noble brother who will occupy the chair.

Walter Ernest Quinn, being the only candidate, has been placed on the Educational Fund without proceeding to the formal election, which, in the ordinary course, would have taken place on the 7th of April last.

The election of annuitants, in the usual course, would have taken place on 5th May, but as there was only one approved candidate—Bro. Alexander Mole, 69 years of age, for 14 years a subscribing member of Nos. 8 and 173—the Board have placed him on the Annuity Fund without proceeding to the formal election.

The Board acknowledge with thanks the gift to the library of two volumes by Bro. George Cooper P.G.D., and receipt of copies of the Proceedings of Grand Chapters of Washington, Illinois, Maryland, Colorado, Arkansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Missouri, Scotland, and the General Grand Chapter U.S.A.

The Board have ordered the investment of £700 on behalf of the Annuity Fund, and £200 on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, making the total invested funds as follow:—

	£	s	d
General Fund	2400	0	0
Benevolent Fund	1500	0	0
Educational Fund	1900	0	0
Annuity Fund	2000	0	0

The Board have relieved the following cases:—

Bro. T. P., No. 5	10	0	0
A. M., Nos. 8 and 173	12	0	0
T. W. A., No. 176	15	0	0
Mrs. C. A. J.	15	0	0
E. M. G.	10	0	0

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M.M.
President.

Appended are the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the half-year ending 31st March 1887:—

Dr. GENERAL FUND.	£	s	d
To Half-year's Receipts	1009	0	11
Interest on Investments	58	0	0
Bonds realised	500	0	0
	1567	0	11

Cr. GENERAL FUND.			
By Overdrawn, 30th September 1886	371	9	11
Expenditure	727	19	6
Balance	467	11	6
	1567	0	11

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Dr. BENEVOLENT FUND.			
Balance 30th September 1886	842	7	1
To Receipts	426	10	0
Interest on Investments	20	15	8
Transferred from "Dewar Fund"	115	8	9
	1405	1	6
Cr. BENEVOLENT FUND.			
By Grants in Relief	90	0	0
Secretary's Salary	20	0	0
Investment	207	0	0
Transferred to Annuity Fund	699	8	0
Transferred to Educational Fund	250	13	1
Balance	138	0	6
	1405	1	6

Dr. EDUCATION FUND.			
To Interest on Investments	35	0	10
Transferred from Benevolent Fund	250	13	1
Overdrawn	9	4	1
	294	18	0
Cr. EDUCATION FUND.			
By Overdrawn, 30th September 1886	100	9	9
Education Fees	94	8	8
Grants for Clothing	100	0	0
	294	18	0

Dr. ANNUITY FUND.			
To Balance 30th September 1886	17	14	10
Interests on Investments	36	19	6
Transferred from Benevolent Fund	699	8	0
	754	2	4
Cr. ANNUITY FUND.			
By Investment	707	0	0
Balance	47	2	4
	754	2	4

Audited and approved, this 4th day of May 1887.

(Signed) CHARLES EDWARD SOPPETT P.G. Std.
Auditor.

On the motion of Bro. A. Williams, seconded by Brother the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., it was resolved that the sum of one hundred and fifty guineas be voted from the General Fund of Mark Grand Lodge to the Masonic Section of the Imperial Institute. Regret was expressed that as from Mark Masons the amount could not be made larger. It was next resolved that the sum of £50 be voted to R.W. Brother Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary, as an honorarium for distinguished services during the past twenty-nine years. In moving this Bro. Alfred Williams expressed the hope that the gift would be accepted by Bro. Binckes as sincerely from the hearts of the brethren. They could safely give that amount from their funds, and, irrespective of the money value, it was hoped that the vote would cheer him through life, and show him that it was some mark of gratitude for what he had done for Mark Masonry. The motion was seconded by Bro. F. Davison P.G.D., and supported by Bro. W. Kelly P.G.M.M. Leicestershire, who testified to the great services Brother Binckes had rendered to Mark Masonry. Bro. Beach could not allow the opportunity to pass without endorsing what had been already said. It was well known to all present how valuable were the services which Bro. Binckes had rendered in the early days of their Grand Lodge, when Mark Masonry was not so prosperous as at present. Although during that time English Mark Grand Lodge had increased to vast dimensions, yet Bro. Binckes's exertions had not relaxed, and he thought it was but right to give him some small recognition of those services after so long a time. The motion was then put and carried with enthusiasm. Bro. Frederick Binckes briefly acknowledged the compliment thus paid him. Had it not been that his presence was necessary in Grand Lodge he should have asked permission to leave the Lodge while this vote, personal to himself, was being moved, and he hoped Grand Lodge would not think him wanting in delicacy because he had remained. He could only express his sincere appreciation of the manner in which the vote had been dictated and received. He was happy to find that his efforts during 29 years had not been unsuccessful in promoting the interest of Mark Grand Lodge. On the motion of Bro. A. Williams, Bros. Charles F. Johnson 323 and Arthur H. Marsh 21 were confirmed in the rank and privileges of Past Master. Bro. Binckes explained that several cases of this kind had occurred. The brethren did not commit the error wilfully, but unfortunately they infringed on the Constitutions, which provided that a Master must occupy the chair 12 months before he was entitled to the rank of P.M. The Board, therefore, treated each case on its merits, and in one of the present cases had inflicted a fine of one guinea, and in the other a fine of two guineas. The acting Grand Master said he had received a letter from Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, regretting his inability to be present, through illness. Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.W., as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, objected to the paragraph in the report relating to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which concluded thus:—"Should, however, this action of the General Grand Chapter be found to involve any practical injury to English Mark Masters in the United States, which it is earnestly hoped may not be the case, this Grand Lodge will be reluctantly compelled to give them its support in working the Mark Degree." If those words meant anything they meant a threat to issue warrants for the working of Mark Masonry in the United States, and if adopted they would widen, instead of heal, the breach which existed between the American brethren and the Mark Masons of this country. A lengthened discussion ensued, and ultimately the matter was referred back to the Committee. With that omission the report was adopted. Attention having been called to the fact that papers canvassing for the last five brethren on the list of candidates for election to the General Board had been distributed at the door of Grand Lodge, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg said the practice had been strongly condemned by Earl Carnarvon in the Craft Grand Lodge. The acting Grand Master hoped the document would be treated as waste paper. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was then declared M.W. G.M.M.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Beach then assumed the chair, and announced that His Royal Highness had appointed Lord Egerton of Tatton Pro Grand Master, and his Lordship was duly obligated and installed. The Marquis of Hertford was obligated, invested and installed as Deputy Grand Master, and these brethren having been saluted, it was announced that the Prince of Wales had appointed Prince Albert Victor Senior Grand Warden. Subjoined is a list of the other Grand Mark Officers for the year:—

Bro. H. C. Okeover	Junior Warden
R. E. Baynes	M.O.
Colonel W. E. Michell	S.O.
George King Patten	J.O.
Rev. J. N. Palmer, Rev. W. Valentine	Chaplains
J. L. Mather	Treasurer
Frank Richardson	Registrar
Rev. Canon Portal	Pres. General Board
F. Binckes	Secretary
G. W. Pierrepont Harris, R. Newhouse	Senior Deacons
A. Hilemus Moyes, G. E. Lake	Junior Deacons
John Barker	Inspector of Works
Robert Berridge	Director of Ceremonies
James Terry, John Wood	Assistant Dirs. of Cers.
Edgar Bowyer	Sword Bearer
C. F. Hogard, E. Baldwin	Standard Bearers
E. J. Crow, Mus. Doc.	Organist
C. F. Matier	Assistant Secretary
H. C. Jeppa	Inner Guard
E. J. Mills	Assistant Inner Guard

The Grand Stewards for the year are Bros. P. L. Simmonds, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, Henry Von Joel 8, H. S. Goodall, John Cates Collier, F. T. Bennett, J. D. Barkin, Middlesex and Surrey; J. S. Wilson Northumberland and Durham, W. L. Ball Leicestershire, W. C. Hurley South Wales, R. B. Cater Somerset, D. Cross Devonshire, W. Lake Cornwall, J. L. C. Hunter Little Monmouthshire, and J. P. Lewen East Anglia. The brethren nominated by the Grand Master to serve on the General Board were Bros. Canon Portal President, A. Williams, F. Davison, G. C. Driver, J. Moon and T. Cubitt. The brethren elected by Grand Lodge were the Rev. H. Cummings, J. E. Dawson, A. F. Godson, M.P., C. F. Hogard, and R. L. Loveland. Several letters of regret at inability to attend were read, and Grand Lodge was closed in the usual form. In the evening the brethren assembled at a splendid banquet, served in the Venetian Salon of the Holborn Restaurant, when Bro. Hamp fully sustained the prestige he has so long enjoyed for catering on such important occasions. The

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Loyal toasts were done ample justice to, and that of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, was proposed by Bro. Kelly Prov. Grand Master of Leicester. In responding, Lord Egerton said he could not lay claim to so large an acquaintance with Masonry in the south of England as in the north; but he felt it a great honour to be in London, and to be placed in the proud position of Pro Grand M.M.M. In that position he should endeavour to do his duty in the same way as he had endeavoured to do it in the north of England. He trusted he would be able to promote the interests of Mark Masonry in the Grand Lodge as he had in the northern Province. Mark Masonry had a great future before it; it was increasing rapidly, and its principles were becoming better supported every year. It was fortunate in having the influence of the Prince of Wales, who never connected himself with anything which he did not think was for the general good of the country. In his name they had a guarantee that all the objects of Masonry, and of Mark Masonry in particular, were worthy of support and acceptance by the great body of Masons, and deserved the respect and support of their fellow-countrymen who were not Masons. They could show by their work that they tried to promote good fellowship, brotherly love, and benevolence to every one, and those principles were not confined to any country or to any set of men. Masons endeavoured, by their demeanour in Lodge and out of Lodge, to make their principles flourish, and having those principles himself he felt it an honour to be connected with such a body as the Mark Masons. As long as he was connected with it, and especially in his present capacity as Pro Grand Master for the Prince of Wales, he should with the assistance of the brethren promote the interests of Mark Masonry. The other toasts were the Past Grand Masters, proposed by Bro. Major Woodall; the Grand Officers Present and Past, proposed by the Chairman and acknowledged by Brother Baynes of Oxford; success to the Mark Benevolent Fund given by the Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope, and responded to by Bro. C. F. Matier; the Visitors by Bro. Binckes, and acknowledged by Bro. P. Stirling, of Kippendavie, Deputy P.G.M. of W. Perthshire, one of the Stewards of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; the Grand Stewards, replied to by Bro. Jas. Terry, who stated this was the first time in Grand Mark Lodge there had been an organised Body of Grand Stewards. During the evening selections of choice music were rendered by Bros. Beckett, Freyer, Egbert Roberts, Henry R. Rose, and W. A. Frost, under the direction of Bro. Henry R. Rose.

A graceful, and we venture to submit, a practical, suggestion has been made by Brother Binckes, the esteemed Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to the effect that invitations should be given to fifty "Old Masonians" to attend the Festival at the Crystal Palace on the 14th instant. The expenses in connection with this invitation could be defrayed by the Stewards, and we are happy to be able to state that a majority of the Stewards to whom the matter has been mentioned cordially endorse the proposal. There is no reason why the number of invitations should be strictly limited to fifty, provided the funds can be thus raised; and the result, we are sure, would be hailed with eager satisfaction by the "Old Boys" who have so prospered under the fostering care of Bro. Binckes. More especially would this be so as a by no means unimportant or uninteresting feature of the Festival will be the presentation which it is intended to make to their tried friend on that occasion. We sincerely trust the suggestion may be acted upon in the most liberal manner that the supporters of the Institution can desire.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OFFICERS.

OFFICE in the Craft is unlike office in any other organization under the sun. In State and Church, in societies, civil, religious and beneficial, it is true that the office-holder is always a personage of importance, but there is that in Masonic office which distinguishes it from, and lifts it above, all others. There is a dignity about it, an authority, a responsibility, a power, which render it incomparable with any lower or lesser station. Whether you take the Mastership of a Lodge, or the Grand Mastership of the Grand Lodge, the office is unique. A pure democracy in its essential character and features, the Masonic Fraternity is presided over by a practically absolute sovereign, whose will is restrained only by the Landmarks and Constitutions of the Craft. He must see to it that the ancient usages and customs be preserved in all their integrity. Here arises the highest responsibility of Masonic office. It is a trust. It is not for personal aggrandizement, but for the welfare of the Brotherhood. It is not a compliment, but a sacred charge. It is something that is not to be sought, nor to be refused. The idea of electioneering for Masonic office is abhorrent to its very nature. It is a gift, not a purchase, a moral and intellectual treasure, not merchandize. The better any Brother called to fill a supreme Masonic station appreciates all this, the better officer he becomes, and the more the Fraternity prospers under his rule.

Freemasonry has no low aims, but all of its principles tend to exalt the higher nature in its initiates, and render it dominant. It distinctly recognises the Creator of our bodies and spirits as the Grand Architect of the Universe, and it teaches every supreme officer in the Craft, be he Worshipful Master or Grand Master, that he is a subordinate architect—a disciple of the Supreme Architect, and himself supreme in his special sphere. He is a ruler and a judge entrusted with power and authority which likes him, in some measure at least, to the Father of us all, and it is this sense of fatherhood over the Brotherhood which should pervade the mind, control the will, and dignify the action of every ruler in Freemasonry. His responsibility is as absolute as his authority.

This responsibility is manifold, being co-ordinate with duty. A Master of a Lodge, primarily, is responsible for good work. He should be the "first among his equals," superior to all of his officers in ability, and able, willing, and anxious to surpass all of his predecessors. The Masonic Officer who is "slothful in business," slovenly in work, ambitious only to end his year of official life, and receive a jewel—for doing nothing, such an Officer deserves to have a perpetual seat on the floor. He is a figure-head, a shadow, a delusion and a snare. But the Master who is worthy of the name, and the honours which accompany it, becomes master of the work, master of himself, and Master of the Lodge. He obtains the true work; he renders it with effect—not as an automaton, or a sort of Punch and Judy, but as a man and a Mason who knows what he is about, who is anxious to make a due impression, and determined that the reputation of Freemasonry shall be untarnished while he is responsible for it as a presiding Officer.

The Master is responsible for the punctual and regular attendance of himself and officers at the meetings of his Lodge. He is an example, and they are examples. If he or they neglect their duties, very many other brethren will likewise do so, and the Lodge will become a shadow. And it is always his duty to actively promote harmony and Brotherly Love. He is the representative of no class, but of the entire membership. He is the visible cement that unites them together. Without the spirit of Fraternity the Craft is nothing—if we are not brothers, we are strangers and enemies. One of the highest duties of a Master of a Lodge is to see that this spirit of fraternity is maintained within the limits of his jurisdiction in its purity, simplicity, and integrity. It is the very bond of peace and all perfectness. Without it there is no Freemasonry.

One thing is certain—in the Lodge, as in the profane world, men will not statedly meet together unless they are interested in what occurs. It is a primary duty, therefore, for a Master to make the proceedings of his Lodge interesting. The humdrum way some Masters have of doing business, the lame and laggard manner in which they tarry over everything they do, is enough to drive any brother from the Lodge. Life and briskness are indispensible in this age of movement. If we were all Methuselahs, expecting to live a thousand years, the Master might open his Lodge an hour late, occupy five minutes in putting a motion, halt in the work at pleasure until he could recall what he ought to say, and behave generally like a man of leisure, with no responsibility to "act in the living present." But this world at the present time is a busy one, life is short, and "be as expeditious as possible" is advice which the Master ought to take as well as give.

The Masonic officer who realises all of his responsibilities, what a jewel he is! Let Masonry make more such jewels, ever esteeming them highly, rewarding them with due appreciation, and honouring their memories when they are translated to the Lodge above.—*Keystone.*

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CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 37 (S.A.C.)

THERE was celebrated in the Masonic Hall, Flinders-street, on Thursday night, 14th April, one of the most important ceremonies in Freemasonry which have been conducted since the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, on 17th April 1884. That celebration was the consecration of the United Service Lodge, No. 37 (S.A.C.), and the installation as W.M. of Brigadier-General Bro. J. F. Owen R.A., commandant of our military forces. There are in England two kinds of Military Lodges—one which admits military men of all ranks, and another which limits its membership to officers in the service. The South Australian Institution follows on the lines of the latter. Partly in consequence of that some opposition was shown, as the view was taken that the Lodge would distinctly be a class Lodge, and that a general attendance at its meetings as at other Lodges, would be virtually impossible. Whilst, however, a man who is not a military officer cannot enter the Lodge as a member, other Masonic brothers of every country and every profession can attend as visitors. The purpose of the Lodge is to bring together the people directly interested in the control of the defence forces of the colony and to promote goodfellowship between them, for the benefit of the service, and, of course, for the benefit of Freemasonry and themselves as well. In choosing the Officers it was carefully arranged that both the Militia and Volunteers should be represented, and throughout the positions are alternately filled by Militia and Volunteer Officers. Great preparations were made for the consecration, and the gathering in the Masonic Hall on Thursday night was the most brilliant which has ever been held here. The congregation included several prominent public men, amongst them several members of Parliament. Nearly all the Lodges were represented. Bro. G. C. Knight G.D.C. had charge of the consecration ceremonies, with Bro. J. G. Jenkins, M.P., as Deputy, assisted by Bro. J. Le M. F. Roberts, and the working was admirable. At the proper time the W.M. Designate (Brigadier-General Bro. J. F. Owen, R.A., 31°) was presented and installed in due form, and subsequently he invested his Officers, as follow: Major A. L. Harrold S.W., Captain F. Bassé J.W., Lieut. G. E. C. Stephens Treasurer, Major B. Solomon Secretary, Captain O. Schomburgk S.D., Lieutenant S. Hübbe J.D., Lieutenant J. C. Hawker Inner Guard, Major I. A. Plummmer D.C., Lieutenants Bickford, Genders, and Gee Stewards, Lieutenant Philip Samson Immediate P.M. The Lodge having closed, the brethren were entertained by the newly installed W.M. (Bro. Brigadier-General Owen) in the supper-room. The W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, making special reference to the attainment of Her Majesty's Jubilee and the jubilee of the settlement of our colony. Masons should especially remember that Her Majesty had given her first-born son, the greatest Prince on the earth, to be the Grand Master of the Craft in England. The W.M. proposed the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the M.W. the G.M. Bro. the Hon. S. J. Way, Chief Justice. He felt he was perfectly unable to do justice to such a doubly important toast. As a comparative new comer hither nothing astonished a stranger more than the marvellous progress made by the whelp of the old lion in South Australia. What a marvellous progress had been that of this colony, founded only fifty years ago! The Grand Lodge of South Australia was a marvellous success. The proposer had referred to the prosperity of Masonry in South Australia. It was encouraging and refreshing, after the recent rains which had so gladdened all hearts, to hear anything of hope and gratulation in respect to any Australian Institution. On behalf of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and of the Colony it might be affirmed that the great cause of Masonic union had met with greater success in South Australia than in any other of the Australian Colonies. He proposed with great heartiness the toast of The Worshipful Master, Brigadier-General Bro. J. F. Owen, 31°. He had enjoyed the privilege of General Owen's acquaintance ever since he arrived in the colony. His fame had preceded him. They knew him as one who had taken a distinguished part in the victory which retrieved the British arms in South Africa. General Owen had not been two days in South Australia before he (the speaker) found that he was an enthusiastic Mason, anxious to have an opportunity of uniting with the South Australian Constitution. Not merely was he an attached and zealous Mason, but a diligent Masonic student. He was perhaps the only South Australian Mason who was advanced to the mysteries of the thirty-first degree. The W.M. responded, and proposed the Consecrating and Installing Officer, Bro. H. E. Downer, M.P., R.W.D.G.M., whose Masonic services he highly praised. His working of the ritual was a lesson to every Mason. The Grand Master responded in the absence of Bro. Downer, for whom he professed the greatest admiration and esteem. He took the opportunity of stating that the question of the best way in which the Jubilee of Her Majesty could be celebrated would come before the Grand Lodge in the course of a few days. V.W. Bro. Canon F. S. Poole proposed The Army, Navy, and Volunteers. They were three strands of one rope, embracing and strengthening each other, and throughout the rope there was a thin red line of loyalty to God, loyalty to their country, and loyalty to their Queen. Brigadier-General Owen, in responding, said he wished he could speak in a manner sufficiently praiseworthy of the forces under his command in South Australia. He was glad to be able to say that in the late encampment they had gone into camp laughing and singing, notwithstanding the weather. What better proof could they have of the gallant men composing the forces? As Commandant that was the first occasion on which he had had a chance of proving the physique and conduct of the men under such circumstances, and he was sure nothing could be more gratifying to an Imperial Officer than the conduct of the men. Like Mark Tapley they determined to be jolly under the circumstances. Notwithstanding the dirt, darkness, and rain, they were as jolly as sand boys. This was the sort of stuff required for the work; would to God they had a little more of it. It was for the colony to back up the forces a little, and insist that more money should be spent on the defence force. The stuff was there, but how was it to be fed without money? Who knew how soon they would require the services of their defence force? The Most Worshipful Master had mentioned a certain Admiral Alasbegoff, who had visited these shores, a determined and skilled Russian Admiral. In the year 1879 it was by the merest chance and the greatest fluke in the world that half the cities of Australia were not pillaged and in flames. Arrangements were most skilfully made by which the Russian fleet could have descended, first on Melborne and then on Sydney, unprotected as they then were, and done as it liked. When war was not declared however, the Admiral could do nothing. But for that fluke he could have done as he liked. The same thing might happen again. We should look to our defences, and make our forces as powerful as possible, for when the storm cloud broke it was too late to put up the shelter.

A YEAR OF LIFE-BOAT WORK.

THE Royal National Life-boat Institution has recently published its annual report, from which we learn that the important work of the Society was actively carried on during the past year, and that through its instrumentality hundreds of lives were saved from a watery grave on our rocky shores. In the year as many as 20 new Life-boats were placed on the coast, all of which were furnished with the latest improvements, and reports of a very gratifying description have been made indicating that the coxswains and crews consider them far superior to the boats they superseded. The Committee are most anxious to adapt the boats to local requirements, and to meet as far as possible the wishes of the men who man them, both as regards design and equipment, so that perfect confidence may be ensured. Between the 1st of January and 31st of December new stations were established at Southsea, Workington, Dornock, Firth and Fethard, and new Life-boats were despatched to Aberdovey, Blyth, Bude, Ilfracombe, Lytham, Maryport, Newquay (Cardiganshire), Porthoustock, Portmadoc, St. Ives (Cornwall), Sheringham, Southport, Troon, Withorne, Greystones, and Howth. Within the same period the Duncannon Station was abolished, and one of the Pakefield boats was transferred to Lowestoft. At the end of 1886 the Institution's fleet comprised 293 Life-boats, by the aid of which 601 lives and 33 vessels were saved during the year. Rewards were also given by the Committee for the rescue of 160 persons from drowning by means of shore-boats, making a total of 761 lives saved in twelve months, and a grand total of 32,671 persons saved through the instrumentality of the Society since its establishment. No stronger appeal for the support of the National Life-boat Institution could well be put before the country than the publication of such a splendid record. During the year the Life-boats were launched on service 286 times, and about 800 times for inspection and exercise. Three of the launches on service were unfortunately attended by fatal consequences, viz. at Whitehaven, Southport, and St. Anne's, the sad details of which wrung the hearts of the whole country, and produced an outburst of liberal sympathy for the widows and orphans which has rarely been equalled. Thirteen silver medals, 32 binocular glasses, 35 votes of thanks on vellum, and £6,630 4s 11d, in cash, including grants to the widows and orphans of Life-boat men drowned on duty, were awarded by the Committee in 1886 for saving life, and a further sum of £5,285 15s 3d, was paid to the coxswains and crews for exercising the boats. The total expenditure for the year amounted to £17,066 2s 2d, while only £13,044 13s 4d was received in subscriptions, donations, and dividends. The demand for the beautiful aneroids which are supplied by the Institution, at one-third the retail price, to fishermen and small coasters, although not quite so great as in the previous year, was considerable, and there is no doubt that the use of these valuable instruments has tended in no small measure to diminish the loss of life on the coast. The important aid given by the Local Committees and their Honorary Officials, the Coxswains and Crews, the Press, the Coast-guard, the Customs and others, is thankfully acknowledged, and the Report closes with an earnest appeal for help, which is more particularly needed at the present time owing to the decision of the Committee to remove from the coast, with as little delay as possible, all self-righting Life-boats which will not pass far more severe tests than were formerly considered necessary, and which are not provided with such of the latest improvements as they deem to be of the greatest importance. The cost of this work will be very great, but the Committee are confident that in carrying it out they will not only meet with the full approval of the British Public, but will be supplied with the funds they so urgently solicit and require for the purpose.

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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE June Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when, in the unavoidable absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the chair was occupied by Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middlesex as I.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. J. R. Simpson P.G. Chaplain filled the Senior Warden's chair, Bro. R. Cunliffe officiated as Junior Warden; amongst the numerous other brethren present were:—

Bros. General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master Surrey, Colonel Le Gendre Starkie Provincial Grand Master East Lancashire, Hugh D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, Colonel Aubrey Saunders P.D.G.M. Madras, W. Kelly P.P.G.W. Leicestershire and Rutland, Sir John B. Monckton and Marquis of Hertford P.G.W.'s, Rev. T. Cartwright Smyth Grand Chaplain, Revs. T. Cochrane, R. P. Bent, J. S. Brownrigg, W. K. B. Bedford, C. W. Spencer Stanhope, R. N. Saunderson, J. E. Cox P.G.C.'s; R. Eve G. Treasurer, H. B. Marshall and D. P. Cama Past Grand Treasurers, T. Fenn President Board of General Purposes, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Robert Grey President Board of Benevolence, E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., G.S. German Correspondence, G. Cooper S.G.D., F. S. Knyvett, V. P. Freeman J.G.D.'s, W. J. Hughan, Brackstone Baker, James Glaisher, Peter de L. Long, Baron de Ferrières, Sir Bruce Seton, Dr. Ralph Gooding, J. A. Rucker, F. Davison, Major J. S. Peirce, R. W. Stewart, Colonel H. S. Burney, E. Letchworth, J. M. Case, J. E. Le Feuvre, C. W. C. Hutton, H. J. P. Dumas, H. Maudsley, R. W. Wheeler, C. A. Murton, W. E. Gumbleton, W. A. F. Powell, J. M. Wike, E. J. Barron, R. Costa P.G.D.'s; Sir Albert Woods G.D.C., R. C. Glover Past Deputy G.D.C., J. S. Mather A.G.D.C., R. Turtle Pigott and Magnus Ohren P.A.G.D.C.'s; H. T. Wood, Colonel C. Harding, Major A. B. Cook, C. C. Dumas, J. Lewis Thomas P.A.G.D.C.'s; W. M. Bywater Grand Sword Bearer, W. R. Woodman and W. Roebuck P.G. Sword Bearers, George Beech Grand Standard Bearer, Edgar Bowyer and Butler Wilkins Past Grand Standard Bearers, W. H. Perryman Grand Pursuivant, James Brett, H. Garrod, T. Cubitt, A. Lucking, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P.'s; W. Hopekirk A.G.P., H. Sadler Grand Tyler, &c. &c.

The minutes of the March Quarterly Communication, and of the Grand Festival of the 27th April, were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Thomas Fenn was unanimously re-appointed and invested President of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year. Reference was made to the death of Bro. Sir Horace Jones, Superintendent of Works, the City Architect, the acting Grand Master paying a tribute of respectful regret to one who had done good suit and service to the Craft, and whose loss was most sincerely to be deplored. Bro. Jones had been suddenly removed from their ranks, and the esteem in which he was held, not only by the Masonic Fraternity but by the citizens generally of London, was amply testified at his funeral, which took place on the preceding Friday, at Norwood Cemetery. It was absolutely necessary that the office of Grand Superintendent of Works should be filled up, for it was a position which called for the replacement of the loss as soon as possible. Bro. Colonel R. W. Edis was appointed and invested as Grand Superintendent of Works, in succession to the late Bro. Sir Horace Jones, the announcement being received with applause. It is unnecessary for us to enlarge upon the career of our deceased Brother, whose work in the Craft is duly recorded in the "Masonic Portraits" published at the office of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The Most Worshipful Grand Master had been pleased to signify his approval of the appointment of Bro. Alfred A. Pendlebury, of the Grand Secretary's office, as Assistant Grand Secretary, and that brother was invested, amidst the most cordial acclamations of all present. Brother John Smith was appointed a Grand Lodge Auditor. The Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter was submitted, and the recommendations (printed in our last issue) were all confirmed. The total amount of the grants was £875. A special report was presented

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from the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, the Viscount Ebrington, under Article 93 of the Book of Constitutions, transmitting a memorial from the Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, East Stonehouse, for the expulsion from the Order of a Brother of the said Lodge, he having been convicted of felony, and sentenced to five years' penal servitude. Article 93 reads thus: — "The Provincial Grand Master has no power to erase a Lodge or expel a Mason; when, therefore, the case is of so flagrant a nature as, in his judgment, to require the erasure of a Lodge, or the expulsion of a Brother, he shall make a special report to the Grand Lodge, with his opinion thereon." This was done in the present instance, and the facts of the case were stated, so that the whole question hinged upon the Article quoted. The matter created a considerable amount of discussion, and Bro. F. Binckes, on rising to object to the proposal, pointed out in a very forcible speech how great would be the hardship attaching to the man, in addition to his present punishment, through his having been expelled from the Craft. We heartily agree with Bro. Binckes in this matter, and are of opinion that Grand Lodge in its corporate capacity could scarcely realise what it was undertaking. If the case of every member of the Craft who commits himself is to be dragged before the Grand Lodge, and the time of that supreme tribunal wasted in the discussion of personal details, the problem is—where is it all going to end? Are we to expel rigidly every member of our Order who in an unfortunate moment transgresses the law? The Brother referred to is practically and morally ostracised; at any rate it is painfully obvious that he cannot enter a Lodge for the next five years. But when he has expiated the offence for which he has been committed to "durance vile," even if he then desired to enter a Lodge, we opine he would have sufficient sense of decency left to curb such a wish. But, taking the question generally, it may be asked, "Where is the line to be drawn?" and what the extent of the crime to justify the expulsion of a member? There was evidently a strong feeling on this point on Wednesday night, and the motion was thrice submitted to Grand Lodge before it was carried. The question undoubtedly requires very careful consideration, and although we have not a word to advance in extenuation of this Brother's conduct, nevertheless by this action we fear a precedent is being set up which may involve no little difficulty in the future. The report of the Board of General Purposes, of which we gave the full text in our columns last week, was presented by the President, Bro. Thomas Fenn, and adopted. The chief items of interest in it included the preparation of a catalogue of the Library of Grand Lodge, and that, in order to accommodate brethren who may desire to make use of the library during the evening, it was proposed that it remain open on Mondays and Thursdays until 10 o'clock p.m., and on other days by arrangement. The proposition that Bro. Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler, be appointed sub-librarian, under the Grand Secretary, in addition to his other duties, with an addition to his salary of £20 a year, was unanimously endorsed. As a matter of fact it was considered that the increased emolument was a very small one, and had it been more substantial the general opinion was that Grand Lodge would have readily accorded it. The next recommendation in the report was equally popular, namely, that in consideration of the very large increase in the Craft and Royal Arch of late years, and consequently in the duties of Grand Secretary, the salary of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke be raised from £800 to £1,000 per annum. This proposal was accompanied by a just tribute of recognition and appreciation of the efficient manner in which the duties of Grand Secretary are discharged; and Bro. Sir John Monckton, in supporting the recommendation of the Board, called attention to the vast increase in the number of Lodges, and in the numerical strength of the Craft since the salary was originally fixed at its present rate, and pointed out how heavy and laborious the duties now were, in comparison with what they were when Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke first entered office. He deemed it unnecessary to support the proposal for the increase by any lengthened remarks; and the recommendation of the Board was at once assented to *nem con.* The appeal from Bombay, described in our report last week, was dismissed. Another matter of importance to the Craft was then brought on for consideration, in connection with the suggested Special Jubilee Offering of the Grand Lodge to the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Joseph Clever P.M. 171, Greenwich, had given notice of a motion that the sum of one thousand pounds should be paid from the Fund of General Purposes to each of the three Masonic Charities, but this was withdrawn in order to allow of full consideration being given to a second resolution, by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G. Deacon, that the amount to be given should be Two Thousand Pounds—double that suggested by Bro. Clever. It was ruled out of order to transpose the two motions on the paper, and thus the first was withdrawn in order that Bro. Raynham Stewart's might be brought forward. There was some little show of opposition, but of so insignificant a character that it was scarcely worth notice. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas moved, as an amendment, that the sum granted to each of the Institutions be one thousand pounds only, and this was seconded by Bro. Scurrah; but on being put to the vote it was supported by only half a-dozen brethren. Bro. Stewart's motion was then put, and carried by an overwhelming majority, amidst prolonged applause. Another commendable resolution, emanating from Bro. Raynham Stewart, met with the approbation of Grand Lodge, viz. that the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes, and placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season. This good news will be very welcome to, and duly appreciated by, the "Old Folks" at the Home at Croydon. Later in the evening the result of the scrutiny of votes in connection with the election of members to serve on the Board of General Purposes was announced, as follows:—

Edward Terry	Lodge	29
Augustus Taylor Day		58
Henry Sutherland, M.D.		99
Charles Belton		165
Frederick Trotman Bennett		211
James Terry		228
Nusserwanjee Dossabhoy Fracis		255
Robert George Clutton		631
Thomas Hastings Miller		907
Henry Pritchard		1415
Tom Drew Bear		1584
Henry Dickey		1744
Frederick Ernest Pocock, M.D.		1891
Howard Henry Room		2090

It was announced by the Grand Secretary that the M.W.G.M. had nominated Bros. J. A. Rucker (Chairman), H. D. Sandeman, and Brackstone Baker on the Colonial Board. The following other brethren were declared elected on that Board:—

James Brett	177
Thomas Henry Gardiner	657
Thomas James Reeves	1118
Thomas Charles Walls	1381
Reginald St. A. Roumieu	1537
Albert Escott	1593
Lieut.-Col. George Haldane (Vice-Chairman)	1615

The Grand Secretary announced that the M.W.G.M. had nominated as members of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Dr. Jabez Hogg, and F. Davison. The following brethren were nominated by the Committee of Masters:—

Alfred Henry Tattershall	140
Charles George Dilley	147
John Edward Dawson	404
Hugh Cotter	554
Major Alfred Durrant	569
Charles Alexander Cottebrune	733
Japheth Tickle	1196
Richard Kimpton	1287
Albert Fish	1366
William John Murlis	1524

There were no other nominations, and the brethren named were declared to have been duly elected.

The annual supper of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction will be held on Wednesday next, the 8th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, when a testimonial will be presented to Bro. E. Ayling, in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the Lodge.

Brother John Sampson, of York, has just published, in leaflet form, a Jubilee song, by Sir Charles Dodsworth, entitled "England." The words are in patriotic strain, and are to be sung to the tune of the National Anthem.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A REGULAR meeting of the members of this Lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 27th ult. under the presidency of Bro. B. E. Blasby I.P.M., the acting Worshipful Master. To mark their sorrowful appreciation of the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles Maton, the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. Lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which an advance was made to the second, when Brother T. A. Holland was passed, the work being admirably carried out by the acting Worshipful Master. In the course of the proceedings Bro. Blasby referred in tones of respectful regard to the late Bro. Charles Maton, who at the time of his decease, a few weeks since, was W.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge. Some ten or twelve years ago Bro. Maton came into the district of Kew, and started in business as a builder. Naturally, being in the same "line," he (the speaker) and Brother Maton soon became acquainted with each other, and he had always found their late brother a most straightforward and honourable man in the mode in which he carried on his business transactions. He introduced his friend into Freemasonry, and in that sphere he took an active part, always assisting in the work of the Lodge in every way he possibly could. He filled the various offices, and worked up to the chair, but unfortunately, as was well known to most of the brethren, he was overtaken by a serious and trying illness, which culminated in his death. The loss thus sustained by the Lodge it was impossible to over-estimate, and in testimony of the esteem in which he was held several of his Masonic friends paid the last tribute of sorrowful respect by following his body to the grave. The brethren would have seen an obituary notice of the deceased, and an account of the funeral, in a recent issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the son of their deceased Worshipful Master, expressive of the esteem and regard in which he was at all times held by the members of the Royal Alfred Lodge, and of their deep regret at the irreparable loss they had one and all sustained by his removal from amongst them whilst filling the most important office in the Lodge. Amongst the routine work was a proposition, that will be fully considered later on, to change the days of meeting of the Lodge, which have been found to clash with other important engagements of the members. The five tickets for admission to the Masonic Jubilee Meeting at the Albert Hall, on the 13th inst., were allotted, and after disposing of some minor business Lodge was closed in harmony. After labour the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, when the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very agreeable evening was enjoyed. It may be interesting to note that Bro. Blasby has twice ably filled the chair of the Royal Alfred Lodge, and that in his capacity as Immediate Past Master he has had to fulfil the duties, during the greater part of the time, of each of his two successors in office. Bro. Costelow came to the chair, but was prevented from attending after the first meeting, and the illness and death of Bro. Maton called his able services once more into requisition, so that he will remain in harness to the end of that brother's year. It is only due to say that the working of the Lodge is most ably and assiduously aided by its indefatigable Secretary, Bro. W. Hilton P.M., whose exertions tend to render the duties of the acting Worshipful Master and his Officers less onerous than they would otherwise be. The arrangements made by Bro. Brill, the respected proprietor of the Star and Garter, for the comfort and enjoyment of his guests were all that could be desired, and reflected the utmost credit upon the resources of this old and well known coaching house at Kew Bridge. Before closing our report, we may say that Bro. Brill has made full arrangements for the summer season, and we have little doubt that the many Lodges who have made this famous hostelry their trysting-place in the past will again take advantage of the superior accommodation that is ever to be found provided here. The Worshipful Master was supported by Bros. C. Coombs S.W., W. Rowe J.W., W. Eydmann Treasurer; P.M.'s W. Hilton (Secretary), Littlewood, and Beckett, and many other members. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. G. Gardner I.P.M. 2020, Edwards P.M. 1662, G. S. Graham P.M. P. Prov. G. Organist Middlesex.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Thursday, the 26th May. There were present Bros. Hobbs P.G.S.D. Surrey W.M., Langton P.G.J.W. Surrey I.P.M., Ridpath S.W., Samuel J.W., Fraser Secretary, Levèy S.D., Goode J.D., Leaver Organist, Cambridge P.P.G. Organist Surrey I.G., Lane Tyler; also Bros. West D.P.G.M. Surrey, Price P.G. Treasurer Surrey, Goodalla, J. C. Leaver, Rev. E. D. L. Harvey, E. C. Leaver, Percival, Wilson, Fraser, Holdsworth, Matthey, and Holden. Visitors—Bros. W. Foulsham P.P.G J.W. Northumberland, R. Clay Sudlow P.P.G.S D. Kent, W. Pile P.G S.B. Surrey, W. H. Ranson W.M. 1790, G. H. Moore W.M. 2054, G. T. Marshall P.M. 69, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, F. J. Wray P.M. 1257, Maitland H. Dicker P.M. 1470, F. C. Atkinson P.M. 1282, C. E. Penny S D. 1188, G. H. Bishop S.D. 1965, T. F. Downes 1635, G. K. Pugh 1625, F. Carter 14, C. F. Pass S.W. 1540, W. Stevenson Hoyte J.W. 1706, C. White 1790, J. Elkam 1668, Gordon Smith J.W. 14, A. Lester 1309, and E. J. Bell 1369. Lodge having been opened, the Secretary read the dispensation from the R.W. Prov. Grand Master Surrey, authorising the Lodge to meet on this, instead of the previous day, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Percival was passed to the second degree. Bro. Ridpath, the W.M. elect, was then presented and duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M. The following brethren were appointed and invested as the Officers for the following year, viz., Bros. Samuel S.W., Levèy J.W., J. C. Leaver Treasurer, Langton Secretary, Harvey Chaplain, Goode S.D., Cambridge J.D., Holdsworth Steward, F. W. Leaver Organist, W. Lane Tyler. Bro. Hoyte J.W. of the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, was proposed as a joining member. The resolution, of which notice had been given at the last meeting, to alter the days of meeting from the fourth Wednesday to the second Saturday, and the installation meeting from May to June, was unanimously carried. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, when the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Hobbs, the I.P.M., for his services during the past year. In responding for the Prov. Grand Officers of Surrey, Bro. West, the D.P.G.M., complimented the Lodge on what it had done for the Masonic Charities, having been instrumental in collecting, within the space of twelve months, a sum of nearly eight hundred pounds. An excellent programme of music had been prepared by Bro. Cambridge, which was ably rendered by Bros. Atkinson, Lester and Bell.

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JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

BY dispensation of Supreme Grand Chapter a meeting was held on Thursday (instead of Monday), at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., the reason for the change being the consequence of Bank Holiday. Companion L. Lazarus M.E.Z. took the chair at half-past five. The Chapter was opened in due form by the First Principal, who was assisted by the following:—Comps. J. W. Dewsnap 2nd Principal, L. M. Meyers 3rd Principal, J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, J. M. Emanuel P.Z. S.E. Later on the following Companions were present:—S. Jacobs S.N., Liebmann P.S., W. Littaur P.Z., H. P. Isaac P.Z, H. Saqui, I. Botibol, A. Botibol, W. S. Lyon, J. S. Lyon, S. Jewell, J. B. de Mesquita, Joseph Davis, Jacques Wynman, and several others. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The election of Principals took place, and resulted as follows:—Comp. J. W. Dewsnap M.E.Z., L. M. Meyers H., H. P. Isaac J., M. S. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, Liebmann Principal Sojourner, Henry Davis 1st A.S., W. S. Lyon 2nd A.S. The following Companions were elected as Auditors, and to serve on the Board of General Purposes:—S. Jewell, Jos. Davis, and S. Lyon. It was proposed by Comp. L. M. Meyers, and seconded by Comp. J. S. Lyon, that a sum be voted for a jewel to the M.E.Z., for the excellent manner in which he had again fulfilled the duties of the chair as M.E.Z. of the Joppa Chapter. This was unanimously agreed to. The labours of the evening being ended, the Chapter was closed, until the last Monday in November, and the Companions retired to the banqueting-room, where an excellent repast was provided. Later on the regular toasts were given and replied to.

WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER, No. 766.

A CONVOCATION of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 26th May, at the Cannon Street Hotel, Comps. J. C. Radford M.E.Z., T. Wilkinson J., H. Garrod P.Z. and Treasurer, W. Worrell P.Z. and S.E., Le Grand S.N., W. Jaques P.S., C. L. Kenneby First A.S., G. Bugler Second A.S., Dr. Kempster P.Z.; and the following Visitors:—E. Kelmar P.Z. 742, H. Thompson P.Z. 619, J. Morgan 342, Heath 91, Cooper 1446. The minutes of the last Convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Worrell read two dispensations, granted on his application by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. A communication had been made to the Grand S.E. setting forth a difficulty which had arisen on account of an inability to follow the regular Order in filling the three Principals' chairs, and His Royal Highness, by granting the dispensations, had relieved them, so that the business might be proceeded with. A copy of these dispensations was ordered to be entered on the minutes. This being the usual period for the installation and appointment of Officers, the First Principal's chair was assumed by Comp. H. Garrod P.Z., who did the duty of installing Comp. T. Wilkinson as M.E.Z., Comp. Alfred Le Grand as H., and Comp. George Bugler as J. The whole of these ceremonies were most ably performed, and Comp. Garrod received the warmest congratulations on the way in which they had been discharged. The other Officers appointed were Comps. H. Garrod Treasurer, W. Worrell S.E., W. Jaques S.N., C. L. Kennaby P.S., L. G. Reinhardt Janitor. The M.E.Z. received hearty congratulations from every Companion present upon the elevated position at which he had arrived; all wishing him the greatest amount of success during his year of office; for this he returned thanks. The M.E.Z. said that his first duty was a very pleasing one, as it was to present Comp. Radford P.Z. with the jewel, which had been voted to him by the Companions of the William Preston Chapter as an acknowledgment of the services he had rendered while occupying the chair of First Principal during his year of office, and he trusted that he might be blessed with health for many years to wear it. The jewel, which was a very beautiful one, bore the following inscription:—

"Presented by the William Preston Chapter, to Companion J. C. RADFORD P.Z., as a token of esteem and affection, and for his excellent working in the chair for the years 1886 and 1887."

Comp. Radford thanked the Companions most sincerely for their splendid gift, but at the same time he must say that he had not given such attention as he should have liked to the duties of his office, but he promised his successor to render him all the assistance that was in his power. Comp. Dr. Kempson P.Z. rose and said that he had great pleasure in informing the Companions

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that their esteemed Companion Hiscox P.Z. had been appointed Grand Registrar for Cambridgeshire, and he felt sure that the Chapter would congratulate him upon that appointment; he accordingly moved, "That the William Preston Chapter congratulates Comp. Hiscox upon his appointment as Grand Registrar of Cambridgeshire. The motion was carried unanimously, and Companion Hiscox, who was present, returned thanks. The report of the Audit Committee was presented, showing that the finances of the Chapter were in a very satisfactory condition. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to the banqueting room, where a bounteous repast was provided; it embraced some of the choicest viands of the season. On the withdrawal of the cloth, grace was sung by the professional singers. The M.E.Z. said the first toast on his list was that of the Queen, the Patroness of Royal Arch Masonry. As the mother of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, she was entitled to the highest honours. Drank with cordiality, followed by the National Anthem, the solo parts being sung by Mdme. Worrell. The M.E.Z. said that the next toast he had to propose was the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales the G.Z. Whilst under his superintendence the ruling was most effectual, and he felt sure that all would go well. The toast was enthusiastically responded to, followed by a song, "Sing, sweet bird," by Miss Maud Cameron. The next toast was the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. Song—"Angus Macdonald," by Madame Lansdell Sims, sung in a style which elicited hearty applause. Comp. Radford P.Z. called upon the Companions to drink the health of Comp. Wilkinson M.E.Z. of the William Preston Chapter, whom it had given him great pleasure that night to see installed into the chair of First Principal. He had known him for many years, he had followed him in the different offices in the Lodge, and had now done so in the Chapter, and would in a short time be equal to any service which might be required of him. He asked the Companions to join with him in drinking his health. The request was most cordially responded to. Madame Worrell sang "Sweet spirit, hear my prayer," from "Lurline," and her execution of this beautiful air received the most enthusiastic applause; a rapturous encore followed, which Madame Worrell complied with. The M.E.Z., in returning thanks for the proposition of his health said, I thank you very much for the cordial way in which you have drunk the health of the First Principal in the chair, and I can assure you that I will endeavour in every way in my power, and to the best of my ability during my year of office, to discharge the duties in such a way as not to leave room for you to find fault with me. Afterwards I will do everything that I can to promote the interests of the Chapter. The M.E.Z. said the next toast he had to propose was that of the Visitors, who always received a hearty welcome at every meeting of their Chapter; he was sorry there were not more present that evening. He then enumerated them; their names will be seen above. The toast was well received. Comp. H. Thompson, upon being called upon to reply, said he had come there that night as the representative of a well-known and esteemed Companion (Comp. W. W. Morgan). Not having visited the Chapter before, he almost expected to find himself amongst a body of strangers, if indeed he could ever find himself a stranger amongst Freemasons; at the same time, he was little prepared to meet such old associates, as during his youth in the Order he met in the person of their esteemed Treasurer Comp. Garrod, their installing Principal of that evening, who was a Past Master of the Lodge in which he was initiated, nearly thirty years ago. The way in which he had performed the ceremony of installing the three Principals had given him the greatest pleasure, and as proficiency in conferring those rites was only acquired by a few he thought the Companions of the William Preston Chapter had reason to be proud of being associated with him. As to their worthy S.E., Comp. Worrell, they were many years ago almost "boys together" in Freemasonry, as frequenters of Lodges of Instruction; no doubt it was there that Comp. Worrell gained the instruction which formed the foundation of his future career, and fitted him for those important duties in which he was destined afterwards to take part. He (Comp. Thompson) was glad to find that the labours of Comp. Garrod had been recognised by the Grand Lodge for the exemplary way in which he had acted for a number of years, and that the Grand Master had conferred upon him honours he so well deserved. Other visitors briefly acknowledged the toast. The M.E.Z., in giving the health of the Installing Principal and Treasurer, said that the way in which he had gone through the ceremonies of installation that evening was second to none, while as their Treasurer he always took good care of their funds. The toast was most cordially responded to. Comp. Garrod, in reply, said he returned thanks to their M.E.Z. for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and for the cordial and hearty response the Companions had given it. It was a pleasing duty to instal their M.E.Z. into the chair, and he had endeavoured to discharge it to the best of his ability. As to the financial state of the Chapter, it was in a flourishing condition, for they had a much larger balance than last year, and they would be enabled at no very distant period to make themselves Life Governors of all the Charities; up to the present they had done little for them. He was glad to see Comp. Thompson, whom he had met in Freemasonry thirty years ago; he was a worthy Companion, and so he thought all would say. Some other toasts were given, and the entire evening was spent in the true spirit of Freemasonry. The pleasures of the meeting were enhanced by the vocal talents of Madame Worrell, Miss Maud Cameron, Madame Lansdell Sims, and Comp. Thomas Nettleship; Bro. James Burn presided at the pianoforte.

The weekly meetings of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction (Fridays, at the Moorgate) have been adjourned until the middle of September next.

MARK MASONRY.

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WILTSHIRE KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 178.

THE regular quarterly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Wednesday, the 25th ultimo. The W.M.M. Bro. F. S. Hancock occupied the chair, and there were present as Visitors—Bros. C. F. Matier P.G.W., R. B. Bryant Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, and G. Allen S.W. 139. The routine having been gone through, and three candidates balloted for and approved, the W.M. reported that the Wiltshire Anchor Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in connection with this Lodge had been duly consecrated that afternoon, and that in consequence they had the pleasure of welcoming among them some distinguished visitors who had come to Devizes for the purpose of such Consecration. He then asked Bro. Matier if he would favour him by taking the chair to perform the ceremony of advancement. Bro. Matier having assented, Bros. the Rev. Walter Humphreys, Fred. Sloper and W. F. Gaby (the candidate previously balloted for), were most ably advanced by him to the degree of M.M.M. Bro. Hancock W.M. having resumed the chair, proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Matier. Bro. Nott P.M. seconded, and it was carried by acclamation. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to supper, at the Bear Hotel.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

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CONSECRATION OF WILTSHIRE ANCHOR LODGE, 178.

ON Wednesday, 25th ultimo, this new Lodge was consecrated, at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, the ceremony being performed in the most impressive manner by Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W. Mark, assisted by Bros. R. B. Bryant P.G. Mark Standard Bearer and Allen P.W.C.N. The Officers named in the warrant were Bros. W. Nott P.M.M. 178 and P.G. Steward as N., John Chandler P.M.M. 178 as J., and Bro. Henry I. Ward P.M. 178 as S. Thirteen candidates were duly elevated to the degree by Bro. Bryant. Bro. Nott was subsequently installed in the chair of N. by Bro. Matier, and he afterwards appointed and invested the following Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. John Chandler J., H. I. Ward S., H. Howes S.D., J. A. Randall J.D., F. S. Hancock D.C., T. C. Hopkins Organist, H. J. Johnson G., James Pocock Std., C. B Barnes W. The W.C.N. proposed and the S.W. seconded a vote of thanks to Bros. Matier and Bryant for coming amongst them that day, and for the excellent manner in which the whole of the ceremonies had been performed by them. This was carried by acclamation, and duly acknowledged by those brethren. After a similar vote of thanks to Bro. Allen, the Lodge was closed.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Lyceum. — The greatest men and actors must have their limitations, and though certain henchmen and partizans are prepared to swear their loudest that everything done by their chief is "wisest, discreetest, best," the enthusiasm has sometimes the mechanical sonority of a claque. If Mr. Irving announced he was about to play Falstaff or Marc Antony, there are those who would gush with anticipated rapture. However, we can easily imagine how Mr. Irving would smile sardonically at the sham enthusiasm. In the parts in which he is excellent Mr. Irving may be said to be supremely so; with him there is no mediocrity. His mind either grasps and at once absorbs the character he would represent, or, despite his will, resents an impossible task, and we have a failure, the more frank from the very honesty and earnestness of the actor. Delightful it was on Saturday to welcome back to the Lyceum stage the Louis XI. Mr. Irving conjures for us from the pages of Sir Walter Scott. If something of the historical king is forgotten, the statesman underlying the tyrant, masked by the resentless foe of aristocratic privileges, it may be urged we do not go to the play to study history, and it would perhaps be hypercritical to ask why so many years be added to the age of the king, seeing that Louis died at 65. At the Lyceum he might be a nonagenarian. His portrayal of the feebleness of age has wonderful reality; but is it not apt to weaken our contempt for the king's character, this pity for the pathos of old age? Formerly Mr. Irving showed little indication of this in his earlier scenes, and a certain sense of incongruity was the result when, with the fifth act, so great a change of aspect and bearing was exhibited by the stricken king, who seemed to have grown old suddenly. We cannot but believe the elaboration of the death is a mistake, though in art it is wonderfully realistic; indeed we may call it a physiological study, agonising to witness even by those who have recently stood by an actual death scene. The paralysis of the lips, struggling to utter the words that can never be spoken, has an awful pathos. The house trembled in silence at the dread realisation of the death scene. As regards the other characters Mr. Alexander makes a spirited and handsome Nemours, while Miss Emery was once more a tender and graceful Marie. Mr. Wenman rather suggests a veterinary surgeon of the period than the scholarly physician Cottier. Mr. Harbury's Philip de Commines is innocent of the wicked villainies the original was given to. One does not wonder the king's temper suffers in such society. A word of praise is due to Messrs. Harvey, Tyars, Mead, Archer, and Mrs. Chippendale for the ability displayed in their respective parts.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 4th JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
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. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, King's Head Hotel, Harrow, at 3 p.m.
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
463—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1363—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1557—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent

MONDAY, 6th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Ganden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden 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.)
1469—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.)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1625—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In)
1626—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1698—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2098—Harlesden, National School, Harlesden
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
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
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
492—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)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
950—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
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
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Carsdoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-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
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malton.
R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 7th JUNE.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
765—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, Pentonville-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, Horsesy Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
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).

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Barnsley
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
236—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1344—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, Gosport
R.A. 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 8th 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, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instn)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.
1588—Upper Norwood, White Hart House, Upper Norwood
1691—Ravensbourne, Georgian, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1804—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1810—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1829—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1862—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1881—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Bannmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1534—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn
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
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
148—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
289—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
708—Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Raucorn, 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)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1089—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
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, 120 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Assembly, Grantham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

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1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
2006—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
2045—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 351—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 330—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
R.A. 1973—Saye and Sele, Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent
M.M. 193—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 9th 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—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 306 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
1159—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, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 8.30 (Inst)
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1599—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—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. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldwarch 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—Creston, 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.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
129—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
216—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
323—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
329—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Staffs
733—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1090—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Prudeaux, Man.
1146—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1162—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1304—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
1368—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
1762—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
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R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
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FRIDAY, 10th 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
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
854—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, 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 C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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)
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff
64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 11th JUNE

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)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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-st., W., at 8
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

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THE JUBILEE COMMEMORATION.

MONDAY next will be essentially *the* Jubilee-Day, so far as Freemasonry is concerned. Ere these lines are read a great number of our brethren living in distant parts of the country will have packed up their portmanteaus and completed their arrangements for a rather more protracted stay in town than has been their wont, for the Commemoration Gathering and the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys form a "double event" such as has never hitherto been experienced in the Masonic annals. The latter occasion, we venture to opine, will attract almost, if not quite, as much attention as the splendid pageant to which we are all looking forward with such eagerness at the Royal Albert Hall; and, with the two important Festivals following each other on consecutive days, will unquestionably bring to the metropolis such an assemblage of the Masonic Fraternity as was never before witnessed in this or any other country, nor is it likely will be seen again within the present generation, if at all. From the four corners of the Empire, north, east, west, and south, will rally forth good men and true who rejoice to be ranged under the illustrious banner of Freemasonry, and who gratefully accept as their watchword and landmark "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft." That motto, though so frequently employed in our Lodges and Chapters—indeed whenever Masonic matters form the topic of conversation—does not diminish, but on the contrary gathers strength by oft-reiteration.

The deep rooted affection for the Sovereign of these realms and for the Constitution which has done so much to consolidate the peace, prosperity, and progress of the British Empire is too well known to need reference here. It is as firmly established in our hearts as the sun and stars are in the firmament of the Great Universe, and amidst all the shocks that may overtake the nations, or sap the foundations of governments, religious and political organisations, or any other of our institutions, the Ancient and Honourable Institution of Freemasonry will remain fixed and immovable, impregnable against the attacks of its foes, and the buffetting of the storms of partisanship that may beat fiercely upon it. Were it possible to assemble in one huge structure the whole of those who desired to witness the coming spectacle—only a shade paler in colour and grandeur than the momentous Jubilee procession itself, when our beloved Queen will proceed in State to the Thanksgiving Service at Westminster Abbey—the scene would be one that it is impossible to contemplate without feelings almost akin to awe. But this being impracticable, it was necessary to devise the next best plan that could be conceived, and we may look forward to Monday's gathering as the most representative, most brilliant and enthusiastic demonstration the world has ever gazed upon. Not only will the wearers of the blue and purple in our "tight little island" be there, but we hear of distinguished brethren who have not thought it too great a task to cross sea and ocean in order to participate in this vast and unprecedented homage to our Queen and Empress.

Recollections of the sublime scene witnessed in the same building twelve years ago, when our Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was installed into the exalted office he so worthily fills to this day—and that he may long continue to do so is the fervent prayer of every Mason—are still vividly present in the minds of many who were then the privileged holders of tickets. The reception given to the Heir Apparent, and the splendid honours accorded to him amidst such an ebullition of loyalty and enthusiasm, can never be effaced from the memories of those who took part in the proceedings. Up to this day brethren are never tired of recapitulating the salient features of that "day of days," and proudly refer to it as a red-letter one in their experience. But when we come to consider the gigantic strides that English Freemasonry has made since the year 1875, and the enormous number of Lodges and Chapters—to say nothing of the other Masonic organisations—which have sprung into existence in the time that has elapsed, the great difficulty appeared to be—how to cope with the necessarily greater number of brethren who would be intensely anxious to be present at this glorious Commemoration. Obstacles that appeared to be almost insurmountable, however, disappeared one by one before the judicious administration of those who were entrusted with the carrying out of the arrangements; and so far as it was humanly possible we are assured that those preparations are likely to give general satisfaction. Of course it is futile to attempt to please everybody—you may as well try to compress the specific bulk of water; and there will be many hundreds of the brethren tingling with disappointment at their inability to participate in the proceedings of that day. We recollect the same kind of thing occurred on the former occasion to which reference has been made; it will be on a much larger scale this time. But we are bound to accept the inevitable, for you cannot "put into a quart pot more than it will hold."

We recollect some time ago standing amidst a great crowd in the corridor of St. Stephen's—an impatient throng, for a tithe of whom it was impossible to find accommodation in the Strangers' Gallery. It was a night when a great debate was "on," and red-hot politicians had travelled from remote regions of the country to hear the idol of the hour expatiate on some question that was then deemed a "burning one" in political circles. They had all come fortified with "orders" from their respective members, and with nervous twitching reluctantly deposited their papers in the glass basin which was held aloft by a sturdy custodian, and which, having been "well shaken," were taken out singly by a perfectly independent person—as at a raffle or a draw. Those lucky ones whose names were called out in stentorian tones marched off with a glance of defiant triumph at the rest in waiting, who were drawn up in the vestibule like the ranks of an awkward squad. But at last the irrevocable announcement came that the Gallery was full, and amidst low muttered expressions of chagrin and louder demonstrations of vexation, those who felt disinclined to wait an indefinite time for one of the favoured strangers to withdraw—when another order is picked out of the basin—they "wandered silently away," to vent their pent-up indignation in some other form of edification—or dissipation. We well remember one rough brawny Scot, who had journeyed all the way from the Land o' Cakes in full expectation of revelling in another dose of his Midlothian champion's eloquence; but he fared ill, like many others, and his rage could only find vent in such a tornado of Gallic as we fancy has been seldom heard within the sacred precincts of the Commons House of Parliament.

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We relate this little episode, of which we were ourselves a witness, just to illustrate in some way the difficulties that had to be contended with in respect of next Monday's gathering at the Albert Hall. As soon as the "confidential" circular of the Pro Grand Master was issued a thrill of eager anticipation vibrated throughout the length and breadth of the English Masonic world. Nor was it until the second communication found its way more generally into the hands of the brethren that the project assumed anything like a definite shape. It was then announced that the holding capacity of the Albert Hall would admit of five tickets only being allotted to each of the two thousand and odd Lodges on the register of the United Grand Lodge of England, and these, as may be supposed, were coveted, like "Jews' eyes," by a vastly greater number than could secure them. The task remained with the Masters and Wardens of Lodges to apportion those tickets as best they could, with due regard to precedence and seniority; and we sincerely trust that in this endeavour they contrived not to ruffle the habitual serenity and harmony of their members. There is reason to suppose that many Lodges situated in far remote districts found it inconvenient to utilise the five tickets so allotted to them, taking into consideration the expense and loss of time so long a journey to London would involve. We are not in the secrets of the Grand Executive, but presume that all such tickets as have been thus "respectfully declined" have been diverted into other channels. At any rate, with the most careful and judicious arrangements on the part of the functionaries who will be appointed to show the brethren to their seats, and by packing the brethren as tightly together as it is in the power of man to endure, Albert Hall, on Monday, will be thronged "from floor to ceiling" by men who will shout ringing cheers of acclaim when the Address to Her Majesty is agreed to, and when the honours due to our Most Worshipful Master are called for. Such a parterre of purple and blue and gold and white, such a glittering of jewels and distinctions never yet was seen under one roof, and the one absorbing wish of each of the eight thousand fortunate ticket-holders is "May I be there to see."

We must not omit to look, however, at the practical side of this great demonstration, apart from its anticipated glories as a spectacle. There is a great and two-fold object in this bringing together of the pick and flower of the English Craft on a day which leaves its mark not only on Freemasonry as a body, but upon our national history. The great and primary end in view is to congratulate our beloved Queeen Victoria upon the completion of the fiftieth year of her benign and illustrious reign, and that in itself is sufficient to warm the hearts of loyal Masons—and how many are not loyal?—into a brighter flame of loyal devotion towards the august Lady Patroness of the Craft. Other bodies of men, in the State, the Church, the Legislature, the professions and trades, and industries of every name, may celebrate the event in their own way, and with their sincere and hearty sentiments of loyalty and affection which sit so deeply in the breasts of the British nation. But amongst none will those emotions be more forcibly or genuinely displayed than by the representatives of English Freemasonry who will find themselves in the Albert Hall next Monday. With one voice, heart, and hand will the note of acclaim be sounded, "God Save the Queen;" and the chord will be taken up and re-echoed by the phalanx of Masons throughout the length and breadth of Her Majesty's vast domain who, though unable to be present in person, will be emphatically there "at heart." Every word of that congratulatory Address will be scanned as "Queen's Speech" has never yet been; every line will be devoured and made the pivot of thousands of echoing gratulations all over the kingdom during the forthcoming session of Labour, and long, long afterwards. The gladsome notes wafted from the mammoth hall at Kensington will be borne away to the brethren in the City and "greater London," many of whose Lodges will meet that evening to celebrate the occasion; it will flash along the telegraph to the more distant Provinces where those who could not attend the Festival will be consoling themselves with Jubilee celebrations of their own; in like manner it will fly across the Atlantic to America and Canada, beneath the seas to the Colonies and the Dependencies of the British Crown; and all that domain upon which the sun never sets will rise and join in the glorious pœan of "Long may she reign!" Never before has the inner soul of Freemasonry been stirred in such a way as it will be then, and the strings will continue to beat in happy harmony for years to come. The spectacle itself, sublime as it will be, with our Most Worshipful the Grand Master surrounded on the dais by the most distinguished leaders of our profession, and faced by a dense mass of ardent loyal and enthusiastic brethren, will be but a transient one, after all. But who can fathom the collateral influences which such a gathering will exercise upon the Masonic world? It is impossible to do so, and therefore we will not attempt the hopeless task. But of this we may be certain, the Jubilee Commemoration will carry into the future of our Order the most beneficent and inspiriting effects, and give a purifying and exhilarating stimulus to all our Masonic work.

But there is yet another aspect of the subject, and one which, from a practical point of view, will be regarded by brethren as of paramount importance, namely, the substantial addition to the funds of our Masonic Institutions which will be the outcome of this memorable gathering. There was some discussion at the outset as to whether one or two guineas should be charged as an admission fee, some urging that the higher amount would be the means of excluding those who could not afford the money; and ultimately the smaller figure was fixed, so as to bring the privilege within the reach of all. Under these circumstances, when we consider that upwards of eight thousand tickets have been issued at a guinea a-piece, we may safely reckon on each of our Charities being benefited to the tune of more than a couple of thousand pounds. Large as have been the contributions of the brethren towards the Institutions during the present year, this addition will be none the less welcome, and will enable the "heads of departments" to widen and extend their laudable designs. It is understood that Grand Lodge has announced its intention of paying the whole of the expenses connected with the Festival, so that the entire proceeds shall be handed over to the funds of the Institutions. The result, therefore, will be one to rejoice the hearts of all who are interested in the welfare of the Charities, and will mark the Jubilee year as one of the most unique and gratifying in the whole Masonic calendar. We sincerely trust that—as the weather plays an important part in all such displays—the day may be fine, so that the comfort of the brethren going to and returning from the hall may not be seriously interfered with. The day will be one "ever to be remembered," and we look forward to it with the most eager and pleasurable anticipations.

THE BOYS' FESTIVAL.

BEFORE our next issue the Eighty-Ninth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will have come and gone, and we have little to add to what we have already said in respect of that gathering, which, though coming last upon our list of Annual Festivals, is nevertheless by no means the least important. The preparations for the banquet at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday next are all matured, and the only surprise we anticipate—an agreeable one, it must be admitted—is that the attendance will be greater than has been the case in past years, and that the resources of the culinary establishmen at the Palace will be subjected to an unusual strain. It is well known that a very large contingent of the brethren of West Yorkshire will be present to support their popular and esteemed Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomas W. Tew; and we hear on the best authority that since the announcement was made that that distinguished Brother had consented to preside on the occasion, they have worked manfully with the view of swelling the amounts which the Stewards from that Riding will bring up. In his manifesto to the brethren of his Province a short time ago, Bro. Tew, speaking in patriotic vein of the Jubilee celebrations, expressed the hope that he should be accompanied to London by representatives of every one of the Lodges in West Yorkshire; and, if at that time the response was ready and unanimous, the realisation of the Provincial Grand Master's hope was doubly assured when it became known that he would preside at the Boys' Festival on the day following the Commemorative Gathering at the Albert Hall. West Yorkshire, as we are all aware, is most regular and generous in its support of the Masonic Charities, and this year the raising of an additional two

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thousand pounds for the purchase of two Permanent Presentations to the Benevolent Institution has put their charitable principles rather severely to the test. Notwithstanding all this, the reputation of their chief and of the Province is concerned in the Festival of next Tuesday, and it is no matter for surprise that, with the tenacity of our hardy northern race, they should rally round the Chairman of the day with all their force, and backed by all the financial "ammunition" they can possibly command. Within the last week or two the number of Stewards has been increased by twenty or more, bringing up the total to two hundred and eighty; and with such a respectable list we are more than hopeful that the result will be equal to, if not in excess of, any preceding Festival, omitting perhaps that of four years ago, when an exceptional effort was made on behalf of the Preparatory School. That such may be the case is the desire of all who are interested in the Institution, and who are well aware that the next year will bring exceptionally heavy responsibilities; moreover, it is most advisable that the deficit recently spoken of by the Secretary, Bro. Binckes, should be reduced as much as possible. An interesting feature in connection with next Tuesday's proceedings was to have been the presentation to Bro. Binckes of a testimonial, which has been for some months in course of development, in recognition of the unwearying and indefatigable services he has rendered to the Institution during the lengthy period of twenty-nine years. Circumstances have intervened, however, which render it necessary to postpone that interesting event until Saturday, the 25th instant (this day fortnight), when the annual distribution of prizes and Stewards' visit to the Institution at Wood Green is fixed to take place. A record of those services could only be told in a compendious volume, and certainly could not be done justice to in the columns of a weekly journal; therefore we will not attempt even a shadowy outline of them. Whatever form the testimonial takes, we trust it may be a substantial recognition of the faithful stewardship of one who has done so much to build up the solidity and strength of that Institution, which has been the means of inestimable blessings to so many a deserving family. Far beyond the intrinsic value of the gift, however, will be the expression of that appreciation and esteem by which it has been prompted, and the "Well done, good and faithful servant," which will reverberate through the great hall at Wood Green on the 25th instant, will fall with grateful cadence on the ears of our esteemed and valued Secretary. The meeting of "Old Masonians," on Tuesday next, for the first time in the history of the Festivals, is a feature of congratulation, and it may be hoped that the "innovation" made this year, at the instigation of Bro. Binckes, and supported by the main body of the Stewards, will become a permanent feature of these Festivals. Quite recently the Most Worshipful Grand Master has signified his intention of conferring in Grand Lodge (in celebration of the Jubilee year) Past Grand rank upon a large number of brethren who have distinguished themselves in Masonic work, and this intimation has set the feelings of Craftsmen throughout the kingdom in a glow. *Jubilate* will be shouted all the louder in consequence. These honours will be shared by every Province, with a due proportion for London, so that the number to be "promoted" next week will be a formidable one. It will be accepted as universally satisfactory that, included in the "honourable mentions" are the Secretaries of our three Institutions, Bros. Fredk. Binckes, James Terry, and F. R. W. Hedges, all of whom are eminently deserving of this mark of Royal favour. Although we are not absolutely behind the scenes, we have heard it whispered that in cases where Past Grand rank is conferred upon individuals it is customary not to charge the regular fees of honour, but we have heard it stated amongst those who are already apprised of the coming event that they will scarcely consider themselves full purple flesh and blood until they have paid their fees of honour. As there are over a hundred Grand Officers who will have the dignity conferred upon them next week, suppose that, in the munificence of their generosity and ebullition of gratitude and goodwill, the equivalent of those fees were devoted to the establishment of a special fund for the benefit of the three Masonic Charities. It would only be an exemplification of the "conscience money" principle which so often cheers, as doubtless it surprises, Chancellors of the Exchequer, and would form the nucleus of a very substantial "Consolation Fund," like the John Hervey and others, by which unsuccessful candidates at the various elections might receive some little solace in their disappointments. This is but a suggestion, but seeing how similar benefits are provided by other Institutions, we see no reason why it should not be tried in our own, provided, of course, our assumption is correct, that the fortunate ones receiving honours are desirous of fully "qualifying" by payment of the regular and ordinary fees. In conclusion, we may again express the hope that the Stewards and Brethren who will congregate at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday next may spend a very pleasant time of it, and that Brother Binckes may be enabled to announce such a result as shall show that the interest of the brethren in the Boys' Institution, and their practical exertions in its behalf, have in no way diminished, in spite of all the demands that have been made upon them during this exceptional year.

Brethren, and more especially those who propose coming up from the Provinces, will be glad to be informed that special arrangements are being made for their comfort and accommodation, while remaining in town for the two great events of Monday and Tuesday next. We have often had occasion to refer to the elegance and completeness—and, by no means a slight feature of recommendation, economy—afforded at the Holborn Restaurant, which, being within gunshot of Freemasons' Hall, has been increasingly of late years made the resort of brethren attending Grand Lodge, and other important occasions, in the very heart of the Masonic centre. The Holborn Restaurant has for years been under the tongue of good report, not only for the luxurious refinement of its interior and the tact and ability with which it is managed, but where ordinary "creature comforts" can be obtained amidst palatial surroundings at merely ordinary tariff it is no wonder that visitors flock there in greater numbers every year, and carry away glowing impressions of the manner in which luxury and economy can be so judiciously combined in the great metropolis. We publish elsewhere the "menu" prepared for Monday next, and are informed that a very large number of Masons intend repairing thither on returning from the Commemoration Gathering at the Albert Hall. Similar remarks apply to Freemasons' Tavern, adjoining the Hall, where there will be a table d'hote dinner at separate tables, in the Great Hall from half-past five until eight o'clock. There is scarcely any necessity to remind the brethren of the superior accommodation of which they have such frequent experience at Freemasons' Tavern, nor of the excellence of the *cuisine* invariably dispensed by those famous caterers Messrs. Spiers and Pond. On the maxim that "good wine needs no bush," there will be numbers of visitors only too eager to renew their acquaintanceship with the "old quarters," after their appetites have been whetted by a journey to and from Kensington.

We observe, too, that the management of the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, are laying themselves out for special receptions of visitors on the eventful day, and here again experience has taught many that the imposing corner pile, overlooking the ancient church of St. Sepulchre, and Newgate, affords every comfort and luxury, at a tariff which can be graduated according to the means and desires of its guests. One cannot put all his eggs into one basket, and, seeing the vast number of brethren who will flock into town for the big event, it is absurd to imagine they can all be accommodated at the same establishment. We especially recommend the three named, and assure our readers that, whatever their gastronomic tastes, they will be abundantly satisfied with the bills of fare which are to be set before them on that occasion. Visitors are shrewd enough to know for themselves the difference between taking their meals in a well-appointed, ventilated *salon*, with all the accessories of cleanliness, excellence of viands and "drinks," and agreeable society, and sitting in a stuffy chop-house, or so-called "restaurant," where, though the conditions are painfully the reverse, the waiter makes no reduction in his bill, which is as high as—or higher than—those of first-class hotels. In all probability a great majority of those who attend the Albert Hall Commemoration will remain over the next day, to witness the Festival of the Boys' School at the Crystal Palace, in which case they will know the very best and cheapest places to which they may repair before they start on their journey to Sydenham.

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PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

THE Annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland was held at the Bull's Head Hotel, Loughborough, on Tuesday, the 24th May, by the invitation of the Charnwood Chapter, No. 1007, M.E. Companion William Kelley, Grand Superintendent, presided, and was supported by

E. Comps. George Toller Prov. G.H., Wm. Vial as Prov. G.J., S. S. Partridge Prov. G.S.E., Joseph Young Prov. G.S.N., J. Tuckfield Prov. G. Treas., T. Halliday Prov. G.P.S., Edgar Taylor Prov. G. Std.Br., M. J. Walker Prov. G.D.C., W. S. Allen P.P.G.N., Rev. C. Henton Wood P.P.G.Reg., R. Dagleish P.P.G.P.S., A. P. Wood P.P.A.G.S., T. Coltman P.P.G.Treas., C. J. Wilkinson P.P.G.A.D.C., R. L. Gibson P.Z. 1007, C. Oliver J. 1007, J. H. Marshall S.E. 1007, C. Lowenstein P.S. 1007, T. Corcoran A.S. 1007, G. C. Oliver A.S. 1007, W. H. Goodwin 1130, and others. Amongst the visitors were E. Comps. T. E. Yeoman Z. 731 and Edgar Horne J. 731 P.P.G.Org. Derbyshire.

The Charnwood Chapter having been previously opened, the Grand Superintendent and his Officers entered the Chapter room and were received with the customary honours. The Provincial Grand Chapter was then opened in due form and the Rolls of Chapters and Provincial Grand Officers were called and duly answered, after which the minutes of the previous Annual Convocation were submitted and confirmed. Pursuant to Bye Law VI. of P.G. Chapter, Comp. W. J. Freer was installed as third Principal of the De Mowbray Chapter 1130. The report of the Audit Committee upon the Provincial Grand Treasurer's account, which showed a balance in hand of £21 4s 6d, was read, and upon motion duly made the Treasurer's account was passed, and a vote of thanks accorded to him for his services. The Provincial Grand Registrar's report was read, showing a slight falling off in the number of subscribing members in the Province E. Comp. J. Tuckfield was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested his Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Comp. S. S. Partridge P.Z. 279 ...	2nd Principal
W. S. Allen P.Z. 779	3rd Principal
Rev. C. Henton Wood P.Z. 779 ...	Scribe E.
W. Vial Z. 1007	Scribe N.
J. Tuckfield J. 779	Treasurer
W. A. Musson Z. 779	Registrar
C. J. Wilkinson P.Z. 1007 ...	Principal Sojourner
W. J. Freer J. 1130	1st Assist. do.
C. Oliver J. 1007	2nd do.
Maj. J G. F. Richardson J. 1560	Sword Bearer
J. D. Harris H. 279	Standard Bearer
M. J. Walker Z. 1130	Dir. of Cers.
J. H. Thompson J. 279	Assist. do.
J. H. Marshall Scribe E. 1007...	Organist
T. Dunn 279 ... ... }	Janitors
J. Tanser 279 ... ... }	

Comp. Partridge having given notice of motion to revise the Provincial Grand Chapter Bye-laws, and some other formal business having been disposed of, the Provincial Grand Chapter was duly closed. An excellent banquet was afterward served, at which the Grand Superintendent presided, and the proceedings passed off with the utmost harmony.

KNIGHT TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

IN a bulky and well arranged volume we have before us a comprehensive Report of the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island during the last year. The semi-annual Conclave was held in the city of Providence, R.I., on 21st May 1886, when the R.E. Grand Commander, Sir George H. Burnham, was supported by a numerous body of Sir Knights, Past Grand Officers and Past Eminent Commanders. The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum opened for the despatch of business. After uniting in devotions with E. Sir Rev. J. W. Dadman Grand Prelate, the records of the previous year's proceedings were approved, and the R.E. Grand Commander stated that he had appointed E. Sir Clinton D. Sellew and J. O. Earle to provide a collation, to be served at one o'clock. In opening his address the Grand Commander congratulated the Craftsmen upon being able to meet in the new and spacious building lately erected in that city. He then referred to the death, since their last Conclave, of E. Sir Gilbert Nurse, Grand Captain General 1834, Grand Generalissimo 1835, adding that he had appointed a Committee to prepare a minute referring to the life and services of that distinguished frater. Having enumerated the inspections that had taken place during the year, he expressed the opinion that the Grand Wardens, being elective Officers of Grand Commandery and filling important stations, should be assigned to duty as inspecting Officers. Such assignments would lighten somewhat the duties of the Officers now designated by the Constitution for such service, and render the office of Grand Warden useful as well as ornamental. E. Sir Eben D. Bancroft, appointed Grand Standard Bearer, E. Sir Wm. H. H. Soule, appointed Grand Captain of the Guards, and E. Sir S. G. Stiness, appointed Grand Lecturer, being absent from the annual Conclave, had subsequently been installed by him. Amendments to the bye laws of several Commanderies had been approved, and dispensations had been granted to Sutton Commandery to hold a public installation of its Officers; to De Molay Commandery to fill a vacancy existing in the Board of Trustees of its permanent fund; to William Parkman Commandery to appear in Templar costume for the purpose of paying a fraternal visit to a neighbouring Commandery; to Holy Sepulchre Commandery to appear in Templar costume, but without banners or music, for the purpose of attending Divine Service on Easter Day; to Washington Commandery to transact business (including balloting) at a special conclave; to Bristol and Bethany Commanderies, shortening the time of balloting on certain petitions—insisting, however, in these cases that notice should be given of the proposed balloting, and that no ballot should be taken on any petition until a Committee had reported thereon. He added that he had received several requests for permission to receive, refer, and ballot upon petitions at the same conclave, but had in all cases declined to grant such requests. Having touched briefly on minor matters, including the appointment of representatives of the Grand Commandery, rituals, jurisdiction, &c., he intimated that the triennial session of Grand Encampment was close at hand, and the notes of preparation for that auspicious event were sounding on all sides. Suggestions of many radical changes in its laws were heard, and their representative had already been instructed as to some of these. The address having been referred to Committees, the R.E. Grand Commander retired from the Committee on Constitution and Digest, and appointed Sir Samuel Ames to fill the vacancy. The report of the bye-laws was accepted, and the recommendations adopted. The Committee appointed to prepare a memorial of their late venerable Companion, E. Sir Gilbert Nurse, presented the following brief abstract of his life, and of his services in the several degrees and orders in Freemasonry:—

"Our lamented *Frater* was born in Royalston, Mass., in 1798, and died in Pepperell, Mass., 6th November 1885. He was buried in Cambridge Cemetery 9th November, a detachment of Sir Knights from Boston Commandery accompanying his remains to their final resting-place. Brother Nurse was made a Mason in Fredonia Lodge, Northboro, Mass., in 1822. He was admitted to membership in Mount Lebanon Lodge, Boston, 28th October 1822. He was Senior Warden in 1826; W.M. in 1827, 1828, and 1844; Honorary member 31st October 1836. He had sustained a continuous membership in that Lodge for over sixty-three years, at the time of his decease. While residing in St. Louis he pursued his Masonic work so ardently that he was elected W.M. of Napthali Lodge in 1839; in that, and in other positions filled by him, he rendered excellent service to the cause of Freemasonry in that section of the country. Comp. Nurse was exalted in St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston, in 1824, and was elected High Priest in 1829-1830; he served as Secretary from 1832 to 1836. Eminent Sir Knight Nurse was created a Knight Templar in Boston Commandery Knights Templars, 1st September 1824, admitted to membership 19th November 1828, elected Eminent Commander October 1835, and honorary member 19th October 1836. Our Illustrious Brother had also received all the grades of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including that of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33rd and last degree. In the several Grand Bodies he had held the following offices:—In the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts he was Grand Lecturer in 1842, 1843; District Deputy Grand Master, 1843; in the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Deputy Grand High Priest, 1848, 1849; in the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, that of Grand Recorder in 1842 and 1849; Grand Captain-General in 1834, and Grand Generalissimo in 1835. An excellent ritualist, an impartial and dignified presiding officer, tolerant of the opinions of others, yet firm in his own convictions of right, he made at once a desirable and venerable officer, one whose influence was only for good to our whole fraternity, nor has it yet lost its sweet aroma of love and fidelity to duty. For over half a century after his election to the office of Grand Generalissimo he lived, serene and happy 'in the reflections consequent on a well spent life,' and when the Angel of Death called him hence, he cheerfully departed this life, rich in the ripe years of a good old age, and dying 'in the hope of a glorious immortality.'"

The report was accepted and ordered to be entered on the records. Several matters of minor importance were disposed of, when the Sir Knights withdrew for refreshment. On their re-assembling for duty, in Commandery Hall, it was announced that Washington Commandery, Sir W. H. Cotton E.C., was in waiting and ready to exemplify the work of the Order of the Temple. The Commandery was forthwith admitted into the Grand Asylum, the several Officers repaired to the respective stations, and the exemplification was given in a painstaking and highly creditable manner. At the conclusion the Commandery retired, after which the Grand Commandery resumed business, and it was resolved "that the Grand Commandery does hereby express its appreciation of the impressive manner in which the Order of the Temple had been exemplified by the Washington Commandery, and also for the commendable examples of adherence to the text of the ritual." At this point R.E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich P.G.C. entered the Grand Asylum, accompanied by Sir Knight John A. Logan, of Chevalier Bayard Commandery, of Chicago, both of whom were welcomed by the Grand Commander, who gave an opportunity for all the Sir Knights to greet the distinguished visitor from Illinois. One hundred and thirty representatives and seven other Sir Knights signed the register, one

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of them being Sir Knight John A. Logan. The business being concluded, Grand Commandery was closed with the usual devotions.

The eighty-first Annual Conclave was held at Boston, Massachusetts, on 29th October, when the lines were formed in due array, the approach of the R.E. Grand Commander, and Grand Officers was announced, and the Grand Asylum was opened in ample form. There was a very large attendance, representatives of thirty-eight Commanderies answering when the roll was called by the Grand Recorder. The Grand Treasurer presented his annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. The Trustees of the Grand Fund submitted a statement of the income recived during the past fiscal year, which amounted to a total of dols. 730 42c. The Grand Fund now amounts to dols. 16,924 15c. Elaborate returns were made by the Grand Recorder as to number and position of the various Commanderies, which were accepted as of a most satisfactory and gratifying character. In the course of his annual address the Grand Commander congratulated the Sir Knights upon the growth of the Order which, with a membership approaching four hundred, representing a constituency of about 7,000 Knights, they met to review the past year. They could but feel that with this glorious, continuous and unsullied record, they had also inherited a responsibility great and constant. Reference was made to the death of E. Sir T. A. Doyle, Grand Captain General in 1863-4, and Grand Generalissimo in 1865. He was for seven years Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island, and for a like term Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island, filling both those stations with distinguished ability. All the Commanderies had been visited, and their affairs generally were ably administered; their growth, though moderate, was healthy, while the almost entire absence of complaint and grievances indicated that the Officers and members were well informed as to their duties. Their financial condition was sound, and though some of them had large funds, yet their strongest resources were in their memberships, which thus far had been found equal to any financial operation required. He was satisfied that the Order generally throughout the jurisdiction was in a highly prosperous condition, which so far as could be observed, was likely to continue and to improve. Several dispensations for parades, visits, &c., had been granted, and the Grand Commander spoke of such meetings as conducing to the benefit of the Order. Speaking of the twenty-third Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment, held at St. Louis, in September, the Grand Commander observed that most of the propositions to amend the Constitution were defeated, but none were of vital importance, and most of them were more in the nature of change than improvement. It was wisely decided that Grand Encampment could not interfere in the difference existing between the Scottish Encampments in the Provinces and the Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada. The proposition to change the qualification for membership met with deserved defeat. The proposal to permanently locate the Grand Encampment at Washington was defeated by an emphatic vote, and that Illustrious Body still remained "on wheels," for the present at least. It was voted to hold the next Triennial at Washington, however, and it was sincerely to be hoped that its permanent location there or elsewhere would result. The Committee, after considerable deliberation, agreed upon the form of ritual for the Orders of Red Cross and Temple, and praise was accorded to them for their diligent labour in bringing about that desirable result. Two thousand dollars were appropriated from the treasury for the relief of the Charleston sufferers. A dispensation was issued for the establishment of a new Commandery to be located at Malvern, and to be called the Beaneant Commandery. An Asylum at Freemasons' Hall, Providence, in connection with the St. John's and Calvary Commanderies had been dedicated, and it was described as equal to any in the country in its architecture and appointments. The finances showed a considerable increase in the receipts during the year. The address was accepted and referred to respective Committees; and reports were afterwards presented on finance, foreign correspondence, followed by an eloquent address on the dedication of the Asylum. Officers were elected, and the installation service being concluded, the usual official proclamation was made by the E. Grand Senior Warden; and, the business of the Commanderies being concluded, the R.E. Grand Commander thanked the Sir Knights for their attendance and attention during the long and harmonious session.

CONSECRATION OF THE DOROTHY VERNON LODGE.

ON Thursday, the 26th May, there was a great gathering of Freemasons at the Baronial Hall, of Haddon, where, by the kind permission of His Grace the Duke of Rutland, K.G., the ceremony of consecrating the new Lodge for the Bakewell district was performed with full Masonic ritual in the oak-panelled Ball room so intimately associated with fair Dorothy Vernon. As the W.M. Elect remarked in the course of the proceedings, this room, which bears the arms of Manvers and Vernon for the first time united, is as nearly as possible three centuries old, and it was therefore peculiarly appropriate for a ceremony so ancient as the consecration of a Masonic Lodge, more especially one which has to bear the name of sweet Dorothy Vernon as its distinguishing title. The attendance of Masons from all parts of the Province, and from several adjoining Provinces, was extremely large, including about 100 P.M.'s and other advanced Masons, and a similar number of Craftsmen. The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge mustered in full force, and having been marshalled by the P.G.D. of C., entered the Hall in procession, the Right Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire (Bro. H. C. Okeover), P.J.G.W. England, taking the chief ceremony on behalf of the Marquis of Hartington, Prov. G.M., who was unable to attend, and who wrote in the kindest manner to Bro. Cokayne expressing his regret at his unavoidable absence; Bro. Percy Wallis Prov. S.G.W. taking the S.W. chair, and Bro. Vernon J. Greenbough Prov. J.G.W. that of the J.W. The Lodge having been fully opened the P.G. Secretary announced that the petition of Bro. Andreas E. Cokayne and others for the formation of the Lodge, which was endorsed by the Tyrian Lodge, Derby, had been granted by the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, and the warrant for its constitution was duly read. At this time the scene was very striking; the sun was shining brightly into the charming old room, and the rich Masonic costumes worn by a great part of the long lines of brethren had a brilliant effect, to which the music of the Masonic chants and responses (Bro. S. S. Waddington P.G.O.) gave an additional power. The P.G. Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. Herbert Price, Normanton, Derby) was next called upon, and he delivered the following admirable oration:

Very Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—It would ill become me, a mere child in Masonry compared with the brethren of full stature I see around me, to prolong the interesting and pregnant ceremonies of to-day by any lengthened remarks of my own. We owe, however, a duty to the brethren whose zeal and love for the sacred principles of the Craft have been instrumental in bringing us together for this solemn, though gratifying consecration: *a duty it is of congratulation*, which I in your name Sir, and in the name of all the brethren assembled, and in the name of all the Lodges of this Province, now most heartily offer to the W.M. elect and to the Officers and members of this new Lodge upon its consecration. We congratulate them upon the peculiar honour which is always attached to the initial stage of a Lodge's history; the Lodge may have many masters, but only one first Master. We congratulate them upon the happy choice of this beautiful old historic Hall for the purpose of these ceremonies. Its antiquity, its architectural beauty, its rich historic associations, harmonize well with the age-long duration of Masonry, with the glorious temple of the King whence so much of Masonry is derived, and with the rich lore of tradition of which the Craft has been so fruitful. We congratulate them, too, upon the happy inspiration which gives to this Lodge the name of sweet "*Dorothy Vernon*." Was it that in the personal episodes, traditions connected with her story, there were things symbolic of Masonry that caused the founders of this Lodge to call it by her name? Is it fanciful when I pretend to see such symbols? In the episodes of her life there was secrecy, there was tenderness, there was loyalty, and there was the devotion of self sacrifice. Are not these virtues symbolic of Masonry? of the secrecy of our negotiations, and of our mystic signs? of the tenderness of that benevolence to which this Lodge is dedicated, and which we seek to extend to the whole brotherhood of man, of the loyalty which we ever seek to render to the G.A.O.T.U. in all our undertakings, and to our brethren, by which we seek to defend their honour, and promote their interest, and lastly symbolic of the devotion by which we individually set aside at the call of duty all thought of self and personal consideration in our devotion to the general weal? We can wish for no greater blessing to rest upon this Lodge than that these characteristics of the sweet lady whose name it is to bear shall adorn its members, and cement its common life. We wish it long prosperity; we desire that unbroken peace and harmony may reside within it; and that fraternal unity, which is the peculiar glory of the Brotherhood, may also be the inheritance of the Dorothy Vernon Lodge. How strikingly the Psalmist of Israel extols this Unity which we seek to preserve amongst us. "Behold," he says, "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion." Ours is a true unity, which binds us together, not by artificial restraints, but by oneness of heart, by oneness of moral aim and benevolent purpose; that true concord which in the view of the Psalmist is a holy thing, a precious oil which, flowing down from the head, to the beard, and from the beard to the edge of the garment, sanctifies the whole body, and harmonizes man's whole nature; which is like the sweet morning dew that lights not only upon the lofty peaks of Masonry, but upon the lesser hills of the Craft, high and low, embracing all and refreshing all in its sweet influence. May that fraternal unity be our abiding possession! It is our fervent wish for this new Lodge. It is our earnest prayer for the whole Brotherhood.

The Anthem, "Hail! Universal Lord," was sung, and after a prayer of Consecration the D.P.G. Master proceeded with the usual and impressive ceremonies, the P.G. Chaplain reading the portions of Holy Writ selected for the different parts of the ceremonial. The very handsome set of silver consecrating vessels was lent by Lord Egerton of Tatton P.G.M. Cheshire, and by his lordship's special request they were brought over by Bro. W. Booth P.G.D. of C. for Cheshire. At the conclusion of the Consecration ceremonies Brother Andreas E. Cokayne P.M., P.P.G.S.P. (Cheshire), now of Bakewell, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. W. H. Marsden P.P.S.G.W. The W.M. appointed as his Officers Bros. R. B. Orme S.W., C. H. Glossop J.W., Garner Secretary, James Harrison S.D., C. J. Millward J.D., W. S. Frost I.G. The W.M. was made a Freemason in 1864, and became the W.M. of his Lodge in 1868, and again in 1878. He has twice received Provincial honours, in the Royal Arch and Knight Templar degrees, and in Craft Masonry he is one of the founders of a Royal Arch Chapter, a Trustee of the Masonic Hall at Congleton, and a Past E.C. of a Knights Templar Preceptory in the Province of Cheshire, and also in the Province of Staffordshire and Warwickshire. He holds at present the rank of P.G.H. in Cheshire, the office of P.G. Superintendent being vacant owing to the resignation by illness of Lord de Tabley. The new Lodge has for its banner the arms of Vernon (by kind permission of the Duke of Rutland). The elegant banner used on this occasion was made and presented by Miss Cokayne, daughter of the W.M., and a very hand ome cushion to support the volume of the Sacred Law was made and presented by the wives of the Senior and Junior

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Wardens. The two other banners were the P.G. banner and the W.M.'s own banner, bearing his quartered arms. The ceremonial at Haddon Hall lasted from 1 p.m. to 3.45, and the brethren were photographed in full costume upon the Terrace, by the permission of the D.P.G.M., by Mr. Houseley, photographer, of Bakewell. We may add that especial interest was taken in the Consecration of the new Lodge, inasmuch as it is the 21st new Lodge in the Province of Derbyshire, and this occurring in the year of "Jubilee," Freemasonry attains its majority in the county. The Banquet was held at the Rutland Arms Hotel, Bakewell, at 4 p.m., Brother Cokayne in the chair, and the Senior and Junior Wardens in the vice chairs. The room was filled to its utmost capacity. Unfortunately Bro. Okeover was obliged to leave before dinner, owing to the exigencies of the train service. An admirable dinner was served by Host Greaves. The Worshipful Master, in giving the first toast, remarked that the example the Queen had set, as daughter, wife, mother, and Sovereign, had been such that not only the present generation, but generations yet unborn, would live to bless her name. The W.M. next proposed the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, speaking in high terms of His Royal Highness, and remarking that the Queen was the daughter, niece, mother, and grandmother of Freemasons. The next toast was that of the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Past and Present, which was duly honoured. The W.M. next gave the health of the Prov. G.M. of Derbyshire, the Marquis of Hartington, and remarked that they were in hopes Lord Hartington would have done them the honour of being present, and from the tenour of his answer he (Bro. Cokayne) was satisfied Lord Hartington would have come if possible, but his multifarious duties absolutely prevented him. He had great pleasure in proposing his health and was perfectly certain they would all rejoice to do honour to the toast. The toast having been received with full honours, Bro. Marsden proposed the health of the R.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire, Bro. H. C. Okeover. It was a toast which came home to all their hearts. They had seen that fine specimen of a real English gentleman, one of the finest they had amongst them, taking the leading place that day and they knew his heart was with them, and his services were always at their command. When the date of that ceremony was originally fixed for a period some months back, Brother Okeover was in the Mediterranean and could not come here, so that it was fortunate the postponement secured his attendance, whilst it had also given them a day when the weather was such as they could congratulate themselves upon. Bro. Okeover amongst Derbyshire Masons was a man who was simply revered. The speaker passed on to remark that the attendance that day had quite taken Bro. Okeover by surprise at its magnitude, for there were about 100 Past Masters, and 200 Masons in all, which was a very large gathering, and far more than they had at all expected. They had now an experience of Bro. Okeover extending over 25 years, and they knew his heart was in the right place. They were all proud of him, they loved him, and if they had a wish for him it was that he might go a step higher. The toast was warmly received. Bro. Marsden again rose and referred to the forthcoming marriage of the Hon. Maude Okeover, and said that as the Masons had seldom an opportunity of showing esteem towards the D.P.G.M, it was proposed to seize the present occasion to compliment Bro. Okeover through his daughter, by presenting her with a diamond bracelet on her wedding. A small subscription from each Mason would be enough. It was subsequently announced that £10 5s 6d had been subscribed in the room, and the W.M. stated that any brethren desiring to subscribe could forward their donations to Bro. Naylor P.G.S., Derby. Bro. Orme proposed the Officers of the P.G.L. of Derbyshire, and remarked that whilst they could not all attend to the purple, they could all try for it, and the members of the Dorothy Vernon Lodge intended to do their best in that direction. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Percy Wallis Prov. S.G.W. Bro. Wallis in reply congratulated the W.M. upon the auspicious features of the consecration ceremony that day, and especially on the weather, for after the persistent gloom of the spring the W.M. must have made special arrangements with the clerk of the weather to secure so bright and genial a day. Every surrounding of the occasion of the Dorothy Vernon Lodge coming into the Masonic world had been auspicious, and it seemed she was a favoured child, like her prototype. He thanked Bro. Orme for his proposal of their health, and assured the brethren that the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge had taken great pleasure in coming to assist in the ceremony that day. It was not every year that they had to take part in such a ceremony, but they all felt, from Bro. Okeover downwards, that it had been a day well spent, one they enjoyed, and one which their successors might enjoy also. A Lodge had long been wanted in Bakewell, and he congratulated them that the corner stone had been laid for the development of Masonry in that district by the consecration of a Lodge bearing, as the P.G. Chaplain had so well said, "the sweet name of Dorothy Vernon."

Bro. Dr. Wilson P.P.G.J.W. (Cheshire), Town Clerk of Congleton, next proposed the health of the W.M. and success to the Dorothy Vernon Lodge. He remarked that Bro. Cokayne had been followed into Derbyshire that day by a dozen members of his old Lodge in Cheshire. It was often asked what character a man brings from his last place. Well, there was the answer. They were present that day, not only to testify to their appreciation of Bro. Cokayne, but to show their regret at losing him, although they congratulated Derbyshire Masons on having his services transferred to their county. For 25 years he had been showing them in Congleton that a tradesman may be every inch a gentleman, as every good tradesman is, or ought to be. He had not only been a good and honourable citizen, but he had given a remarkable stimulus to Masonry amongst them—a stimulus which they regretted to lose, but which they rejoiced his friends here would gain. It had happened often to him (the speaker) that if there was anything very good it was his evil destiny to have to send it away, but in this case it was the gain to those he saw about him, and he hoped they would have Bro. Cokayne's services for twice 25 years, if it so pleased the Grand Architect of the Universe. He did deal in flattering expressions, and his speech was more than half one of regret, but their brother had left them for his own good, and he hoped it would prove so to him and his interesting family, and to them as Masons. With regard to Bakewell, he had interesting, and pathetic memories, and it was known to some of them that he had reason for being specially interested in that town, and therefore it was with additional pleasure he came there that day to assist in the ceremony. Nothing could have been happier than the idea of inaugurating this Lodge in the gallery at Haddon Hall, and to him it had been inexpressibly touching and pleasant to be there on such an occasion. After some further remarks the venerable speaker concluded by turning to the W.M., and invoking a blessing upon him in his new post, and expressing an earnest wish that he might do as much good to Masonry in Derbyshire as he had in Cheshire. The W.M. on rising to respond said it had been his lot during his Masonic career, of nearly a quarter of a century, to undertake some difficult duties, but on the present occasion he really felt more difficulty than he had ever felt before. His feelings were much mixed. He felt great gratification at the kindness shown to him amongst his friends and neighbours here in the county he loved so well, and where his ancestors had lived for 700 years. With regard to his position in Masonry, it must have been accident which placed him in the chair, as there was a brother sitting on his left who would have been more suitable to the post, as he could have exercised more influence. He, however, was not living in the town, but for which fact they would have had Bro. Marsden as W.M. instead of himself. As Bro. Marsden knew well, he would have most gladly and with all his heart have supported him, but it had been the wish of the brethren that the first Master should be a resident. With regard to the foundation of the Lodge, they had had the warrant in their possession a long time, and no one could be more awake to its importance than he was to that fact. He knew all the difficulties that were before them, but he would say that the hearty way in which the Lodge had been spoken of and especially the good feeling with which it had been endorsed that day, gave him the greatest hopes for the future. There was no doubt he could do but little for himself by his own Masonic zeal, but he had Wardens who were well known locally—who would carry influence, and although he was the Master in the chair he should feel that their local influence would far exceed anything he could do. Then there were the other Officers, who were brethren who would do all they could, and who were good men and true. It was not his province to trench on the toasts which would follow, but he did wish to thank them and express the satisfaction he felt in having such Officers to support him in this important undertaking. The good will of their brethren in the neighbourhood they would deeply value, and he hoped it would not be the last time by many they would have the pleasure of meeting brethren of the Province other than brethren of their own Lodge. He believed they were making a good beginning and although it was not in their power to command success, they would do their best to deserve it. As to the kind remarks of Bro. Wilson, it was dangerous ground, and he must not say too much to awaken those feelings of regret and love and affection for him and those connected with him. He thanked him for the great kindness with which he had proposed the toast, and the company for the manner in which they had received it. Bro. Glossop proposed The Visiting Brethren, and coupled the names of Bros. Marwood, Chadwick, and Blackshaw, of Congleton. Humorous and appropriate replies were given by each brother, and some excellent songs were sung by Bros. Wilson, the Hon. — Trollope, Blackshaw, and others. The remaining toasts were the "Installing Master," "The Wardens," "The Masonic Charities," "The Deacons and Assistant Officers," and "The Tyler's Toast." Each was appropriately honoured, and a pleasant evening thus came to a close, everything having passed off with signal success. The members of the new Lodge already include the following brethren, in addition to the Officers named:—Bro. Vernon J. Greenhough P.G.J.W., Bro. R. Greenhough, Bro. Jno. Wilson, LL.D., P.G J.W. Cheshire, Bro. Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope P.M. Past Grand Chaplain of England, Bro. T. A. Daniel P.M. 533, and Bro. W. H. Marsden P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Bro. Marsden takes a special interest in the Lodge, and several other Derby brethren have promised their valuable help in its new career. Much of the success of the opening day was due to the untiring exertions of Bro. Garner Secretary, whose genial aptitude for the work and great interest in Freemasonry were much appreciated. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were received from Bro. Astley Terry (Colonel 60th Rifles) P.M. 533 P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, and other brethren in that Province; also from Bro. E. J. Dodd P.P.G.O. Kent, S. Benoion P.M. 293 and 1575, and Colonel Gordon Warren P.P.G.S.W. Shropshire.

On the occasion of the banquet given by the Incorporated Law Society, in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, in the Central Hall of the Royal Courts of Justice, the corridors at the northern, or Carey Street End, were used as reception rooms for the principal guests. The various recesses and arches were filled and adorned with a number of tropical and other plants; but the beauty of the whole was greatly enhanced by a number of vari-coloured incandescent lamps, fitted by Bro. A. Grundy (Bailey and Grundy), of Paddington. The lady visitors were not chary in their praise of the effect produced. Bro. Grundy is now carrying out some considerable additions to the generating plant for H.M. Office of Works, at the same place.

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Obituary.

BRO. HENRY GEORGE WARREN.

THE death of Bro. Henry George Warren, City Editor of the *Morning Post*, occurred on the morning of 28th May last, at his residence at East Dulwich, and although he had for some time past been in failing health, yet his end was sudden and unlooked-for. Bro. Warren was for many years a zealous worker in the Masonic cause, and may justly be regarded as the pioneer of Masonic literature, he having, in the face of many difficulties, continued the publication of the *Freemasons' Magazine* and *Masonic Mirror* for a long period. We append the following particulars of Bro. Warren's Masonic Record:—

Henry G. Warren, Initiated 13th January 1840, in the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25; paid 4 years to December 1843; rejoined 7th January 1861, and paid to 1879. 16 years.

Joined, 26th February 1852, the Lodge of Regularity, No. 108-91, paid to December 1857; served as Grand Steward 1855-6; Steward of Boys' School 1855.

Joined, 22nd February 1853, the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, served office of Master in 1858, continued a member 16 years.

Joined the Phœnix Lodge, No. 202 (178), 12th March 1853; served office of Master same year; served Steward of the Girls' School 1854; continued a subscribing member 21 years.

Joined the Beadon Lodge, No. 902 in 1853, on its consecration.

Joined the Polish National, No. 778 (534), 27th January 1854.

Exalted to Polish National Chapter, No. 778 (534), 22nd January 1853; served Z. in 1857.

Joined the Berkhampsted Lodge, No. 742, 24th October 1856.

Joined Grand Stewards' Lodge, 16th January 1856, and served office of Master in 1860. Subscribed to this Lodge for 18 years.

Promoted, in 1870, the Establishment of the West Kent Lodge, No. 1297, of which he was made I.P.M. Subscribed for 14 years.

Bro. Warren was a member of the Mark degree, and was also a Royal Arch Mason.

BRO. R. H. C. UBSDELL.

WE regret to announce the death of this well-known Craftsman, which took place on Saturday, the 4th instant, at his residence, Brompton Road, Mile End, Portsmouth. The deceased, who was 74 years of age, formerly had an art gallery in Pembroke Road, where he had an extensive connection; he was for many years the hon. corresponding secretary of the Portsmouth Working Men's Conservative Association. He had represented the Ward of St. Thomas in the Town Council, and was a Past Master of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487. He had suffered for some time from a cancer of the tongue, but was only confined to his house for three weeks prior to his decease. As a portrait painter Bro. Ubsdell enjoyed a considerable reputation.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Savoy. — Notwithstanding the hard things that have been written and said about Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan's latest production, "Ruddigore," it has managed to survive, and may now be pronounced one of the successes of the season. That this success is deserved we feel assured, for, although Mr. Gilbert's part of the opera is certainly one of the weakest efforts we have seen from his pen, Sir A. Sullivan's music deserves to be placed amongst this gentleman's best attempts. It is of high order throughout, delightfully tuneful and exhilarating. As is always the case at the Savoy, the opera is staged and cast with the greatest care. Mr. George Grossmith has one of the best parts in the opera, and for Robin Oakapple his amusing style is thoroughly suited. Mr. Durward Lely and Mr. Rutland Barrington are both well fitted; they work hard to achieve success. Miss Geraldine Ulmar is fascinating as the simple Rose Maybud; she sings with exceptionally good taste and judgment. Miss Jessie Bond (Mad Margaret), Miss Rosina Brandram (Dame Hannah), Mr. Richard Temple (Sir Roderick Murgatroyd), and Mr. Rudolph Lewis (Old Adam Goodheart), are all seen to advantage. The choruses are well trained, the dresses and scenery pretty, and the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Francois Cellier, is perfect.

Grand.—"Her Trustee," the piece Miss Helen Barry has been playing in during the past week, was originally produced, with fair amount of success, at a Vaudeville matinée. Mr. James J. Blood is the author, and the piece is described as a new drama in four acts. The ideas and situations are familiar, while the dialogue is very commonplace. Nevertheless, there are interesting situations, which have proved attractive. The piece deals with an early and imprudent marriage, and the subsequent unhappiness arising therefrom; the rascality of Catherine Marston's trustee, a murderer, who would like to marry the lady, and who threatens to accuse her of the crime if she does not throw over a certain Captain Flavell. In the end, however, the villainy is discovered, while Catherine is made happy with the Captain. It will be seen the piece does not contain anything of an original character, but the material no doubt serves its purpose. The part of Catherine is one that requires more careful treatment than Miss Barry bestows on it. This lady is here too melancholy, and when emotion is required she does not seem capable of exhibiting it. Nevertheless the lady is earnest, and at times manages to realize the meaning of the author. She is supported by Mr. James Fernandez, who gives a capital character sketch of the vagabond husband. Mr. John Beauchamp carefully presents the rascally trustee, but Mr. Forbes Dawson is stagey and unfeeling as Captain Flavell. Mr. Eric Lewis acts well as Ferdinand Laddle, but Mr. Raymond Capp makes an unsuccessful attempt to be funny as Sam Greenaway. Miss Gertrude Tempest earns the sympathy of her audience, as Mary Goodwin; while the Misses Annie Osborne and Alice Inman make the most of their parts. Mrs. Bickerstaffe's talent is wasted on the silly part of an old lady, and Mr. Trant Fischer is but a sorry doctor. Next Monday, Mr. E. S. Willard, with some of the Haymarket company, commence a six nights' engagement. Sir Charles Young's "Jim the Penman" will be the attraction.

Lyceum.—Whilst we heartily congratulate Mr. Calmour on the brilliant success achieved by "The Amber Heart," which he calls, not a play, but an "original poetical Fancy in three acts," we yet owe him a grudge. The work is full of tender and beautiful thought, the sweet pathos of some old world Saga. We are in the land where dwelt the Seven Ravens and the Snow Queen, but, alas! the stage demands its work shall be done with certain laws and conventions, and Mr. Calmour, in defying these, has missed the complete triumph so well within his grasp. The story lies in the land of Saga; Ellaline, the lovely heroine, is shielded from all human passions and sorrows by a talisman, an amber heart, she wears. She is guarded in her orphan state by a wise old friend, Coranto, an ex-jester. She is loved by Silvio, a poet and troubadour; and she, wondering what this strange passion of love can be, throws her talisman into the lake, and immediately comes under the spell of the passion. Silvio, when his affection is returned, soon tires of the lady, and she in heartache and despair will seek for her lost happiness under the waters with her lost talisman. Sillvio is much distressed, but as he loved rather for his art's sake than for his own, and as Ellaline's fate will supply matter for immortal verse, to touch the hearts of lovers through all time, he evidently thinks things after all are for the best. Happily Coranto recovers the talisman, and restores it to his adopted child. All her woe suddenly fades as if it were a memory of a dream, and the curtain descends on the dramatis personæ in exactly the same condition we found them when it rose. If Mr. Calmour had but made his poet rouse himself from his æsthetic egotism to honest, manly remorse and passion; throw his lute to the fishes, and swear to guard Ellaline, and keep her talisman as a sacred trust, we should have had a delightful conclusion to this graceful poem; or, if he would not have us too happy, then let Ellaline die, and forgive her wrongs; but this march of the kings of Brentford, up the hill and down again, is scarcely fair treatment. However, so exquisitely was the Ellaline embodied by Miss Ellen Terry; all the grace, the tenderness, the sweet girlish innocence, so ideally perfect; the careless gaiety of the opening scenes, the sweet lovingness of her awaking passion, and the pathetic despair of her hour of abandonment; all was rendered with the sweet fascination she shares with no other actress. Mr. Willard, as Coranto, added a quite new portraiture to his many striking creations. In the scene where he upbraids the false lover, he rose to highest dignity of tragic passion; whilst in his intercourse with Ellaline there was a delightful tenderness and protecting love. Mr. Beerbohm Tree, as Silvio, was handsome, picturesque, and high bred; he looked the poet to perfection, but it was strange he should steep his hero in the depths of monotonous melancholy; making this objectionable youth the more insufferable. So very volatile a poet need not have formed himself on Mr. Grossmith, in "Patience." Mr. Kemble gave a bright little comic sketch of a sentimental and elderly baronet; Mr. Tyars a very robust and emphatic friend of the family. Miss Cissy Grahame was rather overweighted as an intriguante, and the rest of the cast filled their places satisfactorily. The piece was admirably staged. With some alterations in the last act, the play may well, at some future time, make its appearance for a continued run, and we shall look forward to its re-appearance with many pleasant anticipations.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

THERE was a very large attendance of members and visitors at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, held at the King's Head, Harrow, on Saturday, the 4th inst. The Provincial Grand Master Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.S.W. presided, supported by Brothers Raymond H. Thrupp D.P.G.M., K. R. Montgomery P.G.S.W., J. Ferguson P.G.J.W., Rev. Spencer Buller P.G. Chaplain, Rev. J. Baker P.G. Chaplain, F. B. Archer P.G. Treasurer, J. F. H. Woodward P.G. Secretary, and about 120 Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren, including:—

J. Beresford Ryley P.G.S.D., J. Williams P.G.J.D., W. A. Scurrah P.G.S. of W., A. W. Gower P.G.A.D.C., R. T. Fennell P.G.A.D.C., W. Vassila P.G. Standard Bearer, G. Tagg P.G. Standard Bearer, J. Read P.G. Organist, W. H. Lee P.A.G. Secretary, E. Y. Jolliffe, J. T. Briggs, E. E. Cooper, J. Gurney and W. Iron P.G. Stewards, J. Tickle P.P.G.R., C. W. Pridmore P.P.G.S.B., D. W. Pearce P.P.G.R., C. L. Brown P.P.G.D.C., J. Inglis P.P.G.S.W., C. A. Walter P.P.G.S.D., C. Axford P.P.G.A.D.C., J. A. Medwell P.P.G.J.W., C. Graham P.P.G.S.D., W. T. Buck P.P.G.S. of W., R. W. Forge P.P.G.D.C., H. Lovegrove P.P.G.S. of W., A. Bryant P.P.G.D., J. Osborn P.P.G. Standard Bearer, W. S. Dunkley P.A.G.P., W. Cooper P.P.G.J.D., A. G. Fidler P.P.G.S.D., G. H. Thiellay P.P.G.S.B., W. F. Laxton P.P.G.R., H. Mayes P.P.G.P., G. J. Dunkley P.P.G. Organist, W. A. Rogers P.P.G.P., G. Fehrenbach P.P.G.S.D., Charles Greenwood P.G. Secretary Surrey, H. Bond P.G. Steward Kent, C. Veal P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, W. Eaton S.D. 879, W. H. Froom P.M. 1657, H. H. Room P.M. Secretary 2090, and W. W. Lee 1897.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in form and the usual formalities gone through, the reports of the Audit and Charity Committee were received and adopted.

The brethren next proceeded to the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. Hepburn being proposed by Bro. Tickle and seconded by Bro. F. B. Archer, the outgoing P.G. Treasurer. Bro. H. Lovegrove P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, was proposed by Brother W. A. Scurrah, and seconded by Bro. Axford, the result of the poll being largely in favour of Bro. Hepburn, who was declared duly elected. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp was re-appointed D.P.G.M. for the ensuing year, and the following Provincial Grand Officers were invested:—

Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe 1469	... ...	S.W.
E. E. Cooper 1494	... ...	J.W.
Rev. J. Baker 2024	... ...	Chaplains
Rev. Dr. Lindsay 1237	... ...	
J. Hepburn 1702	... ...	Treasurer
P. A. Scratchley 708	... ...	Registrar
J. F. H. Woodward 1691	... ...	Secretary
J. T. Briggs 1503	... ...	Senior Deacons
R. M. Jones 1415	... ...	
Dr. T. Gurney 1309	... ...	Junior Deacons
J. Etherington 1310	... ...	
W. Iron 1579	... ...	Superintendent of Works
W. Beard 946	... ...	Director of Ceremonies
W. R. Strutt 1703	... ...	Deputy D.C.
E. W. Devereux 1428	... ...	Assistant D.C.
S. A. Cooper 1637	... ...	Sword Bearer
Job Gillingham 1238	... ...	Standard Bearers
W. Blackburn 1773	... ...	
A. T. Eyre 1691	... ...	Organist
W. H. Lee 1897	... ...	Assistant Secretary
W. S. Dunkley 1777	... ...	Pursuivant
E. Woodman 1897	... ...	Assistant Pursuivant
Col. Blunt 2094	... ...	Stewards
H. T. Bing 1597	... ...	
G. Gregory 2087	... ...	
W. Sweetland 1460	... ...	
W. Maple 1298	... ...	
R. Roy 1549	... ...	
J. Gilbert	... ...	Tyler

The Provincial Grand Master paid a high compliment to Bro. Woodward on his re-appointment as Provincial Grand Secretary, expressing his personal obligations to him for again undertaking the arduous work, and saying that since Bro. Woodward had occupied the position he had, by indefatigable energy perfected the organisation of the Province, which now reflected the highest possible credit on his exertions. Bro. Scurrah, on behalf of the Henry Levander Lodge, presented a Standard, to complete the regalia of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and this was accepted with heartiest thanks by the Prov. G.M. On the motion of the Prov. G.M., seconded by Bro. Scurrah, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of fifteen guineas be voted to each of the Masonic Institutions. Bros. Briggs, Pearce and Scurrah were elected members of the Audit Committee. The Prov. G.M. nominated Bros. Maple, Etherington and Sweetland for the Charity Committee, and Bros. Scurrah, Lee and Tickle were also elected. The Prov. Grand Master, in his address, congratulated the members upon the fact that the Province was now working in a systematic manner. In consequence of the increase of the strength of the Province the amount of work and the difficulties which the Prov. Grand Secretary had to contend with had grown vastly, and he impressed upon W.M.'s the importance of seeing their Secretaries' and Treasurers' duties are properly carried out. If this were done, the work of the Prov. Grand Secretary would be comparatively easy. He asked them to assist the Executive in rendering the work of the Province far lighter than it had been hitherto. Bro. Tickle then referred to the Buss Testimonial, in appreciation of the services that brother had rendered and the esteem with which he is regarded, and remarked that the sum of £50 had been raised. Having consulted the feelings of Brother Buss, the money was devoted to making him a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The sum therefore of 50 guineas was invested in his name and called "The Buss Vice-President Fund." The votes would be in his possession while he lived, and when he passed away they would revert to the Prov. G. Lodge, and would be in the hands of the Prov. G.M. Bro. Buss was also presented with an address, illuminated on vellum, and those who visited the house of that brother to make the presentation could testify to the delight with which it was received. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Archer for his services as Provincial Grand Treasurer, and this having been duly acknowledged Grand Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren subsequently walked in procession to the parish church, where a special service was held, and an eloquent

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sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. J. Baker, Provincial Grand Chaplain.

The banquet was held at the King's Head Hotel, a sumptuous repast being admirably served by Mr. C. Tomkins, the genial host. After the Loyal toasts, which were enthusiastically honoured, that of the Grand Officers was given, the Provincial G. Master associating with it the name of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp. In acknowledging the honour Bro. Thrupp alluded to the coming Commemoration meeting at the Albert Hall, which he believed would be conducted in the eminently satisfactory manner that characterised the installation of the Prince of Wales. He had the honour of being a Steward on that occasion, and it would never be effaced from his memory. He hoped the brethren would attend in large numbers, and show that it was not only the Grand Officers, but the Craft generally, who wished to prove their devotion to their Queen and attachment to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. He then proposed the toast in honour of the R.W. Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, referring to the regret experienced last year when Sir Francis was prevented by illness from attending Provincial Grand Lodge, and the pleasure they all felt at his being with them once again. The Provincial Grand Master, in responding, said the hearty manner in which Bro. Thrupp had proposed his health was far more than he could have expected, and far more than he could adequately return thanks for. They were all aware that he had a love for Freemasonry, and that he was anxious to do his duty to the Province. He would always carry out his duties as far as lay in his power, and hoped for a few years to come to continue amongst them, and see the Province flourish. He did not think that since he had presided over them he had seen a more genial number of members, and he hoped to meet them again during the next twelve months. It was his anxious wish to visit them as often as he could, and he would do his best to accept as many invitations as possible. His best wishes were with the brethren in the Province, and when he was away he coud assure them they were not forgotten. He thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received his health, and he only wished they might often again meet happily in the future. In proposing the Visitors he said there would have been a larger attendance of Grand Officers, as several invitations were sent, but they were unfortunately engaged elsewhere. They, however, had with them a number of other brethren, including Bro. Wynn, whom they were pleased to see, and Brother Charles Greenwood, who would no doubt endorse the remarks he had made respecting the Secretaries of Lodges. Bro. Charles Greenwood, Prov. Grand Secretary Surrey, thanked the brethren most heartily for the manner in which they had received the toast; he could only say he had accepted with avidity the invitation to be present. Although it was difficult for him to visit Lodges not in his own Province, he thought he might get a wrinkle from the manner in which the business was conducted, which would be of service to him in the Province of Surrey. He had learned one thing from the proceedings, and that was the immense amount of good that might be done from the enthusiasm of a body of Masons. He sincerely thanked them for the great pleasure it had afforded him to visit the sister Province. In responding for the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of the Harrow Lodge, proposed by Bro. Hepburn, Bro. Etherington, Prov. G.J.D., assured the Provincial Grand Master that what he had done in the past was but an earnest of what he would do in the future to promote the welfare of the Harrow Lodge. He took the present opportunity of expressing his deep thanks to the Provincial Grand Master for the honour he had that day conferred upon him, which he valued as much for the prestige given to his Lodge as for the distinction bestowed upon himself. The Harrow Lodge had passed through many difficulties; but every cloud has a silver lining, and he could now see a renewed period of prosperity approaching. He was pleased to hear the Provincial Grand Master was satisfied with the arrangements made for his reception, and hoped that at no distant date they might have the honour of again receiving Provincial Grand Lodge under its banner. During the evening a choice selection of music was rendered, under the direction of Bro. John Read Prov. Grand Organist, assisted by Bros. W. Sexton, G. T. Carter, Stanley Smith, and G. S. Graham P.P.G. Organist.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, 2nd instant, at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, when there was a very respectable muster of the members and visitors to do honour to the occasion. Bro. Wm. Henry Ranson W.M. presided, supported by Bros. Chas. Tarry S.W., F. T. Ridpath J.W., W. Foulsham Treasurer, Hugh M. Hobbs Secretary, F. Kilvington S.D., E. Samuel J.D., G. S. Hornsail Steward, R. G. Fleming I.G., P.M.'s J. Sargeant, F. C. Baler, F. C. Pascall, C. Daniell 65, and many other brethren. The Visitors included Bros. Fred. West Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, W. Pile P.M. 1892 S.B. Surrey, J. Nicholson 1820, J. P. Start P.M. 463, J. C. Fox P.M. 297, E. Mitchell P.M. 720, W. Garnell P.M. 720, W. Goode 1604, B. Wilson 2084, W. Burr I.G. 850, E. Taylor 1567, W. W. Lee 1897, W. Staley J.W. 1697, F. Hamplin Org. 1635, T. G. Cuthbert W.S. 1815, J. S. Fraser P.M. 174, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, &c. Lodge was opened in the customary manner, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, a very satisfactory report was presented by the Audit Committee, and adopted. Bro. Hugh Marcus Hobbs, P.G.S.D. Surrey, who had officiated as Secretary of the Lodge during the past year, was then presented as the Worshipful Master-elect, and in regular form he assented to the responsibilities of that office. The installation ceremony was efficiently carried out by the outgoing W.M. Bro. Ranson, and on the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed Master was saluted with full Masonic honours, and then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. H. Ranson I.P.M., F. T. Ridpath S.W., J. Kilvington J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treasurer, G. S. Hornsail Secretary, E. Samuel S.D., R. G. Fleming J.D., S. Clarke I.G., P. Budd Dir. of Cers., C. Tarry Steward, W. Lane Tyler. During the routine work a letter was read from Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who officiated as Consecrating Officer at the time the Lodge was brought into birth, regretting that he was prevented by another important engagement from being present on the occasion. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the numerous visitors, and Bro. Foulsham, as the senior member of the Lodge, and the oldest Mason in the room, took the opportunity of extending to them a most cordial welcome. He congratulated the Worshipful Master, and the members generally, upon the progress and sound condition of the Lodge, which he hoped would continue during the present Mastership. It was announced during the evening that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey would be held on 28th July. The brethren subsequently partook of a banquet, served in admirable style by Bro. Tarry, whose arrangements elicited unanimous expressions of approval.

The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the Grand Officers, with which he associated the name of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. F. West, who they all knew performed his duties with the utmost credit to himself and satisfaction to the Province. Bro. West, acknowledging the cordial way in which the toast had been received, said it was a novel experience for him to have his name coupled with the Grand Officers; usually he was asked to respond for the Province to which he belonged. He was certain that the Grand Officers had many important duties to discharge, and he hoped they might have the assistance of some of their number at the consecration of the Chapter in the formation of which their Worshipful Master had taken such a deep interest. The Grand Officers regarded with pleasure any meeting where the Masonic ritual was properly worked and the principles practised. That was done whenever Bro. Hobbs was connected with the work, for although he was a comparatively young Mason, he possessed more than ordinary capacities, and also had the facility of presiding over the Lodge and fostering the true feeling of Brotherly Love. Bro. Ranson, in proposing the Worshipful Master, said it afforded him considerable pleasure to do so, for he had been associated with Bro. Hobbs and had worked with him in the interests of the Old England Lodge for many years. The brethren would unite with him in cordially wishing for him a happy and prosperous year of office. They possessed in their new Master a gentleman and a good Mason, who was at all times ready to assist a brother in any work in connection with this or any other Lodge. It was also proverbial that he was ever foremost in any movement that had Charity as its object. His work in the Craft was too well known to need further comment, and they all recollected he had discharged the duties of Secretary in a manner that was beyond praise. The toast was received with unbounded enthusiasm, and in reference the Worshipful Master said that to a nervous man his position presented some difficulty, but it was with the utmost pleasure he found himself W.M. of his mother Lodge. It mattered not how many Lodges one belonged to, there was always a peculiar feeling of regard and attachment for one's mother Lodge, where the light of Masonry was first seen. Up to the present he had received nothing but kindness and consideration from every member of the Lodge, and he was especially pleased at this opportunity of noticing this interesting fact. He could not say, as was usually the case with the occupants of the chair, that he had filled nearly every office in the Lodge, for the only post he had held was that of Secretary. It was a most unexpected pleasure, a short time ago, to find there was a likelihood of his occupying his present position. He then heard that Bro. Tarry had found his business engagements so heavy that it was impossible for him to go on, and it was very much to his credit that he had decided to stand aside until he was able to give time to the duties. Bro. Tarry was a young man, and if in time he came to them and expressed his desire to work in office, they would only be too pleased to see him in the chair, when he would no doubt carry out the duties in the same satisfactory manner he had the other offices he had held. On more than one occasion when Bro. Tarry was S.D. he was highly complimented on the way in which he had performed his duties. Bro. Ridpath would have been in the chair, but was the W.M. of another Lodge. He would endeavour to carry out the duties to the best of his ability, but was afraid that as their I.P.M. plenty of work he should not have any candidates; he was

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ever, to hear their Secretary propose a gentlemen for initiation who was well known. He again thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received him. In proposing the Visitors, the W.M. said they were delighted to see so many present, and on behalf of the Lodge he extended to them the most hearty welcome. It was a good thing to visit other Lodges, and had learned many things by those visits. It was carrying out one of the principles of the Order—"Brotherly Love," and the more they visited the more they were prepared to carry out that principle. Bro. J. Streeter, in reply, referred to the able manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed by the outgoing Master. Bro. Ranson was a young Mason, and the difficulties he must have gone through in acquiring the necessary knowledge to perform that ceremony were considerable, and to render it in such perfect style reflected great credit upon him. He concluded by paying a tribute of respect to one of the founders, Bro. Foulsham P.M., Treasurer. So long as the Lodge was guided by such men, so long would it continue to occupy a prominent position in the Craft. Bro. Pile P.G.S.B. Surrey also responded. Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, in responding to the toast given on behalf of the Masonic Charities, thanked the W.M. for the opportunity he had afforded him of responding to the toast, and said the duty that devolved upon him was one of an essentially pleasant nature, inasmuch as that the progress that had to be recorded respecting the Masonic Institutions was most cheering and refreshing. The year began with the Benevolent Institution Festival, when the result surpassed even the most sanguine anticipations of every member of the Craft who, from past experience, had been educated to expect a substantial aggregate. To show the appreciation in which the Institutions are held, he need only refer to the unanimity that prevailed in Grand Lodge on the preceding evening when the munificent sum of £6,000 was voted as a Jubilee Offering from the United Grand Lodge to the three Charities—or £2,000 to each. Since the announcement of the result of his Festival Bro. Terry had been still further assured of the deep interest taken by the Craft in the "Old People's" Institution, West Yorkshire having organised a movement for raising £2,100 for the purchase of two Permanent Presentations to the Benevolent Institution, and this goodly example had been followed by the Province of Shropshire, which had undertaken to raise the sum of £1,050, with a similarly charitable object in view. The Girls' School Festival, which took place last month, produced a very satisfactory response, and that in spite of the misgivings which excercised the minds of many members of the Craft that, in consequence of so many reserving themselves for the Centenary year, the result would hardly come up to the standard. However, it had done so, and the outcome of the Festival was by no means unsatisfactory. The Boys' Festival had to come, and the prospects, though not as yet too rosy, still presented many features of encouragement. The brethren of the Old England Lodge were so intimately bound up, in his mind, with the Province of Surrey, that he often found it difficult to disassociate them, although he was aware they were not practically an integral part of that Province. The zeal displayed by the brethren of Surrey as a Province was to be admired and emulated by all true Masons. When the popular Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, took the chair at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, every member of the Craft was satisfied beyond measure with the result achieved. General Brownrigg undertook—some said too early in the day—a second chairmanship, but the way in which he was supported by the brethren of Surrey, and the Craft at large, fully justified the action he had taken. Doubtless he would complete the triumvirate, and they might expect that at an early date he would offer his influence and valuable services on behalf of the Boys' School. He (the speaker) regreted that he could not see his way clear to enlist the services of a Steward from the Old England Lodge at the coming Festival of the Boys' Institution, which was the last on the annual list; but he did not forget that last year their Worshipful Master attended as a Steward at the Festival, and took up the magnificent sum of £270. Following as this did the stout efforts made by the Province to support their gallant chief, who presided at the Girls' Festival last year, it denoted a meritorious work. On behalf of the Executive of the Boys' School he took upon himself to thank Bro. Hobbs for what he had done in the past, and he felt assured the brethren in their corporate capacity would give their heartiest support to the third of the Festivals, which was to be held at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, the 14th instant. The W.M., in proposing the Immediate Worshipful Master referred to his characteristics as perseverance, industry, and love of duty. There was no brother that took a greater interest in the Craft or devoted more time and energy to it than Bro. Ranson did. He had devoted attention to the Charities, having represented them as Steward for the last Benevolent Festival, when he took up £63. He had introduced into their Lodge the rule of rendering the charge to the Initiate, and the tracing board lecture in the Third Degree. He was also the first W.M. of the Old England Lodge who had installed his successor, with the exception of Bro. Foulsham. He had not over estimated his ability, but had distingnished himself by his admirable rendering of the installation ceremony. Bro. Ranson left the chair with the esteem and regard of all, and he the speaker had great pleasure in presenting him with the P.M.'s jewel which had been voted by the Lodge. It was the earnest wish of all the members that Bro. Ranson would long be spared to wear it, and to assist the W.M. in carrying out the work of their Lodge. Bro. W. H. Ranson I.P.M. scarcely knew how adequately to respond to the toast that had been so kindly proposed by the W.M.; he was afraid he hardly deserved all the praise bestowed upon him. They all knew how hard he had worked in Masonry, and that he had spent a good deal of time in it. He could remember that when Bro. Foulsham came to him and asked him to take the office of I.G., he told him he must work if he accepted the collar. He could safely say he had done so, for he started to work from that moment, and had been in office for the last six years. He had been a Mason seven years, and he felt a gratification that he had done as much as he had. He was proud to be standing between two men like the W.M. and the Treasurer, and he hoped to be connected with such Masons for many years. He thanked them heartily for the handsome jewel; he should be proud to wear it as a token of the regard felt for him by those he saw around him. The other toasts were the Past Masters and the Officers, after which the Tyler closed the list. During the evening there was some excellent singing, under the direction of Bro. Kilvington.

EGYPTIAN LODGE, No. 27.

AN emergency meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on 26th ultimo. Among those present were Bros. Dickie W.M., Todd S.W., F. Isant J.W., Poole Treas., Hall Secretary, J. Scarth I.G.: P.M.'s H. Jacobs, C. Cuthbertson, W. H. Tibbis, J. Green, T. J. Maidwell; also Bros. R. Pascoe, R. Smith, F. Hoskins, and others. The business before the Lodge was the initiation of Mr. Frank Bull, who is about to leave England for a few months. The ballot being unanimous, this gentleman was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a very business like manner. Lodge having been closed, the brethren spent a pleasant hour or two, all wishing Bro. Frank Bull a pleasant trip, and a safe return to England when he should so desire it.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met, under the presidency of Brother Edgar Bowyer P.G.Std.Br., at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, 4th instant. After the usual preliminary business, the House Committee as nominated were elected. There was a contest for the Audit Committee, although Bro. W. A. Scurrah's name had been withdrawn. Bros. Belton, Verry, Webb and Parkhouse were appointed scrutineers, and the result announced later on was as follows:—Bros. T. Cubitt P.G.P., G. P. Gillard, H. S. Goodall, T. Griffiths, C. F. Hogard, W. Maple, S. Richardson, C. E. Soppet, and H. Young. Eight petitions were considered, of which seven were accepted, and the names directed to be placed on the list for the October Election. Three applications made on behalf of ex-pupils of the School for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

On Wednesday last the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, when the chair was occupied by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Treasurer and Patron, P.G. Standard Bearer. After the confirmation of the minutes, the Secretary (Bro. J. Terry) announced the death of a widow annuitant. The list of the House Committee, the Warden's report for the past month, and the lists of the successful candidates at the recent election were read. Brothers Tattershall, W. J. Murlis, C. F. Hogard, S. Brooks, and C. F. Matier, were elected as the Finance Committee for the ensuing year, and Bros. R. W. Stuart, J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, T. Cubitt, and Edgar Bowyer, were re-elected as the House Committee. The arrangements for the Summer Entertainment to the old people at Croydon were left in the hands of the House Committee. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the business.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks will assemble on Monday, the 27th inst., at the Albert Hall, Sheet Street, Windsor, under the presidency of Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., Prov. Grand Master. The proceedings will commence at one o'clock, and amongst the business an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen will be adopted. Several brethren will be invested with the Charity jewel. The banquet will take place at the Town Hall, at two o'clock. The railway companies have agreed to issue—on production of the summons—return tickets at single fares, from various stations in the Province, and also from Paddington and Waterloo.

The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Fitzroy Lodge of Instruction, No. 569, held at the Armoury House, Finsbury, E.C., on Wednesday last, when Brother James Boulton, P.M. 28 and 1056, presided.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 11th JUNE

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)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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-st., W., at 8
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 13th JUNE.

Grand Jubilee Celebration, Royal Albert Hall
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 4 (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1469—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.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1923—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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
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
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
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)
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furnace
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1691—Quadratic, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
1966—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 377—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley
K.T. 56—Hugh de Papens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn

TUESDAY, 14th JUNE.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
167—St. John, Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1421—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, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 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
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
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
695—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
1240—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saukey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Glendenen, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1565—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
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. 163—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 15th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
8—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Royal Jubilee Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
238—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruct.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1663—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Tbistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W
R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Lambeth
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
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
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
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
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1988—Mawddach, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 88—Pythagoras, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge
R.A. 258—Ars Nobilious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 726—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
R.A. 1307—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

THURSDAY, 16th 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)
211—St. Michael, Albion, 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, 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, Stamgate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
1366—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1539—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., 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.)

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1871—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1813—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. (In.)
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)
1950—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. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
M.M. 190—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
368—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
543—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
546—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn

567—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
633—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
800—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds

1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1337—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1353—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon

1357—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton

R.A. 29—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
R.A. 1388—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 17th JUNE.

Bumaston 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)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
705—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
788—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1542—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1780—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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)
K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street

183—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Nosh's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton
443—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket

641—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
905—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1365—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)

1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1903—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
2008—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 23—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
R.A. 421—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 627—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 18th JUNE.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1236—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Esher
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkbarton
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

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THE ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

AS we anticipated, the great Jubilee Commemoration Gathering at the Albert Hall, on Monday last, turned out a magnificent and brilliant success, eclipsing in its grandeur and enthusiasm anything of the kind ever witnessed in this or any other country. From beginning to end the day was one of unalloyed gratification to all who were fortunate enough to be present, and the official programme was pregnant with items which have now stamped their impress upon the national history. In comparison with the scene which graced the same hall in April 1875, when our Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales assumed the reins of Masonic government, there was a slight falling off in point of numbers, but in every other respect this assemblage was far more representative, imposing, and sublime than the one that preceded it. The diminution in the numerical strength of the gathering may be accounted for in a variety of ways, the extraordinary strain upon the benevolent resources of the brethren during the Jubilee year, and the divers local celebrations held in the respective Provinces making it somewhat a matter for consideration to those who are not overburdened with this world's goods; and it must be recollected that no admission fee was charged at the Installation meeting, twelve years ago. The six thousand guineas contributed on Monday will, as His Royal Highness announced towards the close of the meeting, be divided, without any deduction, between the three great Charities, so that each of these invaluable Institutions will be the recipient of a very welcome two thousand guineas, which will aid them in carrying on and extending their several spheres of usefulness. Then, again, the occurrence of the Boys' Festival, on the day immediately following, may possibly have had some effect upon the gathering, not only from a pecuniary point of view, but rather on account of the time involved in being present at both—and time is money to most business men. However, the affair of Monday, taken as a representative expression of loyalty to the Throne, affection for the illustrious Prince who fills so worthily the position he has now occupied for twelve years, and of the inner sense of devotion to the Craft which lies deep in the heart of every true Mason, may be taken as an unprecedented triumph, the effect of which will be indelibly engraven on the mind of every member of the Fraternity, even of those who could not make it convenient to be present. "Royal weather," in the truest sense of the term, graced the auspicious day, and Summer seemed to have come in with a rush, as though to make amends for all the fickleness by which Spring had chosen to characterise itself. Not a cloud bedimmed the sky, which was almost Italian in its azure—that is to say, for "smoky London"—and the sun's rays would have been quite oppressive but for the brisk wind which modulated the temperature to a refreshing degree. No signs of anything unusual occurring in the great City were visible, for a Masonic ceremonial, though vitally interesting to its own members, receives not, neither does it wish for, any outward demonstration in its honour. Beyond the unusual animation witnessed at the chief trysting-places of our Provincial friends, filled with cheerful anticipations of the event, there was little to denote anything unusual astir in ever-crowded London. Contingents from West Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Leicester and Rutland, and other Provinces arrived on the preceding Saturday, and took up quarters at their favourite resorts; whilst members of London Lodges met in select parties on the Monday afternoon, to enjoy a brief social *tête-a-tête* and glass of wine prior to starting off, in the vehicles chartered for them, for the scene of the day's business. Fortunate were those who made that start early, for just now, in the height of the London season, the thoroughfares to be traversed are invariably crowded with the equipages of society and the ordinary public means of locomotion; but the accession to the vehicular traffic by such a cloud of cabs, brakes, wagonettes, &c., following each other about the same hour in one direction, culminated into a block every now and then, which rendered progress somewhat slow. However, the drive was none the less agreeable on that account, for the occupants of the conveyances were afforded time to gaze upon and admire the freshness of the Parks, and the floral decorations of the mansions which line the streets all along on the way Westward. The arrangements at Albert Hall had been made with such perfection that not the slightest hitch occurred to mar the comfort of the guests as they arrived, and all were seated with the most consummate tact and ease and without a shadow of confusion. For this excellent result the brethren are indebted chiefly to the skilful manipulation and the great administrative abilities of Sir Albert Woods (Garter) Grand Director of Ceremonies, who was assisted by Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, and Brother Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, with a large body of Stewards, who carried out their arduous duties with the regularity of clockwork. The doors of the hall were opened shortly after two o'clock, and for an hour or more afterwards the rattle of carriages along the approaches to the building was incessant, the occupants alighting amidst crowds of curious spectators, such as are always to be found when any "excitement" occurs in London. They were received in the hall by courteous and obliging Stewards, who directed them to their allotted seats, and thus, noiselessly as a congregation takes its place in church, the building became speedily filled, assuming every moment a more and more picturesque appearance. The brethren, in accordance with the regulations, wore black morning coats, black ties and white gloves, with full Masonic Craft clothing; and, as Provincial Grand Officers were requested to appear in the purple collars and jewels of their respective offices, the blending of that colour with the garter blue of the Master Masons grew into a strikingly imposing *coup d'œil*. A dais had been erected under the great organ, and upon a carpet of crimson cloth stood the Throne of the Grand Master, resplendent in purple and gold, and surrounded by the Prince of Wales's feathers, flanked on either side with the globes. Behind this was suspended the Grand Master's banner, bearing the motto "Audi, vide, tace," while all around was a perfect bower of luxuriant palms, whilst the façade of the platform was fringed with a massive and beautiful collection of plants, ferns, and flowers, the choicest products of the conservatory. Immediately before the Throne stood a pedestal bearing the gavel, and a quaint silver inkstand (bequeathed to Bro. Fenn by the late G.S. Bro. John Hervey), intended for the Grand Master's use in signing the Address to the Queen, which was the real object of the gathering. On either side of the Throne were chairs for members of the Royal Family and other distinguished visitors; and, in rear, accommodation was provided for

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prominent members of the Craft, who had travelled from all parts of the Empire in order to take part in the demonstration, amongst whom were representatives of the eighteen Red Apron Lodges, which have the exclusive privilege of sending Grand Stewards to the annual Festivals. The Stewards, who carried wands of office, wore elaborate and brilliant clothing, and the green aprons and collars of the Scotch and Irish Lodges formed a striking contrast to the purple and gold of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodges and the predominating blue of the majority of the brethren. During the interval that elapsed before the arrival of the Grand Master a selection of music was played on the organ, by Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan. A few minutes before four o'clock a flourish of trumpets sounded as the signal of the arrival of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and all was then a flutter of interesting excitement within the crowded hall. A procession, as set out in the order of the day, was then formed and walked from the grand entrance down the centre of the hall to the daïs. Round after round of cheering greeted the appearance of the Prince of Wales, who looked remarkably well and was in excellent spirits, and was evidently highly delighted with the spectacle which met his gaze. His Royal Highness repeatedly acknowledged the salutations with which he was greeted, and which were continued until he took his seat on the Throne. On his right was His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, looking in excellent health, in spite of his recent journey home from India, to be present at his Royal Mother's Jubilee; the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon; the Maharajah of Kuch-Behar, in a sumptuous costume of purple velvet embroidered with gold; Bro. Shackleton, Q.C., Deputy G.M. of Ireland; Lord Methuen, and Lord Wolseley. On the left of the Throne sat His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor, Senior Grand Warden, who had just returned from Gibraltar, to attend the Jubilee festivities; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; General Dominis of Hawaii; the Earl of Rosslyn, Deputy Grand Master of Scotland; Lord Leigh, Lord Suffield, General J. Studholme Brownrigg, Sir Daniel Gooch, &c. &c. The banners of the Grand Lodge and of the M.W.G.M., which had been carried in the procession, were placed at the side of the Throne, and assisted in completing what at the moment was a splendid sight. All being ready.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, who was loudly cheered on rising, said:—

Brethren,—This is, I think, one of the largest gatherings of Freemasons I have ever seen, with the exception of that which took place at the time you conferred on me the high honour of Installing me as your Grand Master. It is most gratifying to me, and I am sure it will also be to the Queen, that so large a gathering as the one assembled here to-day has taken place for the purpose of doing honour to her on the anniversary of her succession to the Throne. It will be a proof to her, as it is to me, of the great devotion and loyalty to the Throne manifested by the Free and Accepted Masons of England. We are met here to-day to vote an Address to the Queen, congratulating her on having attained the fiftieth anniversary of her reign. You are well aware that my ancestors, former Sovereigns of England, have always done all they could to support Masonry, for they knew that, though we are a secret Society, we are not a dangerous one. Among our tenets and our mottoes loyalty and philanthropy are two of which we are especially proud. It is most gratifying to me, as I said before, to see so large, so important, and so influential a gathering, and I am sure that in the events which are about to take place to celebrate the Jubilee of the Queen this meeting, in the Albert Hall, of Freemasons will stand one of the first on the list.

The Address of Congratulation to Her Majesty on the attainment of her Jubilee was then read by the Grand Secretary (Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke), and was greeted with unbounded enthusiasm. The Address, which was beautifully illuminated on vellum, and has the seal of the Grand Lodge attached to it, was enclosed in a casket of choice design, surmounted by the Imperial crown, the monogram V.I.R. and two medallions, one being a portrait of Her Majesty, and the other a representation of the Arms of the United Grand Lodge, together with a scroll containing the words "Jubilee, June 1837—June 1887." Each of the corners is decorated with a gold plate, having the Rose, Shamrock and Thistle, and the Square and Compasses engraved thereon. The text of the Address was as follows:—

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

"We your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, most respectfully desire to approach the Throne, on the auspicious occasion of your Majesty having completed the fiftieth year of your reign over the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to assure your Majesty of our fervent and unabated attachment to your Majesty's Throne and Royal person.

"Founded, as our ancient Institution is, on principles of unswerving loyalty to our Sovereign, and fidelity to our country—we rejoice to think that the great increase of our Order in all parts of your Majesty's dominions is in unison with the welfare of the nation and the maintenance of the established institutions of the land—which it will ever be our earnest desire to preserve inviolate.

"We would humbly express our gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for having spared your Majesty to reign over these realms for so extended a period, and we pray that He may continue to preserve your Majesty to rule with that full Sovereignty which affection can alone ensure the hearts of your faithful subjects, and more especially of the Fraternity which we to-day represent.

"May the Almighty vouchsafe to your Majesty a long and happy continuance of your reign over a loyal and devoted people.

"Dated, at the Royal Albert Hall, London, this 13th day of June 1887.

"Albert Edward, Grand Master.
"Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary."

The Earl of Carnarvon, in moving the adoption of the Address, said:—

Most Illustrious Grand Master, your Royal Highnesses, and Brethren,—I hold it no light honour that you have been pleased to confer upon me in asking me to move the adoption of this Address to Her Majesty the Queen. It is carried, Sir, already by acclamation, and in moving it I can best begin by repeating your Royal Highness's words. I see around me representatives from every part of the civilised world, for it is the prerogative of Masonry that it has branches in every part of the globe. But whilst it has been alleged—I care not with how much truth—against some branches of our Order that they have been the friends of revolution, and the enemies of government, as you have truly said to-day, in English Freemasonry order and law and loyalty to our Sovereign are the pillars of our ancient Institution. Your Royal Highness alluded to those of your ancestors who have been patrons of the Craft. I believe, if I am not mistaken, that there have been 17 Princes of the Blood Royal of England who have belonged to Freemasonry. May I go a step further, and remind you that Her Majesty the Queen is the daughter of a Freemason, that her uncles have been Freemasons, that her Royal sons are Freemasons, and that she has also a grandson in the Order. I might remind this great assembly of the vast increase in Freemasonry during the reign of her Majesty, and I might remind them of the great increase which has resulted from your Royal Highness's reign. But on this occasion our hearts rather turn to the wearer of the English Crown to assure her of the loyalty and devotion of Freemasons, to assure her that amongst the millions of her subjects who own her sway, whether amongst rich or poor, there are none who are animated by more heartfelt loyal devotedness to her Throne than the Freemasons of England. Your Royal Highness spoke of the fiftieth year of the Queen's reign. Fifty years are not to be lightly spoken of. There are but three Sovereigns in English history who have ruled for half a century, all names that recall great works, the Third Henry, the Third Edward, the Third George. It is a long period in the life of an individual, and even in the life of a nation when measured by such events as have crowded the history of the last half-century—dangers threatened, successes achieved, troubles passed through, and reforms accomplished. Above all, we have seen during those last fifty years thrones crumbled to the dust, dynasties overthrown, old kingdoms disappear, new kingdoms created, storms sweeping over the face of the world, and the map of Europe remodelled. At home we have been at peace. We celebrate to-day the Jubilee of the beneficial rule of that delicate hand that has presided over the government of England. We have seen industrial progress moving with gigantic strides; we have seen science passing into depths which we had never suspected before; and we have seen social changes which, I hope and would fain believe, have made men and women better and happier than they were before. In England we have, in fact, seen parties united, and across the seas we have seen an Empire greater than any over which the eagles of Rome ruled, greater than any in fabulous story, built up by the sturdy hands and hearts of Englishmen. It is a marvellous picture, and if some shadows occasionally pass over the scene they simply warn us that we are mortal, and that we hold the lease of our Imperial life on the same conditions as individuals hold theirs, the conditions of well-doing. During all this time there has been one central figure. There have been Party watchwords, and Party cries, there have been Ministers many, and great policies which have attracted attention, but they can all pass, and some of them have passed almost out of the world. But the Queen of England has been through them all; she has remained our great central figure, to which the hearts and affections of her subjects have year by year more and more attached themselves, and whose influence has constantly grown. Her sway in public and in private life has no equal, as Sovereign on the Throne and as the first lady of the land. And this I can say with absolute truth, that there has never been any great movement of kindliness, of human charity, and sympathy in this country which has not received support and help from our gracious Sovereign. Sir, in conclusion, I will only echo the last words of that address, and assure your Royal Highness, from the bottom of our hearts, that we all pray that God, the great King of kings and Lord of lords, the Great Architect of the Universe, may continue in His keeping, and preserve for many years to rule over her faithful people, in happiness and prosperity, the Queen of England.

The Earl of Lathom in seconding the resolution, said:—

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As a body we claim, and I think justly so, that we are surpassed by no other body in the world in loyalty to the Throne and the person of our beloved Queen, who has reigned over us so long, so well, and so justly. Brethren, we are composed entirely of the sterner sex, and I think there is a special sentiment of poetry in the feelings with which we regard our Royal patron, whom we venture to believe looks with kindly eye on the ancient mysteries of this institution, and does not wish to penetrate further into them, but is satisfied that the Heir to the Throne, our Most Worshipful Master, and several other members of the Royal Family, belong to the Order. We believe Her Majesty knows that the principles of the Order are not only those of peace and goodwill, but of charity and brotherly love. On this plea we venture to approach Her Majesty and humbly pray that our loyal Address may be graciously received.

The Grand Master then put the resolution, which was carried with loud cheering; after which His Royal Highness signed the Address, and said—

It will be for me later to take the Queen's pleasure as to how the Address shall be received.

The Prince then called for three cheers for the Queen, which were given enthusiastically, and the National Anthem was sung by the brethren standing. The Prince of Wales said:—

We have amongst us an Indian Prince, His Highness the Maharajah of Kuch-Behar, and it affords me great pleasure to confer upon him the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden.

The Maharajah was conducted to the Throne, and congratulated by the Grand Master. The following brethren were then introduced to the Prince, on their promotion to Past Grand rank, and each of them (over a hundred in number) was cordially greeted by His Royal Highness, to whom they were all formally introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. Subjoined we give a list of the Craftsmen who received appointments:—

LONDON.

His Highness the Maharajah of Kuch-Behar	Senior Warden
Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., Lord Mayor	Junior Warden
The Hon. Mr. Justice Field	Do
Lieut.-Col. Hon. Henry J. Byng	Do
Sir Francis Knollys, K.C.M.G., C.B.	Do
Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G.	Deacon
Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.	Do
Col. Stanley d'A. Clarke, C.C.M.	Do
Thomas Trollope, M.D.	Do
Sir George Prescott, Bart.	Do
Thomas Weller Poley	Do
Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G.	Do
George B. Brodie, M.D.	Do
Rev. Philip H. Ernest Brette	Do
Charles Driver	Sup. of Works
Octavius Hansard	Do
William C. Beaumont	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
William E. Stewart	Do
Dep. Insp.-Gen. Thos. Purchas, M.D., R.N.	Do
John A. Farnfield	Do
Charles Martin	Do
Lieut.-Col. George Haldane	Sword Bearer
Col. William Bristow	Do
Frederick Binckes	Do
James Terry	Do
Francis R. W. Hedges	Do
George Kelly	Do
Frederick Mead	Do
Charles F. Matier	Standard Bearer
Charles F. Hogard	Do
George Henri Bué	Do
John Hedley	Do

PROVINCIAL.

Bedfordshire	Col. Robert H. Lindsell	Deacon
Berks and Bucks	Robert Bradley	Sword Bearer
Bristol	Lt.-Col. J. R. Bramble	Asst. D. of C.
Cambridgeshire	Andrew H. Moyes	Std. Bearer
Cheshire	Edward H. Griffiths	Do
Cornwall	Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart.	J. Warden
Cumberland & Westmoreland	Lamplugh F. B. Dykes	Deacon
Derbyshire	William Naylor	Sword Bearer
Devonshire	Walter G. Rogers	Deacon
Do	Rev. William Whittley	Do
Dorsetshire	Col. C. Hambro, M.P.	Do
Durham	Robert Hudson	Sword Bearer
Essex	Thomas J. Ralling	Asst. D. of C.
Gloucestershire	John Brook-Smith	Deacon
Hants and Isle of Wight	Edgar Goble	Sword Bearer
Herefordshire	Rev. Richard Evans	Chaplain
Hertfordshire	John E. Dawson	Sword Bearer
Kent	Alfred Spencer	Do
Do	Benjamin K. Thorpe	Std. Bearer
Lancashire (E.D.)	William O. Walker	Deacon
Do	John Chadwick	Sword Bearer
Do	James H. Sillitoe	Std. Bearer
Lancashire (W.)	Robert Wylie	Deacon
Do	William Goodacre	Sword Bearer
Do	Thomas Forrester	Std. Bearer
Leicestershire and Rutland	Samuel S. Partridge	Asst. D. of C.
Lincolnshire	Wm. H. Sissons, M.D.	Do
Middlesex	John F. H. Woodward	Sword Bearer
Monmouthshire	William Pickford	Std. Bearer
Norfolk	W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P.	J. Warden
Norths and Hunts	Rev. S. J. W. Sanders	Chaplain
Northumberland	Richard H. Holmes	Deacon
Nottinghamshire	Rev. Fredk. V. Bussell	Chaplain
North Wales	Col. Henry Platt	Deacon
Oxfordshire	Viscount Valentia	J. Warden
Shropshire	Rowland G. Venables	Asst. D. of C.
Somersetshire	Lt.-Col. A. T. Perkins	Deacon
South Wales (E.D.)	Marmaduke Tennant	Asst. D. of C.
South Wales (W.D.)	Rev. W. L. S. Stradling	Chaplain
Staffordshire	John Bodenham	Asst. D. of C.
Suffolk	William Boby	Std. Bearer
Surrey	Frederick West	Deacon
Sussex	Gerard Ford	Do
Warwickshire	Col. John Machen	Do
Wiltshire	Sir G. Goldney, Bart.	J. Warden
Worcestershire	A. F. Godson, M.P.	Deacon
Yorkshire (N. and E.)	Lieut.-Col. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett	J. Warden
Yorkshire (W.)	Henry Smith	Deacon
Do	William H. Brittain	Sword Bearer
Jersey	John Le Cronier, M.D.	Asst. D. of C.
Isle of Man	George C. Heron	Std. Bearer

DISTRICT.

Gibraltar	John H. Bryant, M.D.	Sword Bearer
Malta	William Watson	Std. Bearer
Bengal	William Henry Fitze	Deacon
Bombay	Harold King	Do
Burmah	Rev. John Fairclough	Chaplain
Madras	John T. Greatorex	Asst. D. of C.
Punjab	Col. Oswald Menzies	Deacon
Eastern Archipelago	Felix Gottlieb	Sword Bearer
South China	Wm. S. Adams, M.D.	Asst. D. of C.
North China	Thomas W. Kingsmill	Do
Japan	Robert Hughes	Do
South Africa (W.D.)	Thomas J. C. Ingleby	Sword Bearer
South Africa (E.D.)	George P. Parks	Asst. D. of C.
Natal	Wesley Francis	Sword Bearer
Jamaica	Altamont de Cordova	Deacon
Bahamas	Capt. H. C. Lightbourne	Std. Bearer
Montreal	Lt.-Col. W. H. Hutton	Deacon
Newfoundland	James S. Hayward	Std. Bearer
Argentine Republic	George J. Ryan, M.D.	Sword Bearer
New South Wales	Charles F. Stokes	Deacon
Do	Francis A. Wright	Sword Bearer
Do	Arthur H. Bray	Std. Bearer
Queensland	Barron L. Barnett	Deacon
Victoria	H. St. John Clarke, M.D.	J. Warden
Do	J. W. Wilmott, M.D.	Deacon
Do	Thomas H. Lempriere	Sword Bearer
Tasmania	George Smith	Do
Canterbury, N.Z.	William Deamer, M.D.	Asst. D. of C.
Otago and Southland, N.Z.	Robert Stout	Do
Westland, N.Z.	James Kerr	Sword Bearer
Auckland, N.Z.	William Lodder	Do
Wellington, N.Z.	George S. Cooper	Asst. D. of C.
West Indies (generally)	Col. John Elliott, C.B.	Deacon
India (generally)	Brig.-Gen. G. B. Wolseley, C.B., A.D.C.	Do
Unattached	Colonel Sir Terence O'Brien, K.C.M.G.	Do

The Grand Master then stated that he had approved of a design for a special jewel to be worn by all Masons who are subscribing members of Lodges on the 20th June 1887, and that he was pleased to grant permission for a bar to be worn on the ribbon by all the brethren present in that Hall, with a slight addition in the case of Stewards serving. Lord Carnarvon said he had to ask His Royal Highness's acceptance of a jewel, of the pattern he had approved, and which he begged to offer to him in the name of the whole body of Freemasons. The Prince of Wales, in accepting the jewel, said:—

I accept this jewel, with the greatest pleasure, from the hands of Lord Carnarvon, in the name of all the brethren, and I can assure you that it will be a memento to me of this most interesting occasion, which is one I am not likely ever to forget. I have only now to declare that the fees for admission to this meeting, amounting to over £6000, will be divided, without any deduction, between our three great Charities, the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Benevolent Institution.

The procession was then re-formed, in the inverse of its original order, and the Grand Master was conducted to his room amidst loud cheers and a fanfare of trumpets. Before he left the Hall, however, we noticed that His Royal Highness turned to take a farewell glance at the brethren who had assembled to testify their devotion to the Throne and affection for himself, and afterwards he expressed himself highly pleased with the success of the gathering. Soon afterwards the Royal party left, their appearance being hailed with ringing cheers by thousands

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of people who had congregated outside the building. A very large number of the brethren, who had chartered vehicles for the day, embraced the opportunity afforded them of a drive around the beautiful surroundings of Kensington and the Parks, which are just now in the height of their summer glory; the shrubs, trees and flowers, planned and kept by skilful landscape gardeners, presenting a wonderfully charming aspect. Our Provincial friends, some of whom seemed to have formed the idea that London was but a huge colony of bricks and mortar, enveloped in a perpetual pall of smoke, were most agreeably astonished at the fine appearance of our "breathing-spaces" through which they passed; though it is open to question whether the "pent-up citizens" were not equally charmed with what to them was a pleasant hour or so in the country. There was a general return to the City later in the evening, and Masonic banquets on a variety of scales were held at the Holborn Restaurant, Freemasons' Tavern, the Imperial Hotel, Anderton's, and many other of the hotels which are equally noted as the trysting-places of brethren of "ye mystic tie."

Amongst the incidental features of the day we may refer to the gathering of several members of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, who were generously entertained at luncheon by their esteemed Worshipful Master, Brother F. T. Bennett, at the Imperial Hotel. Subsequently they proceeded in a private omnibus to the Albert Hall, and after the ceremony took a drive through the parks, which proved a rich treat to all who participated. Returning to the Imperial they partook of an excellent dinner, served in a style for which this cosy and popular establishment is noted, Brother Begbie personally superintending. The W.M. presided, supported in the vice chair by Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M., and amongst those present were Bros. Usher Back P.M., A. Green P.M. (Treasurer), W. Radcliffe P.M. (Secretary), A. Dickson, Cockerill, King, Linfield, Hartley, Bagley, Kirkland, Buss, Parsons, Hunt, Hardy, Collings, &c. The loyal toasts having been given, with especial reference to the Jubilee meeting at the Albert Hall, and the splendid success which had attended it, Brother W. W. Morgan proposed the toast of the evening—the Worshipful Master. In the course of his remarks he said the members of St. Michael's Lodge could not have made a more judicious selection of a Master, for although Bro. Bennett was a comparatively young Mason he was in every way adapted to the position. He was initiated in their Lodge, and during the short time he had been in it he had shown himself a most earnest and persevering student. This was proved by the position he had secured for himself, and his devotion to the Craft was recognised outside as well as inside the St. Michael's Lodge. The speaker referred especially to Bro. Bennett's appointment on the Board of General Purposes, an honour almost without precedent for so young a Mason. The more cautious of the members had watched his career—it might almost be said, with fear and trembling, that he might be inclined to soar too high; but they felt perfect confidence in him, from the amount of spirit he brought to bear upon his work; they were now all assured he was not likely to fail. Bro. Bennett had exerted himself assiduously and munificently to ensure the pleasure and success of the day, and they were all indebted to him for his generous kindness. The toast was heartily received, and briefly acknowledged by the W.M., who said he considered it a great honour and privilege to occupy the chair during the Jubilee year, and congratulated the brethren upon the success of the splendid gathering they had witnessed at the Albert Hall. No effort should be wanting on his part to sustain the reputation which St. Michael's Lodge had so long enjoyed. Several complimentary toasts were given, and the proceedings were of a very happy and enjoyable nature. We may mention that Bro. Alfred Withers P.M., who was with the party at the Albert Hall, was prevented from attending the dinner, much to the regret of the brethren.

HINTS ABOUT AND TO BROTHER ROB MORRIS.

BRO. MORRIS is a singular man, and whenever any report reaches here about him I always doubt whether it is true. Some disparaging stories were formerly propagated about him, but the propagators of these stories were as unreliable as Bro. Morris himself, and so I took no stock in their statements. About the end of last February there was a report here that Bro. Morris had had a stroke of apoplexy, and was unable to do anything, save and except to sell his poetry. About a fortnight later another report reached here, that the whole edition of Bro. Morris's poems were destroyed in a fire. But a writer in the *Freemason* of 26th of March informs us that Bro. Morris is on a lecturing tour; he says:—

Our old and respected friend Bro. Dr. Rob Morris is again on the war path. This time it is ninety lectures in ninety days, in the same number of towns. This is pretty work for one close to 71 years of age [and so soon after his recovery from his stroke of apoplexy too.] The following sketch will serve to describe the character of his addresses . . . . As the new crowned Poet Laureate, and as P.G.M. of Kentucky, his reception should be most hearty, as doubtless it will be wherever he sojourns.

And here is a specimen of the programme of Bro. Morris's "Variety Show," viz.:—

His Masonic discoveries in the Holy Land; cordial reception in Europe, Asia, and Africa; Grand Gathering in Smyrna; greeting by Bro. Mohammed Reschid, Governor-General of Syria; the seven Masonic localities in the Holy Land; the tomb of King Hiram; foundation walls of King Solomon's temple; midnight initiation into Oriental form of Freemasonry. [Query.—As Bro. Morris cannot understand an Oriental language, how did the Dervishes manage to initiate him?]

This is followed by an exhibition of Masonic curiosities, among which is the identical Masonic flag which has kissed the breezes of the Syrian hills in four successive expeditions. In addition to which our poet was to recite his poems.

Following these, a social réunion is held, while the veteran Mason, sitting as interlocutor, cudgels his memory for Masonic anecdotes, serious, humorous, drawn from reminiscences of two score years, during which he visited nearly three thousand Lodges, and almost every Grand Lodge in the world.

Bro. Morris has nothing to sell, neither books, coins, nor specimens. The lectures will be free. A collection will be taken at the close.

The above is a correct specimen of Bro. Morris's "Bill of the Play." The performances are the same as he exhibited in Boston a few years ago. I notice, however, a "new departure." In Boston he, or his agent, solicited each visitor to buy Bro. Morris's Holy Land book, for four dollars. If that was too much for the visitor's pocket, he was next offered a piece of wood from the holy Mount Lebanon, some leaves from the holy Mount of Olives, a homœopathic dose of water from the holy river Jordan, or a pebble or shell from the Holy Land, for which the small sum of one dollar was asked. This ancient landmark Bro. Morris has now abandoned for a new one, viz., "a collection will now be made," and I hope that his audiences will be sufficiently amused with his exhibitions, for I do not think the instruction will amount to much, to induce them to shell out their dimes freely and generously.

Last week, however, I received in one day THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, of 16th April, and the (Cincinnati) *Masonic Review*, the April number, in both of which publications Bro. Morris has something to say about Jacob Norton. They differ, however, in style; thus, in the former, he exhibits Rob Morris the comical, the humorous, the jocose, full of drollery and banter; but in the latter we behold Rob Morris the serious and censorious. The letter in the former is headed "Rob Morris's reply to Bro. Jacob Norton," while in the latter the article is headed "Jacob Norton, the Masonic Agnostic." Well! be it so; and what then? The question is, can any man of common sense believe that two eagles guided Bro. Morris to the tomb of King Hiram? or that King Solomon was the author of our American Masons' funeral ritual? or that Pythagoras was initiated into the M.M. degree, and that he was the "Master of the Masonic ritual?" &c., &c. The only excuse he makes for his credulity is that Jacob Norton also at one time believed in Masonic traditions, "until he got mad with the Boston Masons, because they would not leave out the two Saints John, and the Star in the East."

So far Bro. Morris is right. Indeed, I never would have joined a Lodge in Boston if the late C. W. Moore had not promised that if I joined his Lodge he would do his best to induce the Grand Lodge to make the ritual as unsectarian as it is in England; but when I found that the next edition of Moore's "Tracing Board" was more sectarian than the previous one, and when the Rev. Grand Master, in answer to my petition, gave me to understand that Masonry was a Christian Institution, but was liberal enough to admit Jews, while they were still excluded from the English Parliament, &c., &c., I think that I was then justified in renouncing allegiance to a Jesuitical concern. Hence, I resigned membership, and decided never to enter a Lodge in Massachusetts again so long as they were pleased to retain a ritual inconsistent with their boasted Masonic universality.

Bro. Morris believes that it is perfectly right for the W.M. to promise a Jewish candidate, "on the word and honour of a gentleman and a Mason, that he should enjoy all the privileges of Masonry, and that there was nothing

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inconsistent in Masonry with the duties he owed to God," &c., while knowing full well that the ritual was inconsistent with the candidate's religious belief; or, in other words, that the W.M. had a right to promise what he knew to be false. Well, thank God that some Christians do not believe in Bro. Morris's doctrine; for instance, in 1851 I sent Moore's "Trestle Board" to the Rev. Brother Carver, who was then the representative of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in the Grand Lodge of England, and, by appointment, I saw him on the following day, when this Rev. Brother emphatically pronounced certain parts thereof as un-Masonic, and he even wrote to Moore. Yes! he wrote more than once, but Moore paid no attention to his letters. Again, Bro. W. P. Mellen, in 1855, wrote four papers, in the *Acacia*, on the Jewish question; no one undertook to answer him. Yes, even Rob Morris had not the courage to attack Bro. Mellen's arguments. Still again, in 1875, the Rev. Bro. Charles Griswold, then Grand Master of Minnesota, wrote to me, that the sectarian parts in the ritual ought to be expunged; and last, the present Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts also admitted that I was right. Now, the arguments of our American luminaries for justifying deception rested mainly on what they called "ancient landmarks" and "venerable traditions;" so I was induced to examine their pretensions of "ancient landmarks," &c., and found that the traditions were modern inventions of some zealots, for the purpose of turning the Masonic Lodge into a conversion trap. I admit, therefore, what Bro. Morris states, that if I had not been provoked by the humbuggery of the American Masonic ritual I should probably never have questioned the Masonic traditions. But our Bro. Morris continues his statement with what is not quite true, he says:

"Had the Boston people inherited his hatred of Jesus, and inserted a lot of Talmudic traditions, Bro. Norton had been perhaps an LL.D.," &c., &c.

Now that is all bosh, for he does not know what I should have done in such a case. There are some more such unfounded statements in Bro. Morris's writings; for instance, he describes me as a very ferocious individual when sitting at my desk with my pen in my hand; the truth is, he never saw me sitting at my desk, nor when I had a pen in my hand. And in the Cincinnatti *Masonic Review* he intimates that I called Lord Montague an impostor. But I can assure my readers that I never wrote, said, or even suspected, that Lord Montague was an impostor.

Bro. Morris throws out threatening hints about what he knows of the "synagogue," "its creeds," and "a hundred treatises," "twelve treatises," "modern Judaism," &c., which he intimates he could blow sky high in a minute. Assuming that Bro. Morris could do all this, all that I have to say is: whenever a Jew attempts to convert Bro. Morris to the synagogue and its creeds, he will be perfectly justified in doing his best to bring the synagogue and its creeds into contempt. But the last pathetic appeal of Bro. Morris is the most amusing. He says:—

"Bro. Jacob Norton, you have removed our Solomon, and our Hirams; all we deemed traditions and landmarks! What is left?"

Bro. Morris's ascribing to me the distinction of removing his Solomon and his Hirams is simply on a par with many other things he has written. The fact is, three years before I began to write for the Masonic press, Brother Steinbrenner published his "Origin of Masonry," and three years before Steinbrenner's book appeared, Brother Findel (in 1860) published his History of Freemasonry; and both of these eminent Masonic writers disproved the antiquity of Speculative Masonry, including the Grand Mastership of Solomon and Co. Nay more, as long ago as 1853, Bro. Henry Fandel, P.G.D. of the Grand Lodge of England, told me that our Freemasonry *was not ancient*. Dalcho's Ahiman Rezon of 1822 shows how little he then believed in Masonic traditions, and I have reason to believe that our intelligent German brethren, Bro. Dalcho's countrymen, began to disbelieve in the veracity of Masonic Historians even before Dalcho died. In 1818 Hallam wrote, "The curious subject of Freemasonry has unfortunately been one treated by panegyrists or calumniators, both equally mendacious;" and later on Mr. Halliwell administered to Masons a similar rebuke for their credulity; hence our Masonic German searchers on the one hand, and our non-Masonic English rebukers on the other, actually produced a ferment even among our apathetic and credulous English Masons. Thus in 1870 a fight began between Brothers Hughan and Buchan about "the 1717 Theory." In 1873 Bro. D. M. Lyon's truly great work appeared, which proved beyond doubt that "Speculative Masonry," with its three degrees, was unknown in Scotland before 1723, and it is needless to argue that neither Bro. Hughan nor Bro. Gould now believe in the Solomonic origin of Masonry. Such being the case, I am certainly not entitled to either praise or blame for having deprived Bro. Morris of his Solomon and his Hirams, and if Bro. Morris is at all injured by my demolishing some other so-called Masonic traditions, he has to blame for it the stupidity or Jesuitism of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of 1852.

And now, my good Bro. Morris, I will just give a little wholesome advice, viz., if you cannot defend your traditions by historic proofs, then cease to repeat them. Remember that "Jack the Giant Killer" may be a suitable book for a child to read, and if it enjoy the story all right. But should you seriously recommend the same book to a man who is endowed with a grain of common sense, he will at least laugh at your folly. A hundred years ago Freemasons were mere children, and a Masonic Jack the Giant Killer story suited their age; then you could have made Masons believe anything and everything; then the story of the John Locke MS., the Malcolm Charter, and any number of other cock and bull stories were received by Masons without question or doubt. But now, with the works of Findel, Steinbrenner, Lyon, Hughan, and Gould before us, it is no more possible for you, or any other man, to restore the former faith in Masonic traditions than it is possible to revive the old belief in witchcraft, or in heathen mythology.

Boston, U.S., 3rd May 1887.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF ST. PETER, No. 1204.

THE installation of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Maldon, on Thursday, 9th instant, when Bro. W. De Cean S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Edmund Gowers P.M. P.P.G.O. The Officers for the year were invested as under:—Bros. C. S. Blyth I.P.M., C. Ker S.W., A. Barritt J.W., Rev. E. R. Horwood P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, H. J. Sansom P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, F. Geo. Green P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, F. Bird P.M. P.P.G.P. Organist, W. Gower S.D., C. Dibben J.D., W. Clover I.G., J. Sadler and J. Hudson Stewards, G. Huxtable Tyler. Bro. Gowers was re-elected to represent the Lodge upon the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for the able way in which he had conducted the installation ceremony. The brethren subsequently dined together at the Blue Boar Hotel; a sumptuous repast being served by Mrs. Hickford, the hostess. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the health of the M.W.G.M. the W.M. alluded to the great meeting of Freemasons which was to be held in the Albert Hall, on the following Monday, under the presidency of His Royal Highness, when an address of congratulation to the Queen on her Jubilee was to be agreed upon, and which, the W.M. remarked, would be a memorable one to all who were fortunate enough to be present. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. E. Hennemeyer P.M. 51 P.P.G.S.W., A. G. Maskell W.M. 276, and S. H. Ellis P.M. 1977. In returning thanks for the toast of the Chaplain, the Rev. E. R. Horwood P.M. P.P.G.C. (Vicar of All Saints, Maldon), said he had occupied that position now for some years, and was very gratified to fulfil the duties which the office imposed upon him. The outside world were wont to associate Freemasonry with mere eating and drinking. Of course this was because they were not aware of the inner working of the Order; he was one of those who considered that these social gatherings after the Lodge business, if used in moderation, were productive of much good. Men differing in creed, politics, and class, were thereby brought together; the rough portions of their nature were rubbed off, and neighbourly and friendly feelings were awakened between them. It was not good for a man to shut himself within himself, to get into one groove, as it were, for then his mind became contracted, and he had no sympathies outside his own little circle or clique. The patron saint of their Lodge was St. Peter, whose virtues he trusted they would all imitate, while the emblem emblazoned on their banner—a cock standing on a rock—should remind them, the former to be watchful, and the latter to be steady and firm in principle, so that when they should be summoned from this sublunary abode they might ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where our worlds Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. The Charities was proposed by Bro. Arthur Barritt, who remarking that Charity was not the root of true Freemasonry, expressed a hope that the three noble Charities connected with the Order would be supported by all Masons to the best of their ability. Brother Edmund Gowers P.M. P.G.O., whose name was connected with the toast, took the opportunity to mention that the candidature for the Boys' School of the son of a late member of their Lodge was proceeding satisfactorily. In support of that very deserving case he was, as many of them were aware, going on Tuesday next to the Annual Festival

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of the Institution, as a Steward. When he started on that undertaking a few months ago, he felt in his own mind that if he raised about £15 he should have a list of which he need not be ashamed; but through the kindness and liberality of the brethren he was happy to say that his expectations had been more than realised, for his list now amounted to between £46 and £47. He should very much like to raise it to £50, and he appealed to those present to help him. A plate was then passed round the table, and Bro. Gowers announced, amidst great applause, that the amount had been contributed and a few shillings to spare. An excellent musical programme was given during the evening.

VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 87.

THIS ancient Lodge held an emergency meeting on the 8th instant, at the Bridge House Hotel, S.E. Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Bail P.M., who apologised for the absence of the W.M., Bro. A. E. Birch, who was unavoidably prevented from attending. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Bail said he had the gratification of performing the ceremony of passing Bros. Carlton and Swash, which duties were done in perfect form. The votes for the School were unanimously given in favour of the son of the late Bro. Paine. A discussion took place concerning the Lodge Centenary medal, but the question was postponed on account of not knowing the exact date of the consecration. Bro. George Isaacs had much pleasure in informing the brethren that he had traced the infancy of the Lodge, which was consecrated many years ago, and established by the Sappers and Miners (now the Royal Engineers) at Gibraltar. From there it migrated to the Peninsula, but during the war it established itself at Chatham. Subsequently it came to the metropolis. This explanation was cordially received. The acting W.M. proposed that a letter of condolence be send to the widows of the late Brothers Payne, Clegg, and Field; this was unanimously agreed to. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed until Wednesday, the 13th July, when we hope to see the W.M. again in the chair. After some light refreshment the brethren parted, having spent a pleasant evening in harmony. Amongst those present were Bros. Whiting P.M., Stuart P.M., Bail P.M., Chamberlain, Nightingale, Lambell, G. Isaacs, Huntley, and several others.

CHISWICK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2012.

ON Wednesday, the 8th inst., this Lodge held its annual supper at the Winsdor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, and the occasion was taken as the opportunity for presenting a testimonial to its Preceptor. The chair was occupied by Bro. George Gardner, Founder and Treasurer, and a Past Master of the Mother Lodge, he being supported on his right by Bro. Edward Ayling P.M. 974 the Preceptor, and upon his left by Bro. Arthur Williams Secretary and D.C. 834. The vice-chair was taken by Bro. James Sims P.M. 834. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. N. Defries P.M. 2012, M. Spiegel P.M. 188, H. Purdue P.M. 834, W. Game P.M. 511, J. A. Gartley P.M. 205, C. Dopson P.M. 834, J. H. Wood W.M. 1642, H. Tipper W.M. 185, D. S. Long S.D. 1275, W. G. Coat 1275, J. G. Doncaster S.W. 834, H. Hewitt 834, F. Walden Secretary 2012, J. T. Benson 2012, T. M. Coleman 192, H. D. Blatt 1892, R. J. Seers 1559, W. W. Fazan 2090, J. J. Boswell 2012, A. J. Mann 172, F. Craggs I.G. 834, J. Worth 834, E. Mitchell 1275, V. Wing J.W. 1585, P. J. Davies 1767, H. Oliver I.G. 1585, J. Davis 169, W. H. Wilson 2012, J. Brown 2012, W. Ritchie 2090, W. C. Dickey 2012, W. W. Williams 834, D. Stroud 55, and J. Lichtenfeldt Assistant Director of Ceremonies 205. After the toast of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, the Chairman proposed success to the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, coupling with the toast the names of the Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary, paying due compliment to their zeal and assiduity, the value of their services and willingness at all times to do their utmost to promote the prosperity of the Lodge. This toast was most cordially received. After a song by Bro. Dickey, the Secretary replied. He gave a brief sketch of the career of the Lodge, the large amount it had given to the Charities, and its prospects of continued prosperity. Whilst thanking the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast he assured them, on his own behalf as well as that of the Preceptor and Treasurer, of their hearty goodwill and desire to maintain and uphold the Lodge to the best of their ability. The Chairman in proposed the health of the worthy Preceptor of the Lodge, Brother Ayling, presented him with a small token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by them all, and handed him a diamond ring subscribed for by members of the Lodge; he trusted it would ever bring to his mind a recollection of the esteem in which he was held. He called upon the brethren to join him in this—the toast of the evening. Bro. Ayling, in response, tendered his sincere thanks for the honour and kindness shown him; he could not find words to adequately convey what he felt; he had an earnest desire at all times to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and the friendship and brotherly regard shown him made it a pleasure to come amongst them. Their gift he should prize as long as he lived, and when absent from them it would remind him of the kindness evinced at all times towards him by the brethren of the Chiswick Lodge. Several other toasts were given during the evening, which was rendered the more enjoyable by some excellent singing.

YARBORO' LODGE, No. 244.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge, of which Brother Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret is the W.M., took place at the Masonic Temple, Jersey, on Wednesday, 8th inst. The work of the evening consisted of the 2nd and 3rd degrees. Bro. Charles Naylor, 1624. P.M. 958, P.P.G.R. Jersey, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and the Installation banquet was fixed for Wednesday, 13th July.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., on the 11th inst. There were present Bros. Hodges W.M., Lone S.W., Olds J.W., Cohen Preceptor, Galer Secretary, Fenner Treasurer, Yates S.D. Powell J.D., Brett I.G.; also Bros. Imlay, Müller, Born, Langdale, Hallam, Park, Peatt, Reed, Da Costa, Harris, Stallard, Barnett, &c. Lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The business consisted of the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, Bro. Imlay acting as candidate; he, after proving his efficiency, was entrusted. Lodge being advanced, the ceremony was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st, Bro. Cohen the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed, Bros. Müller, of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, and Born, of the Royal Savoy, No. 1744, were elected members. Bro. Lone was elected W.M. for the 25th. Lodge was then closed. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the 18th inst. (this day), by the members of the Queen's Westminster and the St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction, by special invite. Lodge on this occasion will be opened at 6·30.

The following is a list of the Stewards for the Boys' School Festival, with the respective amounts collected by each, corrected up to the time of our going to Press:—

LONDON.

Lodge	Grand Stewards, per Bro. Fred. Binckes	£	s	d
		132	12	0
1	Br F G Brown	21	0	0
2	C O Tagart	32	10	0
3	A G Sandberg	25	1	0
4	F T Bennett	16	16	0
5	Edwin T Hall	26	15	6
6	Philip C Novelli	21	0	0
8	Thomas Skewes-Cox			
10	Samuel Green	23	2	0
14	Walter J Ebbetts	19	8	6
19	John Glenn	72	19	6
21	Marcus R Sewill	36	15	0
23	F Pinches	15	15	0
28	James Boulton	42	0	0
29	John R Dunlop	27	6	0
33	W J Sugg	27	6	0
34	S J Attenborough	65	2	0
46	Ed W Stanton	56	14	0
49	E Anderson jun.	36	15	0
55	Edward H Brown	57	15	0
59	F J Tyler	47	5	0
60	W H Kompster	26	5	0
63	A S W Baum	63	0	0
87	E W Nightingale	90	0	0
99	T Abbott Smith	66	3	0
91	Fred. C Watts	29	8	0

Lodge		£	s	d
96	Major H A Joseph	138	0	0
101	Edward J Altman			
140	W C S Barney	42	0	0
141	Charles Dairy	71	18	6
142	J L Thomas, F.S.A.	23	2	0
162	Thomas Burne	22	1	0
165	G A Vennell	21	0	0
172	John Whaley	31	10	0
179	Walter Dickeson	65	0	0
181	E J S Layton	36	15	0
188	J W Dewsnap	41	15	0
197	C Barry, F.S.A.	25	4	0
205	Joseph Da Silva	42	0	0
255	N D Fracis	21	0	0
259	C Godson, M.D.	81	10	0
435	D Belifante	50	18	6
534	Oliver Bryant			
548	Henry Carman	27	6	0
657	F A Warner	44	7	0
720	J D Arnold	54	0	0
733	C R Wickens	32	0	0
733	Sills J Humfress	10	10	0
822	C F Grundtvig	28	7	0
871	John J Pakes	37	16	0
898	G Graveley	52	10	0
957	Charles Corby	53	0	0
1076	Henry Taplay	100	0	0
1159	C Monckton	79	16	0
1155	B Goldsmith	51	0	0

Lodge		£	s	d
1178	Henry Stockwell	117	12	0
1269	John Lane	38	6	6
1328	J L Thomas, F.S.A.	106	11	6
1329 / 1641	D D Mercer	43	1	0
1361	J J Wedgwood	16	16	0
1666	R W Galer	16	16	0
1383	Dep. Inspector-Gen. T. B. Purchas, M.D.	105	0	0
1420	T Wilkinson	26	17	6
1426	F W Potter	73	10	0
1445	Hy Seymour-Clarke	44	12	6
1475	R Boddy	46	13	6
1489	William Gray	28	7	0
1538	T G Finck	39	0	0
1572	J S Stacy	79	16	0
1593	A Escott, F.R.A.S.	36	15	0
1601	Alfred Thompson	42	16	6
1614	T A Dickson			
1615	Capt. F S G Moon	8	8	0
1627	Alfred Hudson	63	0	0
1629	Rev. C J Martyn	57	15	0
1642	W W Buckland	47	13	0
1658	James Hill	46	4	0
1670	Carl Erhardt	23	11	0
1872	G P Minett	23	2	0
1681	Joseph Rayner	26	5	0
1686	John M Klenck	21	0	0
1704	G Vernon Knight			

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Lodge		£	s	d
1706	James Blyth			
1707	John Webb	26	12	0
1708	J P Hamilton	56	3	6
1716	Snowden Kirk	21	0	0
1718	Lieut.-Col. E T R Wilde	13	2	6
1719	J Mainwaring	29	8	0
1724	Major S P L Konarski	24	3	0
1766	James Tames	61	10	0
1820	Fredk. G Brown, M.R.C.S. (see 1)			
1900	W H Gardener	105	0	0
1901	Elijah Eagle	106	1	0
1924	S W Hooper	40	8	0
1963	F Kerry	42	0	0
2021	C P Ballerby jun.	162	15	0
2030	F S Hunt, M.P.	21	0	0
2128	H J Giller	42	0	0
2150	W T Farthing	33	12	0
2191	Major G Lambert	22	1	0
2192	Alderman J Savory J Barnett jun.	48	6	0
Lodges of Instruction				
1425	George Read.	22	1	0
1949	Stephen Richardson	76	13	0
Chapter				
65	Comp John Roberts	42	0	0
176	John E Cockett	42	0	0
548	W G Batchelor	27	6	0
1642	Samuel Smout	18	18	0

COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.

Bro Richard Eve		210	0	0

UNATTACHED.

Bro Asher Barfield		10	10	0
	William Belchamber	22	1	0
	Charles Belton	15	15	0
	John Bertram	10	10	0
	Edgar Bowyer	10	10	0
	W R. Burnett	5	5	0
	Joseph Clever	21	0	0
	George Cooper	23	2	0
	George Gardner	52	10	0
	Frederick V. Green	17	17	0
	Thomas Griffiths	56	14	0
	Henry Hacker	36	15	0
	William Albert Hart			
	H P Hay	12	12	0
	Charles Fred. Hazard	10	10	0
	George Kenning	10	10	0
	Fred. Lawrance			
	Alfred Thomas Layton	10	10	0
	George Thomas Limn	52	10	0
	H B Marshall	10	10	0
	H B Marshall jun.	10	10	0
	J L Mather	21	0	0
	G J McKay	26	5	0
	Dr. George Mickley	10	10	0
	T Hastings Miller	10	10	0
	James Moon	10	10	0
	Col. James Peters	10	10	0
	Ernest St. Clair	10	10	0
	Henry Stone	5	5	0
	J W H Thompson	10	10	0
	James Terry			
	W H Telling			
	Henry Venn	10	10	0
	C E Wright	14	14	0

PROVINCES.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Lodge				
1470	Br F J Coleman	36	15	0

BERKS AND BUCKS.

574	Anthony Keesley	10	10	0
795	E W Allen	40	8	6
1101	W Ravenscroft	80	11	6
1566	Frank R Spender			
1770	Charles E Belcher	40	2	6

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

441	S H Sharman	137	11	0

CORNWALL.

	Gilbert B Pearce	194	5	0

DERBYSHIRE.

	Percy Wallis	26	5	0
	George Fletcher			
353	R B Barratt	31	10	0
752	Ashetham Woodhead	101	15	6

DURHAM.

	William Logan	101	17	0

ESSEX.

160	Geo L Wood	14	0	0
453	Robert Martin	25	0	0
650	Richard Clowes	15	15	0
1024	Edmund Gowers	52	10	0
1343	Charles C Potter			
1817	George J Glasscock	22	2	0
2154	Mark Gentry	10	10	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

82	R Prowde-Smith	22	1	0
246	R V Vassar-Smith	63	0	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

723	Br H Lehmann			
2068	Geo F Bevis	21	0	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Lodge and Chapter				
404	Br C. E. Keyser	32	11	0

KENT.

199	Br James Walter Bussey	215	5	0
558	S Joseph	50	18	6
784	Thomas Bent	36	15	0
1096	John Wyatt Court	77	14	0
Lodge and Chapter				
1414	Br Rev T S Curteis			
Lodge				
1464	Thomas Peace Staley	75	12	0
1973	Thomas Heaps	21	0	0

LANCASHIRE (EASTERN DIVISION).

221	Br James Walker	10	10	0
933	John Stovold	10	10	0
933	C D Cheetham jun.	42	0	0
1052	Sam Warburton	10	10	0
	Thomas Oakden			

LANCASHIRE (WESTERN DIVISION).

	Br Reginald Young	15	15	0
Lodge				
1335	J D Murray A H Crossley	52	10	0
1384	W J Thomson	10	10	0
1387	J J Lambert	31	10	0
1476	W B Richardson	10	10	0
	R Foote	10	10	0

MIDDLESEX.

788	Br E C Mulvey	30	0	0
1326	W R Vassila	26	5	0
1326	J A Wilson	21	0	0
1503	Alfred H Gurney	47	5	0
1512	John Cameron Jessett	24	2	6
1579	Joseph Boulton	36	15	0
1597	H Francis Bing	55	13	0
1691	J Ferguson	10	10	0
2105	W R Palmer	26	5	0
2105	Surgeon R H Cuma	10	10	0
Chapter				
2048	Comp Chas J Knightley	121	17	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

	The Province, Br Wm Watkins	78	10	0
Lodge				
457	Br Fredk K A Powell	21	0	0
471	C H Oliver jun	36	15	0
683	Arthur H Oliver	65	0	0
818	John Owen Marsh	36	15	0
1098	John J Williams	30	10	0
1429	Alfred Taylor	31	10	0

NORTHS AND HUNTS.

360	A Cockerill J U Stanton H Hart George Eldard	350	0	0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

47	J Teplis	63	10	6
402	Arthur Stubbs	168	0	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

340	R W Bowden	30	0	0
357	Rev R W M Pope	11	10	0
1478	Rt Hon Viscount Valentia	21	10	0
1036	Arthur Johnson	2	2	0
1515	E F Greenwood	16	5	6

SOMERSETSHIRE.

291	Br Arthur Duckett Edward F Wade G E Alford	420	0	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

	Bro W G Lowe A F Warrillow William Vernon	245	14	0

SUFFOLK.

81	Br Edward Smith	35	13	0
936	James M Harvey	57	15	0
1631	Major W Dods	63	0	0

SURREY.

452	Br Magnus Ohren	24	3	0
463	Walter J Nicholls	10	10	0
1046	Harry Loveless	26	5	0
1362	Henry Trower	43	11	6
1638	John Henry Taylor	22	1	0
1714	Robert Bunce	15	15	0
1872	Reginald Piper	15	15	0

SUSSEX.

40	Br W H Russell	55	0	0
732	W Nell Charles Nye	50	0	0
1466	Henry E Price	68	5	0

WILTSHIRE.

	Bro Thomas Stephen Futcher	234	3	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

	Bro A F Godson, M.P.	26	5	0
377	Br J W Consterdine-Chadwick	10	10	0

YORKSHIRE.—NORTH AND EAST.

	Bro Wm Holder	113	13	0
57	Br Edward Corris	107	15	0
236	T G Hodgson	64	1	0
250	W C Whiteside			
566	W N Cheesman	10	10	0

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

	Bro. T. W. Tew Henry Smith W F Smithson	630	0	0
139	John Shaw			
154	W A Stanier			
208	W D Quarmby			
208	F Roseman Fox			
280	William Harrop			
296	Lt.-Col. J E Bingham			
296	William Colver			
296	Harold Thomas			
296	Robert Piper			
296	Isaac Ellis			
362	Thomas Hill			
495	George F Wild			
495	Alfred Leach			
750	Rawson Kelly			
904	G A Hatch			
910	Robert Fisher			
974	John Ridley Oddy			
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1019	Frederick Simpson			
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1211	J W Fourness			
1211	Thomas Wise			
1283	William Haigh			
1302	William Asquith			
1513	T W Embleton			

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1674	Arthur L Clewes	10	10	0
1849	Henry Kaye Shaw	32	18	0

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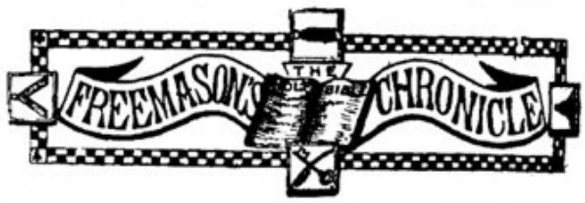
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Eighty-ninth Anniversary Festival of this Institution attracted to the Crystal Palace a very numerous attendance of the brethren, with their friends of both sexes, on Tuesday last. The day was gloriously fine, and those who went down early had an opportunity of sauntering through the grounds, which are now in their brightest summer livery. A great many of our Provincial friends had remained overnight, after attending the Jubilee gathering at the Albert Hall, in order to be present at the Festival, and to them the Palace no doubt presented especial interest. Additional attraction was vested in the event by the knowledge that a valuable testimonial was to be presented to Bro. Frederick Binckes, the esteemed and universally popular Secretary of the Institution; and thus the company at dinner was somewhat in excess of that witnessed on some previous occasions. The banquet was served in a large *salon*, constructed immediately underneath and in front of the organ gallery, and the otherwise sombre aspect of the interior was enlivened by trophies, shields, and flags tastefully suspended from the pillars supporting the roof. By five o'clock the banqueting-room was well filled, tables being allotted to members of the various Provinces, an arrangement which invariably gives satisfaction. The occasion was graced by a large number of ladies, whose bright summer toilettes heightened the picturesque effect. By regulation, the brethren did not appear in Masonic clothing, but the majority of them wore the elegant Stewards' jewel provided for the occasion. Another feature of the day, and one we were pleased to witness for the first time at our Boys' Festivals, was the gathering of a numerous party of "Old Masonians," who had accepted the kind and considerate invitation emanating from Bro. Binckes, and judging from the hearty spirit which prevailed at this particular table, it was evident they thoroughly appreciated their "first appearance" at a Masonic banquet. A dais had been erected for the principal guests, and behind this was the orchestra, embellished with flowers and ornamental plants, palms, ferns, &c. The chair was occupied by R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, J.P., Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, who was supported by Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer; Revs. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, C. J. Martyn, Dr. Morris; Viscount Valentia, A. F. Godson, M.P., G. Plucknett, Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., George Cooper, W. Roebuck, Baron de Ferrieres, J. L. Thomas, Col. Peters, Major George Lambert, Magnus Ohren, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Capt. Homfray, C. Else, Col. Lyne, W. Paas, Edgar Bowyer, Dr. Jabez Hogg, C. O. Tagart, C. Belton, Alderman Savory, George Kenning, Raynham W. Stewart, Asher Barfield, A. Layton, H. Venn, J. Moon, T. H. Miller, J. J. Murray, Percy Wallis Prov. S.G.W. Derbyshire, C. F. Hogard, J. L. Mather, Abraham Woodiwiss, J.P., W.M. 731, Samuel Watkins, W. Watkins

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The Chairman, in proposing the Queen and the Craft, said the first thought which rose from their hearts to their lips that evening was to do honour to our Sovereign Lady who reigned over the British Empire, which had grown to such magnitude by the splendour and industry of its 700 millions of people, and which had expanded to such dimensions by the energy and power of the inhabitants of this land. It afforded him the greatest satisfaction to have the honour and privilege of proposing this toast, and he ventured to echo the aspiration that it was the fervent prayer of every one of them that the Ruler of all nations, the King of Kings, the Great Architect of the Universe, might direct, preserve and guard our Gracious Queen to reign for many years over this united Empire, and over a happy, prosperous and contented people. The toast was received with great cheering, followed by the National Anthem, in the chorus of which all joined. In proposing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Chairman said, following on the great ceremony of the preceding day, they acknowledged their gratitude to the Prince of Wales for having so graciously presented himself at the Albert Hall and allowing so vast a body of Freemasons to render their allegiance to him as the head and ruler of our Order. That celebration had tightened the bonds and consolidated those feelings of attachment felt by Freemasons throughout the world to the Heir Apparent to the Crown of these realms. Loyalty, philanthropy, and fidelity to our country are some of the watchwords of our Order, upon which they heard admirable addresses yesterday. These were the essential conditions of the Craft, and bound together Freemasons throughout the world, of every country and clime, not only to him, but also to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, and to his Royal Brothers, as well as to every member of the Royal Family. This attachment was founded on the devotion and affection of our hearts to His Royal Highness and to every member of the Grand Lodge. Let them hope that the work he had so much at heart, the Imperial and Colonial Institute, to which he had devoted so much time, thought, and labour, might meet with the success that had actuated his generous efforts in its behalf, and that the contributions of the Craft might be found an acceptable offering in his sight from them towards the consummation of his wishes. Brother the Rev. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, Grand Chaplain, then rose to propose The Chairman, R.W. Bro. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, the toast being received with loud cheers. In doing so, he said he felt it a proud moment of his life to dine with them on the present occasion and to submit this toast to their notice. He felt, indeed, that it would have ill become any one connected with the Grand Lodge of England, and belonging to the Province of West Yorkshire, to have been absent from this great gathering. They all knew the regard and admiration they entertained for their Prov. Grand Master, which was second only to their feeling of loyalty to the Queen, second only to their devotion to the Most Worshipful Grand Master. That was the feeling of every one in West Yorkshire towards him who occupied the chair to-day; indeed, in the slightest wish or suggestion be made, to hear was to obey. Bro. Tew was a prince amidst his fellows; his purse was ever open to relieve the needy and destitute; he devoted his whole life to the interests of Freemasonry. His noble conduct to-day, in giving up a summer holiday for the purpose of coming there, was a proof of that deep interest he felt in the Craft, and for which they were all deeply indebted to him. He would not detain them longer, for he felt the toast needed no eulogy from him; though if he spoke according to the dictates of his heart he should detain them there till midnight. He trusted that all in West Yorkshire and elsewhere might follow Bro. Tew's noble example in maintaining the Masonic Institutions, especially the one in whose behalf they were now assembled; ever bearing in mind that charity was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, which merited the approbation of heaven, blessing not only him who received, but also him who gave. He proposed our Provincial Grand Master; he said "our" because he gloried in being a West Yorkshire brother. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The President, on rising to reply, was greeted with renewed and prolonged cheering. He commenced by observing that Miss Fanny Moody had just sung, in the most delicate manner, one of her charming songs, "It was a Dream." It was a dream to him to think the day had come when he should have had the unexpected honour conferred upon his Province, and upon himself as its Provincial Grand Master, of occupying the chair at one of the great Festivals. He thanked the rev. Chaplain for the manner in which he had proposed the toast; and felt grateful to every one present for the courteous way in which they had received that proposal. His only regret was that some one of older standing in Provincial rank had not been able to occupy the chair that evening; but he assured them his heart was cordially in sympathy, and his wishes were earnestly for the prosperity of every one of the great Masonic Institutions. Whatever deficiency they might detect in their Chairman, they might believe him when he said he cordially sympathised with the objects of the Institutions and was glad in every way to co-operate with the brethren in promoting their best interests. He then proposed the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy Grand Master, *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents of the Institution, and the Provincial Grand Masters and Present and Past Grand Officers. He desired to associate with that comprehensive toast the names of Colonel Lyne, Prov. Grand Master of Monmouth, who hailed from Oxford, and of Viscount Valentia P.G.W. He felt sure that after having listened to the most exquisite and beautiful speech of the Earl of Carnarvon at the Albert Hall he need say very little to commend the toast to their acceptance. That speech was worthy the deepest study, as a model of excellence, of the English language, and he (the speaker) need do no more than hope that they would show in the most unmistakable manner their appreciation of the beauty of that address, considering the circumstances of physical difficulty under which it was delivered. He might say the same of the Earl of Lathom, in seconding the resolution; his remarks were most appropriate and touching, and went home, he was sure, to the hearts of every one who heard them. With regard to the Vice-Presidents and Provincial Grand Officers, he believed every one had the utmost confidence in them, and were delighted with the manner in which they performed their responsible and arduous duties. This brilliant assembly was honoured with the presence of two distinguished Officers, whose names he had mentioned, and he asked the company to give the toast a most cordial reception. Bro. Orlando Harley here sang "When other lips," in such a manner as to evoke an undeniable encore, and he was compelled by the incessant applause to return and repeat the last verse. Colonel Lyne said as a Provincial Grand Master it afforded him great pleasure to respond to this toast. Their Chairman just now remarked that the honour conferred upon him "was a dream;" he on his part could wish that "other lips" had to respond for this toast instead of his own. They were all very much gratified with the addresses given yesterday by the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom. He was sure they listened with unfeigned pleasure to those observations, which touched their hearts in every sense that they as Masons could desire. They all recognised the onerous responsibilities of those two Grand Officers, and he thought the Grand Secretary ought to have responded in his place, as he alone knew the difficult duties they had to perform. Provincial Grand Masters had also their responsibilities, because he was sorry to say the prizes they had at their command were few, while those who were deserving of them were numerous. However, they were always kind enough to receive the toast of the Prov. Grand Masters with cordiality and good feeling, knowing they did their best to discharge the duties that devolved upon them. Nothing could have afforded them greater gratification than what they heard yesterday, and that every one of the Provinces would share in the promotion to rank amongst the Grand Officers was a high compliment to them. Let him say that none amongst them were more deservedly promoted than the Secretaries of the three Masonic Institutions. Viscount Valentia P.G.W. felt that he was hardly the proper person to respond for this important toast, as his services in the Grand Lodge of England only commenced yesterday. But he assured them his knowledge of Freemasonry was such that he knew the Grand Officers were not only assiduous in the duties they had to perform, but they took the greatest interest in the Craft; he knew also the interest which every true Mason took. If that interest could possibly be increased it would be so by having the honour of a Grand Officer's collar conferred upon him. It was a great pleasure to them all to see the Grand Officers yesterday, and to hear the eloquent words that fell from their lips; he hoped they would show their appreciation of those words by the thanks which they returned for the toast which had been so kindly given by the Chairman.

In proposing the toast of the evening, Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Chairman asked them kindly to give him a few minutes while he tried to do justice to it. He thought if ever a chairman had the right to claim a little consideration, and he hoped indulgence, that Chairman was himself on that occasion. Up to within a fortnight ago, or thereabouts, the Executive of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys had been disappointed—after many applications to distinguished personages—in securing the services of an eminent member of the Craft to occupy the position which he had been so suddenly and unexpectedly called upon to endeavour to fulfil that evening. On the eve of a temporary sojourn on the Continent his sympathies were enlisted in this Institution, in correspondence with certain influential members of his Province of West Yorkshire, Vice-Patrons and Governors of the Boy' Institution, and he cordially consented to do what he could do for it. He offered his co-operation in this position of difficulty—never anticipated by the Executive. That the result of such offer would be that he should appear before them in the prominent and responsible position he had the honour to occupy that evening he little anticipated. He knew what his generous Province had already done in support of each of the other noble Institutions during the past year. He remembered they had pledged themselves to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to raise a Jubilee Offering of £2,100 in addition to their usual annual support,—over £800 at the Festival in February last, and £40.' at the recent Girls' School Festival. Lastly, their West Yorkshire Jubilee celebrations in the 42 towns of his Province. All these things had exacted additional heavy contributions from the brethren, and perhaps he might be pardoned for alluding to the large number of Craftsmen from that Province who, at considerable personal inconvenience, had come to London to show their loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty and their Royal Grand Master by attending the magnificent demonstration at the Albert Hall yesterday. Yet, guided by his advisers within the Province in such things, he placed the matter in their hands, to exercise their discretion, and they felt justified in pledging this additional support of himself and his Province in an emergent difficulty. Thus it was he was in the chair that night, to redeem the promise he had made to the Executive of this Institution. The celebration of this Festival—whatever the result Bro. Buckes would announce—must be regarded as one in which the Northern Province of West Yorkshire had assisted by means of a diligent and lengthened process of organisation. Their Festival share in the success was that of sympathetic friends, who seeing those in London in whom they were all so deeply interested, and knowing the unlooked for position of difficulty they were in, as to the Chairman for the day, they readily accepted the responsibilities of the situation and came to the rescue, not inquiring too minutely how such help could be made available. That help, cheerfully rendered even at the eleventh hour, they cordially trusted would be appreciated, and would not be without substantial value to the Institution whose prosperity they had so deeply at heart. They looked upon the Festival in the

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Crystal Palace, after witnessing the magnificent Masonic Assembly at the Albert Hall yesterday, with feelings of thanks and gratification, heightened by the knowledge of the universal benefits which would be conferred by those gatherings upon the three Masonic Institutions. He thanked the United Grand Lodge of England for its munificent contribution on the first day of this month, of £6 000, distributed in sums of £2,000 to each of the three Masonic Institutions. (This sentence was received with loud cheers). The Boys' Institution had in its turn derived benefit from those two sources, but still he felt perfectly justified in pleading with them for support on this occasion. On the Jubilee celebration of His Majesty George III. fifty boys were specially admitted to the benefits of these Schools. On the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen—Grand Patroness of the Order, since 1852—258 sons of Freemasons were enjoying the full benefits of maintenance, clothing and education in that Institution. Further, there had been expended in the erection of School buildings and the purchase of freehold land, in round figures, a little short of £100,000. He was sorry to say that on the Building Fund for the Preparatory Schools and General School Sustentation Fund their account at the bankers' showed a serious liability, amounting to about £3,000. Urgent efforts were needed to reverse this state of things, and it was his duty specially to press upon the charitably-disposed in this assembly, to help to wipe out this deficit, and to restore the equilibrium in the finances of the Institution. The expenditure last year was £16,300, and the receipts some £13,000. He was anxious, therefore, that the Festival in this year of rejoicing should render the monetary course of this noble School one removed from all cause of anxiety to the Executive, and one of ease and smoothness in the future of its history. In conclusion, he urged upon them to do their utmost for the Institution, and place it in that position of prosperity worthy of so splendid an educational establishment. The toast was briefly acknowledged by Bro. George Plucknett P.G.D., Vice-Patron, Treasurer of the Institution.

The Secretary (Bro. Frederick Binckes) then read the list of contributions brought up by the Stewards, full details of which are given on another page. The total amount, with 13 lists yet to come in, was £11,100. Bro. Binckes said he was proud to be able, for the first time, to make a special announcement. His experience went back for thirty years, and in that time neither of the Masonic Institutions had ever received any contributions from the great City Companies. Brother Major Josephs, however, who was a prominent member of the Court of Common Council—and as Steward for Lodge No. 96 had given in the sum of £138—told him that while he would not guarantee anything further before the 31st of March next, that was only an approximate amount. He did not hesitate, even in the presence of Major Josephs, to state that he most sincerely believed the amount of fifty guineas from the Goldsmiths' Company was mainly due to their constant friend Major Lambert. This was entirely a new element of support, showing the magnificent Corporation of the first city of the first Empire in the world took an interest in works of benevolence. They had also received twenty-five guineas from the Skinners' Company, and twenty-five guineas from the Vintners' Company. Her Majesty the Queen, to whom they were bound by every tie of affection and loyalty, had sent her thirty-seventh donation of ten guineas. At the same time up to the present the result of the Festival was somewhat disappointing.

Bro. Major Lambert, as Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, begged most respectfully to say that they were most delighted when Major Josephs applied to their Company for a donation towards the Boys' School. Had he consulted the Prime Warden, however, he would have received a far more handsome donation. Representing, as he did, one of the largest of the City Companies, he assured them he would endeavour to extend that donation still further. It was a rule with the City Companies that no second application could be made within three years; but he had no hesitation in saying that if the Companies of the great City of London were approached in a proper manner they would respond to the application with the greatest possible pleasure. He should go back to his Company and tell them what this noble Institution was doing in the cause of education, and should inform them also that it was in need of great accession to its strength. The Queen's Westminster Lodge had landed a sum of £100, and as the Treasurer of that Lodge he should do the best he possibly could to further the goodwill of the Society, which was so well ruled and governed by their good friend Bro. Binckes.

The Chairman said he was now about to submit to them a toast which was not on the regular list. They were aware that some time ago a most important and influential Committee was formed, having for its President the Earl of Lathom, with a great many Vice-Presidents, and having for its Chairman Bro. Raynham Stewart, the object being to recognise in some suitable manner the long services of a distinguished Officer of the Boys' School and to the Craft. It fell to his lot that evening, by request of various members of the Craft, on their behalf and in the name of the subscribers, to give expression to their appreciation of those long, able, and valuable services, and to present the recipient of it with the result of their labours, together with their best thanks for the services he had rendered to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys during the last 25 years. He need hardly tell them that the purse and piece of plate which had been subscribed for were to be presented to Bro. Frederick Binckes, the esteemed and valued Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. (This announcement was received with ringing cheers). Did time or patience permit, he could occupy their attention long in detailing those services to brethren who were not so well acquainted with them as he was. They would, however, find those services recapitulated in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE where a full record was given of Brother Binckes's Masonic work during that period of time. He asked them to procure the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and to read it for themselves, for there they would find the most explicit statement as to what Bro. Binckes had done during the last quarter of a century, more especially in behalf of this Charity. He asked Brother Binckes to accept, as an expression of their acknowledgment of his services, a piece of plate and a pocket-book containing a gift of no small amount, as a testimonial of his efforts on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The inscription on the plate was as follows:—

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BRO. FREDERICK BINCKES,
Together with a purse of four hundred guineas,
In recognition of his services for upwards of twenty-five years
as Secretary R.M.I. Boys,
and as
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge M.M.M.
14th June 1887.

Bro. Binckes, who was loudly cheered, said the brethren might very naturally imagine that on an occasion so important as that which had brought them together that evening, the main object was not to promote the interest of an individual, but—if he might use the expression—the imperial object of promoting the interests of one of the Institutions of their great Craft. He had the greatest possible pride and pleasure in the world in seeing so large a gathering assembled around those tables, although perhaps he had to a certain extent to express his regret that many good friends had not retained their places up to this moment. When he said he rose to respond to the handsome gift which had been tendered to him, his feelings were mingled with both gratification and regret—with intense gratification that the few friends who had contributed to that splendid testimonial had deemed his services worthy of recognition after a long period of 25 years; of intense regret that the presentation should have been made at this Festival, the realisation of the results of which—he had no hesitation in saying—he had looked forward to with so much anxiety, and still with fears as to the result—which had been realised—as to its being the least successful for a long series of years. He could himself wish, be assured them from the bottom of his heart, that this amount had been given to the Institution instead of to himself. The failure, or the comparative failure, which had attended their exertions that evening, was to him a source of unmitigated regret; but when they looked back to the earlier portions of the year, to the large success of their Benevolent Festival, and the success of the Girls' School Festival, and now upon the enormous claims made, in every district throughout their jurisdiction, for local celebrations in connection with the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign, he felt perfectly assured this Institution must of necessity suffer. Grand Lodge had recently come to their relief with £2,000, and a similar amount would result from the magnificent gathering of yesterday; these aids would very materially compensate them for the comparative failure of their Festival, and go some way towards placing the Institution in a state of solvency and of hope for the future. Now, he could not forget a personal question, reference to which had been made by their excellent friend who had done them the honour of presiding over them that day, as to their approval of his small services. He would not attempt to exhaust himself in addressing to them observations which he might have done under more fitting circumstances, but he asked them just to bear with him for a few moments, because he was not unmindful of the past, or ungrateful for the present. He had four classes to deal with—first those with whom he laboured in his early years, the majority of whom had left this world for another. He was satisfied with their encouraging efforts in his earlier days, and if they had been spared he should have been glad, for often he remembered what he owed to them, and how they had encouraged him in a certain path, could never be forgotten. Then there were those who never knew his work—and did not approve of it; those who knew his work—and did approve of it; and those younger members who did not know anything at all. Those who knew his work and did not approve of it, he asked to take the most indulgent view possible, and at least give him credit for trying to do his best. If they had not altogether approved his action, he assured them he had but one leading object at heart, and that was to promote the well-being of the School, to retrieve their magnificent Institution from the state in which he found it in 1861, and to make it take its proper place with the other Masonic Institutions. He had no doubt there had been dissentients from what he had recommended, but he had had independent Committees to deal with, who would not have passed what he recommended if they had not approved. To those who had cordially worked with him and appreciated his work—and there were many present—how could he tender his thanks for their acknowledgment of the services he had rendered? But there were many who knew him only as an old fossil, charged with old conservative notions. Let him endeavour to induce such to change their ideas. He was ingrained with Conservative notions, in all that was good; he had adopted all that had been good in the past; and had produced good in the present. He had endeavoured to profit by the experience of the past, and bring it to bear on the present. As to the extension of the Institution, should he not be ungrateful if he did not say that it was done with their approval and by their practical support? Never mind what their partial failure had been on the present occasion; did they think that, under the exceptional circumstances, he had any doubt of the future prosperity of the Boys' School? No. They had had before them as their guests that evening twenty-five sons of Masons, educated in the Institution, now making their way more or less successfully in the world. He had hoped they would have had fifty, but they could not be released from their duties. He (Bro. Binckes) was not what he was twenty-five years ago; but he could tell them this—that he had a heart as sound and an energy as good as ever he had, now in his declining years, for advocating the cause of this Institution. He could this evening say what he had done had not been altogether without their approval, and that while he might not have given satisfaction to every one, yet to the great majority of those with whom he had laboured he had given satisfaction, or they would not have testified

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in that manner that evening. There was no one in this world, however gifted he might be, or however endowed with intellectual or physical powers, who could in any shape or way attempt to plead that he had given universal satisfaction. He had been, from the age of nineteen to nearly sixty-three years, an active worker in public life; he had stated his opinions; he had not been a neutral being, trying to please every one; and he would not give a farthing for the man who was not willing to stand by his opinions. He hoped to die in harness, and not to lose in Masonry those good friends whose sympathies had been testified that night. He then referred to the Albert Hall gathering, at which he was made a Past Grand Sword Bearer, and said if he had not given satisfaction to every one, yet from the majority with whom he had laboured his work had met with approbation, and concluded by trusting he had consistently given satisfaction during the course of his public life.

The Chairman next proposed Success to the other Masonic Institutions. In doing so he expressed regret that Brother Hedges, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, could not be present, on account of the indisposition of Mrs. Hedges. He would therefore associate with the toast the name of Brother James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Brother Terry said, after the lengthened proceedings of the evening he would not detain the company; he congratulated Brother Binckes most sincerely upon the success of the meeting, as also upon the presentation that had been made to him. The last of the Festivals for the year had taken place, and the total contributions now amounted to nearly £43,000. He thanked them for the reception they had given to the toast, and hoped the support accorded to the Charities would be continued in the future. With the toast of the Board of Stewards was associated the name of the Grand Treasurer, Brother Richard Eve, and the Chairman returned his best thanks to them all for the excellence of their arrangements. Bro. Eve, President of the Board of Stewards responded; and the Ladies, proposed by Lieut-Col. Bingham, C.E., Prov. G.S.W. of West Yorkshire, and responded to by Bro. Dr. H. Thomas, closed the list.

During the evening a choice selection of music was rendered, under the direction of Bro. F. H. Horscroft, assisted by Miss Fanny Moody, Miss Bertha Moore, Madame Raymond, Bro. Orlando Harley and Bro. Wilfred Price, Bro. James Kift presiding at the pianoforte. This part of the proceedings was a rich treat and tended very materially to enhance the pleasure of those present.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Avenue.—Messrs. H. B. Farnie and Audran's opera comique "Indiana" was revived here on Monday, and proved as interesting as before. A good attendance was present, taking into consideration the heat, and the different artistes were greeted with enthusiasm. The business and songs were heartily received—too heartily to be genuine in some cases—while the staging and dresses were uniformly excellent. Miss Wadman, seemingly much benefited by the rest she has recently taken, was in good voice as Indiana, and was called on several times for encores, a compliment she certainly deserved. Miss Phyllis Broughton danced gracefully, Miss Jessica Dene made a good Nan, while Miss Clara Graham was a vivacious Annette. Mr. Arthur Roberts once more showed that he can be amusing; as Matt o' the Mill he has exceptional opportunities, of which he does not fail to take advantage. His by-play was as good as ever, while his jokes were most amusing. He was well backed by Mr. Collini (Aubrey), Mr. Joseph Tapley (Philip Jervaux), Mr. Sam Wilkinson (Peter), and Mr. Henry Ashley (Sir Mulberry Mullitt). The choruses will go better after a night or two.

Strand.—The following old comedies will be given by the English Comedy Company at this theatre during Jubilee week:—Monday, "The School for Scandal;" Tuesday, "She Stoops to Conquer;" Wednesday, "The Rivals;" Thursday, "The Clandestine Marriage;" Friday, "The Road to Ruin;" Saturday, "The Hypocrite." Matinées—Thursday, "The Busybody;" Saturday, "The Lady of Lyons."

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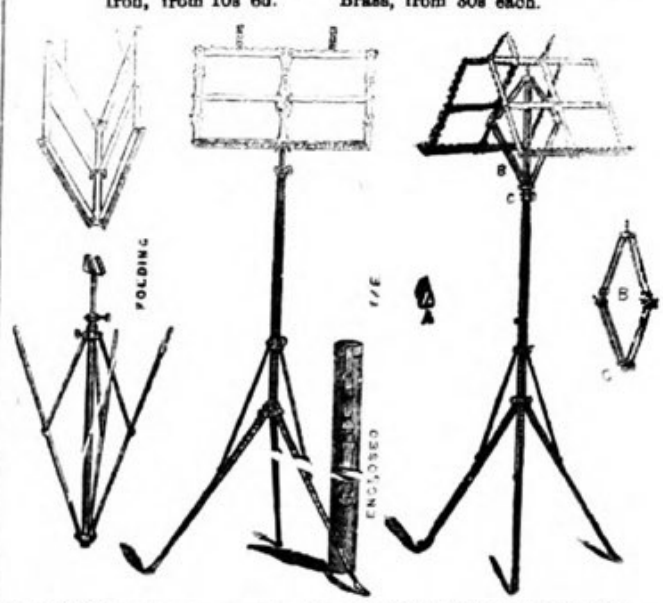
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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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.

SATURDAY, 18th JUNE.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 357—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge

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
2036—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
R.A. 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. (Consecration)
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 20th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1443—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 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.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
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
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 224—Menatechin, Criterion, Piccadilly
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
246—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
360—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
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1338—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1469—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 298—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 21st JUNE.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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)
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)
147.—Henley, Three Towns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1549—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)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1998—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 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. 1349—Friary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1623—Earl of Carnarvon, Lalbrose 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

218—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1053—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
R.A. 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, 22nd 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. (Instructional)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Popplin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bartlett-road, E. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1 24—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, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
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, Aldgate
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 805—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 23rd JUNE.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, 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-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)
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, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1 5—Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1902—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Red Hotel, Ealing, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1626—Treneser, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 7 (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.)
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
79—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
349—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bridgeshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Rydo-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
1635—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1692—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

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R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

FRIDAY, 24th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
35—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1106—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1196—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1206—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1749—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. 96—Eastern Star C. of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall Street
R.A. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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. 1503—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
K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1296—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1713—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
R.A. 143—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 650—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 196—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex
K.T. 136—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne
R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 25th JUNE

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
185—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1298—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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—Kocleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Bingl Chapter of Improvement, Union, Argyll-street, Regent-st., W., at 4
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1983—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

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The ninth monthly number of this magazine of "amusement, art, biography, economy, invention, literature and science" well sustains the anticipations that were formed of it at the outset of the new series. In its well-printed pages there are narratives of adventure at home and abroad, sculpture, and gossip, all of which form interesting reading matter, and are embellished with wood-cuts executed in a superior style of the art. The opening pages this month contain a racy and entertaining paper on stalking red deer, with many hints to those who have a fancy to try their hand at the "noble sport" during the season. The author, whose ardent love of ferns has found expression in "The Fern Portfolio," "Where to find Ferns," &c. concludes his ably written series of articles on "The Fern Hunter;" and Margaret Thomas, in her "Stepping Stones to Sculpture," discourses pleasantly on bronze casting. The Right Hon. Cecil Raikes, M.P., forms the subject of this month's biographical sketch, and an excellent portrait is given of the Postmaster General. Under the head of "Economy," a panoramic view is furnished of some of the lovely scenery for which North Wales is famed, plentifully illustrated with sketches of those sequestered nooks and expansive ranges of landscape that are so well known to the tourist. The literary article treats of the late George Eliot, accompanied by a sketch of Griff House, Chilvers Coton (near Nuneaton), where the distinguished novelist was born; and there is a chatty article on "Greenwich Hospital in Bygone Days," before the ancient "salts" who had fought England's sea battles were expelled from their quarters by a questionably wise act of the Legislature. Amongst the other contents there are narratives of exciting incidents during travel in South Africa; and the editor's serial story "Dragon Hollow" deepens in interest as the plot is disclosed. This little budget, with its miscellaneous attractions, should circulate widely, considering it is published at the low rate of threepence monthly.

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"OLD MASONIANS" AND THE FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The intimation given in your columns a fortnight since that every available means should be adopted for entertaining as many of the "Old Boys" as are "within touch" at the Boys' Festival, was an idea which I have heard spoken of in terms of the highest approbation whenever I have met brethren, either in Lodge or conversation. The idea was as worthy of Brother Binckes's conception as it was of general support by the Stewards and members of the Craft. Some people are apt to talk of "liberality gone mad" during the Jubilee year, and there may be a certain degree of justification for the remark, seeing the legion of schemes that have been launched with the idea of providing everybody and anybody with some sort of entertainment, as a "memento of the event. But to include the fifty "Old Masonians" in the company who assembled at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, under the genial presidency of Bro. T. W. Tew, was altogether beside the question. The matter of expense, as you pointed out, was a mere bagatelle, and could be made up without the slightest perceptible call upon the pocket; while, on the other hand, the effect upon the minds of our young guests will be enormously beneficial. All of us who have grown old have fixed upon the memory some incident or episode which remains for ever green, and recalls some pleasure which is distinctive and indelible. And I know of no movement which will produce a more gratifying effect than that which Bro. Binckes so considerately suggested. There could be no shadow of a doubt that our robust and excellent friend, the Secretary, would achieve the object of his desire, for we know that when he puts hand to the plough there is no looking back. That has been the distinguishing characteristic of Bro. Binckes's work throughout the twenty nine years he has advocated and pushed forward the interests of our Boys' School: and it was not to be hinted that he would stop short in carrying out this essentially small affair. Seeing, then, that it has been proved, and is an accomplished fact, what avail, may you ask, to say any more about it? Simply to assure Brother Binckes and those who co-operated with him and his proposal, that it has met with the hearty approbation of the brethren generally—at least, so far as I have heard, and I have met the members of a good many Lodges since that proposal was made—who regard it as another of those acts of kindly consideration and manly generosity for which Bro. Binckes is so proverbial. I was very pleased to see so goodly a muster of the "Old Masonians" at their table, on Tuesday; to hear the "glass house" ring with their congratulatory cheers at the announcement made of the result of the Stewards' lists and the Binckes' Presentation. It will stamp upon the minds of our former pupils a glowing recollection of the Jubilee year as the first during which they had the honour and privilege of sitting down at a Masonic banquet, and who would deny the "Old Boys" such a treat when it could be so gracefully and cheaply done?

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A VERY "OLD BOY."

We are inundated with Jubilee effusions just now, and a couple of hymns from the pen of Bro. John White Oram (music by Bro. Walter B. Bull) are amongst the latest. These "patriotic souvenirs" are entitled "Gracious Sovereign," and "Hark! the Bells." Doubtless they will find favour amongst Bro. Oram's friends, and others who are interested in this class of composition.

The consecration of the George Price Chapter will take place, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, this day (Saturday), at Four p.m. The ceremony will be performed by the M.E. Comp. J. Stadholme Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Superintendent of Surrey, who will be assisted by M.E. Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Scribe E., E. Comps. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, F. West, R. T. Elsam, C. Greenwood, H. E. Francis, &c. Comps. H. Marcus Hobbs, J. D. Langton, and J. S. Fraser are the three Principals designate.

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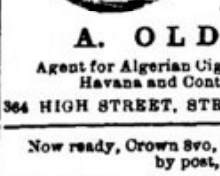
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THE FESTIVAL RETURNS.

THE outcome of last week's Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has caused widespread disappointment among those who take special interest in this particular channel of Masonic benevolence, but at the same time there is a feeling of thankfulness for what has been done, coupled with a determination to use every effort to do better in the future. In view of the substantial sum raised on this occasion it would be ungracious to actually grumble at the result, still we may express regret the amount was not larger, and seek for a means of increasing it in the years to follow, for there is no gainsaying the fact that a series of annual totals such as that announced last week would not be sufficient to meet the actual requirements of the Institution, which would, consequently, either get deeply into debt, or would be forced to curtail its operations. Undoubtedly there is not one member of the Craft who would desire either of these alternatives, and yet there are none who can say how one of them is to be absolutely avoided. The time has arrived when something special must be attempted in order to increase the income of the Institution, and perhaps some of those who read these lines may be able to submit a proposal which may produce the desired result. We believe that any tangible suggestion would be put to the test of practical trial, so that brethren need have little fear their advice would be actually wasted. We must not, however, forget that the first essential of success in such matters is to secure the co-operation of a large and wide-spread body of workers, all of whom shall take a direct and personal interest in the task they have in hand. On this account we wish that all who have the opportunity of perusing these remarks would at once show their heartiness in the cause by determining to do something on behalf of the Boys' School—say, for its next annual celebration.

The Festival of the present year had more than one unfortunate surrounding; but the one which has perhaps had the greatest effect on its total, and has done it more harm than any other has been the round of festivities in connection with the Jubilee of Her Majesty's accession, which has attracted such attention during the last few months as to place all minor matters in the shade, more especially those of such a public character as one of the Masonic Charity Festivals. It may be urged that the other two Institutions equally had to suffer in this respect, but this is not the fact, as the first two Festivals of the year were concluded before active preparations for the Jubilee were in progress. Again, the decision of Grand Lodge to devote the proceeds of the Masonic Jubilee Gathering to the three Charities has kept back support from various quarters, where it might have been expected, as brethren felt a handsome sum would accrue to the Boys' School from this source, thus rendering extra contributions from the Craft unnecessary. No doubt the £2,000 which the Boys' Institution will receive as its share of the Albert Hall celebration will more than make up the deficiency under this head, but it cannot be overlooked that the other Institutions get similar sums without having had their support curtailed beforehand on account of it. Then the Institution was unfortunate in not having secured the services of a chairman until really the eleventh hour; this fact alone made no small difference in the total, and our only regret is that when our esteemed Bro. Tew did undertake the office it was not deemed expedient to postpone the Festival in order to give his friends an opportunity of rallying more strongly than they were able to do in his support. This consideration brings us to what we consider the main drawback of the Festival. This is not, however, a disadvantage peculiar to this year's gathering, but one which is common to every Festival of this Institution; we have referred to it in the past, and again urge the rulers of the Institution to give the matter their serious consideration. We allude to the time of year at which the Festival is held. The disadvantages which surround the present arrangement are, we think, of such a character as to warrant an immediate alteration, more particularly in view of special features in connection with next year's Festival of the Girls' School, to which we shall refer later on.

There are, of course, considerations which may be urged in favour of a continuance of the Boys' Festival as a summer gathering, but there are, in our opinion, weightier arguments available on the other side. The winter months are essentially the working months of Freemasonry, and for this reason alone we would urge the advisability of a change. Then we have to consider the effect of crowding the three Festivals, as is now done, into a third of the twelvemonth, instead of, as we think more advisable, distributing them over the whole year, while the short interval available between the Girls' Festival and that of the Boys' School—usually little over a month—is wholly inadequate for a canvass of the Craft. We are decidedly of opinion that two Festivals cannot properly be pushed at one and the same time. The Benevolent Institution now has the run of the winter months, and the first claim on the new year, and until that gathering has been held we hear comparatively little of the Girls' Festival, which usually follows at an interval of about three months. For similar reasons the Boys' celebration is kept in the background until after the holding of the Girls' Festival, and then there are but four or five short weeks in which to make a stir—and, be it remembered, as most important of all, during these four weeks Masonry is virtually a dead letter, as something like nine out of every ten Lodges have adjourned for the summer vacation. We should like to see the date of the Boys' Festival altered to the end of October or the beginning of November, and believe that such a departure from established custom would prove beneficial to the cause of Charity in general, and of the Boys' Institution in particular. If November was decided upon, we should actually have Quarterly Festivals, leaving out of consideration the three summer months, during which Freemasonry may be said to be virtually at rest. There is one special feature connected with next year which should afford additional argument in favour of a change, as it may be expected to materially interfere with the support to be given to both the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School, but particularly the latter. The next Festival on behalf of the Girls' School will be the One Hundredth Anniversary of that Institution, and we already hear of the most elaborate preparations being made for a Royal celebration of the Centenary. Anything of so special a nature as this must have an effect on the other Institutions, and it behoves the supporters of each of them to prepare accordingly. It is not really too much to expect that the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School will be the grandest Masonic Charity gathering ever known, and we simply ask,—Will it be wise to let the Festival of the Boys'

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School follow such a gathering as may then be expected within the space of a brief month? Would it not be far better to give the Centenary—which in all probability will be *the* Masonic event of 1888—as wide a berth as possible?

We are afraid we have wandered far away from our original intention—that of reviewing last week's contributions; but whatever we may now say will not improve the result of this year's Festival, while there is hope that something may be suggested to advance the totals of the future. For this reason we feel no misgiving that our actions will be misunderstood on the present occasion.

The result of the Festival, as announced by Brother Binckes, the Secretary of the Institution, was a total contribution of upwards of £11,000. The figures published in our last issue were, as usual, amended up to the time of going to press, and, totalled up, they show an aggregate of £11,059 3s, with, apparently, seventeen lists outstanding. The Stewards were 287 in number, and may be said to have been equally distributed between London and the Provinces, if we include the "unattached" among the former, 142 brethren serving for each, with the remaining three accredited to Foreign Stations. The contributions were also about equal, for we find a total of £5,346 6s 6d to the credit of the London and unattached brethren, with £5,683 8s 6d from the Provincials, and £29 8s 0d from abroad. These figures place the Boys' School third among the three Craft Institutions for the current year in regard to total amount contributed, and second in regard to number of Stewards, which, to our mind, conclusively proves that the Boys' School in having the last of the three Festivals stands at a disadvantage. The average per Steward for the year was, in the case of the Benevolent Institution close upon £49 10s, on behalf of the Girls' School £42 7s, while in the case of the Boys' School it dropped down to a trifle over £38 10s. Is this very wide difference merely accidental, or is there a reason for it? In the answer to this question will really be found the solution of the difficulty under which the Boys' School at present labours, and as in our opinion the difference is to be accounted for on the grounds we have already mentioned, there should be no reason why a change should not speedily bring about an improvement. It is only necessary to point out the difference which exists in the average per Steward in the case of the Benevolent Festival and in that of the Boys, £11 per head, and to multiply it by the number of Stewards, to show that the Boys' Festival would have realised upwards of £3,000 more had the Stewards been as successful as those who served on behalf of the Old People, and is there any tangible reason why they should not be, if they had equal facilities for working? We urge there is not, and until actual proof to the contrary is forthcoming we shall be disinclined to alter our opinion. So far as we can see the Boys' School has been second favourite for the year, but it has been too heavily handicapped, with the result that it takes the third place.

We will now devote ourselves to the individual lists, which afford further evidence in support of what we have already urged. London, with the Committee Dinner Club, and those who figure as unattached, has but ten three figure lists, and only one of these exceeds the second hundred, the contribution being one of two hundred guineas from the Committee Dinner Club, at the hands of Bro. Richard Eve. Where is the "London list towering far above the others" which we last month said was seldom missing from the Festival returns? As if in mockery of our statement, it is missing now, for large as the Committee's donation is, we do not recognise it as "towering far above the others." What we should have liked to see, and hope to see in the future, is one or two lists of about £400 each, such as the Girls' School had the good fortune to announce in May. Then, again, the number of large lists is wofully small as compared with the preceding Festivals of the year, when one in eight among the London Stewards exceeded the century. The Boys' Festival only shows one three figure total to each fourteen London Stewards, which alone accounts for a large part of the falling-off in the general total. However, we will give the Stewards the credit we know they are justly entitled to. We are convinced they have done their best, and we trust it may some day be possible for them to labour under more favourable circumstances; if it is, they will then prove there is no lack of sympathy throughout the Craft on behalf of "Our Boys."

The list which, in point of amount, follows that of Bro. Eve, is the contribution of the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, which sends up £162 15s, at the hands of Bro. C. P. Bellerby jun. The representatives of this Lodge are no strangers at the Festivals, as past returns will show; let us hope the kindly feeling and practical sympathy already displayed by the members may long be continued. The Lodge has been represented at each of the Festivals of the year, sending up £58 16s to the Benevolent, £28 7s to that on behalf of the Girls, and, as we have just said, £162 15s to the Boys. This gives a total for the year of £249 18s—a result sufficient to entitle the Lodge to the esteem of the whole Craft, even if it never did anything more, but we know enough of its members to feel that its good deeds are not yet at an end. The Burlington Lodge, No. 96, was represented, to the extent of £138, Bro. Major H. A. Joseph being the Steward; then follows the Grand Stewards' Lodge, with the veteran Bro. Fredk. Binckes as its representative, and a total of £132 12s as its contribution; after which we have £117 12s from Lodge No. 1178, £106 11s 6d from No. 1328, £106 1s from No. 1901, £105 each from Nos. 1383 and 1900, and a level £100 from No. 1076.

From the Provinces we have to record £600 from the Chairman's district of West Yorkshire, which appropriately heads the list, although we are convinced the sum is far below what it would have been had Bro. Tew's intention of presiding been made known to the brethren of his Province at an earlier date. The whole of the Provincial donations were distributed as follows:—

Province.	No. of Stewards.	Amount.
West Yorkshire	37	600 0 0
Kent	7	477 4 6
Somersetshire	3	420 0 0
Middlesex	11	410 2 6
Norths and Hunts	4	350 0 0
Monmouthshire	7	300 0 0
North and East Yorkshire	5	295 19 0
Staffordshire	3	245 14 0
Wiltshire	1	234 3 0
Nottinghamshire	2	231 10 6
Cornwall	1	194 5 0
Sussex	4	173 5 0
Berks and Bucks	5	171 13 6
Derbyshire	4	159 10 6
Surrey	7	158 6 6
Suffolk	3	156 8 0
Essex	7	139 17 0
Cambridgeshire	1	137 11 0
West Lancashire	7	131 5 0
South Wales (East Division)	1	120 0 0
North Wales	3	102 18 0
Durham	1	101 17 0
Oxfordshire	5	86 13 6
Gloucestershire	2	85 1 0
East Lancashire	5	73 10 0
Bedfordshire	1	36 15 0
Worcestershire	2	36 15 0
Hertfordshire	1	32 11 0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	2	21 0 0

In conclusion, we desire to address a word to those brethren who are accustomed to judge of work done by its result—and fortunately they are numerous in Freemasonry, as elsewhere. We think that we have shown conclusively that a larger and a wider circle of supporters was secured for the Boys' School Festival as was enrolled for the other educational Institution, and in spite of this the result has been less satisfactory. It is therefore useless to urge that the Boys' School is less a favourite, or that its executive do not work as energetically as those of the sister Charity. The falling-off is in the results achieved by the Stewards, on whose behalf something must be attempted at an early date. They can only perform the work set them to the best of their ability, and any shortcomings on their part must be attributed to the work itself rather than to the workers.

As already announced in these columns, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks will be held on Monday next, at the Albert Institute, Sheet Street, Windsor, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., Prov. Grand Master. Special railway arrangements are set forth in the agenda papers sent to the brethren. The banquet will take place at the Town Hall at two o'clock.

The summer banquet of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, is fixed to take place on Wednesday, 20th July, at the White Hart Hotel, Reigate.

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WHAT DR. MEASE AND BRO. GOULD SAY ABOUT PHILADELPHIA MASONRY.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

DR. James Mease published, in 1811, a book, viz., "The Picture of Philadelphia," containing Masonic items about the "Moderns" as well as the "Ancients," which, as far as I know, were never published before. I shall, however, confine myself to what he wrote about the Moderns, which is as follows:—

"The early records of Masonry in Philadelphia have been lost, but it is known that a Society of the 'Moderns' was formed at an early date, and that it was composed of several of the most respectable and prominent characters of the day. The gazettes, the only authority existing on the subject, inform us of a Grand Lodge having been held so early as the year 1732, at the Tun Tavern, the fashionable hotel of the time, when William Allen, the Recorder of the City (afterwards a Chief Justice), was chosen Grand Master; it appears that regular meetings were annually held for several years afterwards.

"In the year 1737 a melancholy event occurred, which gave the brethren much uneasiness. A party of idle men, not belonging to the Craft, with a view of enjoying the fright which they supposed they would excite, either volunteered their services or acceded to the wishes of a young man to initiate him into the mysteries of Masonry, and accordingly instituted a variety of ridiculous operations at night in a cellar, to all which he submitted with fortitude, although they were painful and extremely trying to a young mind. Finding that their object was likely to be defeated, a bowl of burning spirit, into which he had been directed to look for some time, was thrown over him, and his clothes taking fire he was so much burned that he died in a few days afterwards. This melancholy event, justly excited the public indignation, and the chief promoter of the mischief, after a legal investigation, was ignominiously punished by being burnt in the hand; but, unfortunately, the scene having been conducted under the impression of a connection with Masonry, a considerable prejudice among those who were unacquainted with the principles of the Craft was excited, and to such a degree did it extend that the brethren deemed it necessary to come forward, and, after stating the occurrence in the newspapers, to declare the abhorrence of all true brethren to this horrid practice; and that the persons concerned were not of their society, nor of any society of Free and Accepted Masons."

[The said declaration was signed by the G.M., D.G.M. and G. Wardens.]

"On the 23rd September 1743, the Right Honourable Lord John Ward, G.M. of England, nominated Thomas Oxnard, Esq., Grand Master of all North America.

"On the 10th July 1749, Thomas Oxnard, Esq., appointed Benjamin Franklin, Esq., Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, with authority to appoint the other Grand Officers, hold a Grand Lodge, issue warrants, &c.

"On the 5th September 1749 the first Grand Lodge was held, at the Royal Standard, in Market-street, under this warrant: Grand Master Franklin having appointed Dr. Thomas Bond D.G.M., Joseph Shippen S.G.W., Philip Syng J.G.W., William Plumsted G. Treasurer, Daniel Byles G. Secretary.

"At the same meeting a warrant was granted to James Pogrun and others to hold a Lodge in Philadelphia. The meetings were regularly held until the 13th March 1750, when William Allen, Esq., the recorder of the city of Philadelphia, presented to the Grand Lodge a commission from the G.L. of England (signed by William Lord Byron G.M.), appointing him Provincial Grand Master, which was recognised, and he appointed Benjamin Franklin D.G.M., and the other Officers above mentioned according to rank.

"From this time they proceeded in their business, granting new warrants in the city, in various parts of the State and other places, until superseded by the introduction of various Lodges of 'ancient York Masons,' and the ultimate establishment of a Grand Lodge of that Order.

"As far as the minutes of the modern Grand Lodge go, Dr. Franklin was never absent from a meeting."

After reading the above, the first question I thought of was, who was Dr. Mease? I consulted the history of Masonry in Pennsylvania, "Compiled and Published by the Library Committee," which for brevity's sake I shall call Bro. Meyer's history. Therein, I found the whole sketch, as given by Dr. Mease, and some other interesting matter, to which I shall call attention hereafter; but not a word about Dr. Mease. At last, after consulting several works, I found the following brief notice in Alibone's "Dictionary of Authors."

"Mease James, M.D., an eminent physician of Philadelphia [author of] 1st, Geological Account of the United States, Phila., 1807, 18mo, pp 496, and Index Plates; 2nd, Picture of Philadelphia, 1811, 12mo; 3rd, On William Penn's Treaty with the Indians, 1836."

The above proves that Dr. Mease was highly respected, and may therefore be relied on; and it also proves that he was alive in 1836. The next thing I wanted to find out was, where did Dr. Mease pick up his information about Oxnard having appointed Benjamin Franklin Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1749, and of Allen's receiving a Deputation from England in 1750, with all the dates and particulars thereunto belonging? In the last paragraph above quoted our Dr. Mease said, "As far as the minutes of the modern Grand Lodge go," thus proving conclusively that he was in possession of the minutes of the Moderns at least as late as 1751. The question is, what became of the said minutes of the Moderns, which were in possession of Dr. Mease in 1811? To this question I could find no answer, but if even the said minutes no longer exist, we have in the first place the authority of Dr. Mease of Franklin's appointment by Oxnard in 1749; but the fact is further corroborated by the following entry in the Record of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Under date of Friday, 10th April 1752, I find,

"To the Lodge att Philadelphia, Bro. M. Daniel appeared, and paid for their Constitution £31 10s."

I must here explain that in 1752 the paper money in New England was worth very little—1s 8d was then called a pound; hence, £31 10s was equal to £2 12s 6d only, the sum that Oxnard's Deputation required him to pay to the Grand Lodge of England for every new Lodge constituted in his Province. As to why Franklin did not pay for his 1749 Lodge before 1752—I can no more answer than I could as to why the English Lodge, No. 79 of 1731, did not pay for its Charter before November 1732; and as to why the Boston worthies did not send Franklin's £2 12s 6d to the Grand Lodge of England, to whom the money belonged. The fact, however, is indisputable that the Philadelphia Masons paid tribute to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the Lodge chartered by Franklin in 1749.

The next puzzle I had was, what Lodge did Franklin charter in 1749? This question Bro. Gould answers, as follows:—He says,

"In the year last named [1749] July 10th, Franklin was appointed Provincial Grand Master by Thos. Oxnard, whose jurisdiction extended over the whole of North America, from which it seems to follow, as a logical deduction, that he eventually obtained in 1749 what he vainly applied for [to Henry Price] in 1734.

"At the first Grand Lodge, held under this Deputation 5th September 1749, Franklin appointed his Grand Officers, and 'at the same meeting a warrant was granted to James Pogreen and others, to hold a Lodge in Philadelphia.' So far Dr. Mease, whose sketch of the 'Society of Masons' is given in full in the official history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the latter informs us (on a later page) that the charter in question was granted to 'St. John's Lodge,' of which, however, the first Master is stated to have been James *Pogrew*. The same name apparently, though again we meet with a slight variation of spelling [which] occurs in the original document, showing the debts due for quarterage by the members of the 'First Lodge' in June 1752. In this the name of 'Jas. Polgreen' is given, his liabilities extending to December 1751, beyond which the record does not go.

"The Lodge of 1749 seems, therefore, not to have been a new creation, but a revival of the body over which Allen presided in 1731; and if such was the case, Franklin himself, in both instances, Grand Lodge and Lodge, served as a conduit pipe through which his anxiously sought 'authority from home' was derived."

But this is not all: for in a later document, to which I referred, it is stated that in 1755 the Pennsylvanian Grand Lodge was represented by three Lodges. Bro. Gould does not believe it. He says,

"The first Masonic Hall in America was erected in Philadelphia in 1754, and in the following year the same Grand and Deputy Grand Masters holding office. In 1750

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we find that three subordinate Lodges were represented at the Feast of St. John the Baptist. In the official publication, upon which I am mainly relying, at this part of the narrative it is assumed that two of these were the First and Second St. John's Lodges, or in other words, the unchartered and the chartered bodies of 1731 and 1749 respectively. But the evidence with which we are presented by no means justifies this conclusion, nor can we be quite certain that more than a single Lodge was in existence before 1754."

In a foot note to the above, Bro. Gould remarks—

"All the subordinate Grand Officers appointed by Franklin on 5th September 1749 belonged to the First or St. John's Lodge, which body (it is said), in concert with the Grand Lodge, erected the Hall in 1754. But I strongly suspect that the subscribers were all members of the Lodge. The fact, moreover, that no other Lodges contributed to the expenses affords a strong argument against the possibility of there being any such in existence at that time."

The evidence against the Philadelphia "Masonic mother" theory may now briefly be summed up as follows:—

1. Had Allen received a Deputation in 1731, either from Coxe or from the Grand Lodge of England, Franklin would not have needed any authority from Price in 1734; and, furthermore, Franklin himself confirms the fact that up to 28th November 1734 he had no authority at all for his Lodge or Grand Lodge, for in the said letter he stated distinctly that his Province "seems to want the sanction of some authority derived from home." His need of "some authority" proves conclusively that up to that time his Province had received no Masonic authority from any one.

2. On 10th July 1749 Oxnard granted to Benjamin Franklin a Deputation, constituting Brother Franklin Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

3. Under Oxnard's Deputation, Provincial Grand Master Benjamin Franklin granted a charter to the St. John's Lodge, over which Allen presided in 1731.

4. There is no doubt that for the charter of the said Lodge in Philadelphia in 1749 the Massachusetts Grand Lodge received payment in 1752.

Now, with the above facts before us, I must frankly say that a man who now believes that either Coxe or the Grand Lodge of England had granted a Provincial Grand Master's Deputation to Allen in 1731 must entertain a very poor opinion of Franklin's character for common sense. For my own part I cannot believe that Franklin would have paid the Boston Grand Lodge for the Constitution of either the "Old Lodge" or for any other Lodge in 1749 if Allen had been authorised by Coxe's Deputation in 1731.

And this is not all. In Coxe's Deputation the Grand Master of England renounced his right to appoint Coxe's successor. It was what may be called an out-and-out "home rule" Deputation. It ordained that after Coxe's time of two years expired that

"The said Provinces [New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania] shall, and they are hereby empowered, every other year, on the Feast of St. John the Baptist, to elect a Provincial Grand Lodge Master, who shall have the power of nominating and appointing his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens."

Hence, had Allen been the legal and authorised successor of Coxe in 1732, as my Philadelphia friends claim, Franklin never would have applied to Price in 1734, or to Oxnard in 1749, for a Provincial Deputation; nor would Allen have needed a Deputation from the Grand Master of England in 1750.

I shall only add that Bro. Gould is in accord with my opinions about the worthlessness of the evidence claimed on account of the Dublin reprint of Smith's "Pocket Companion" in 1735, as well as about the "so-called "Henry Bell Letter" of 1754. Want of space precludes me from giving here quotations from Bro. Gould's History on the above topics. I hope, however, that both my friends and opponents will not fail to read the said history for their own satisfaction.

Boston, U.S., 16th May 1887.

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 resisting 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.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, 16th inst., at The Albion, Aldersgate-street, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. F. T. Bennett, presided, supported by Bros. A. Dickson S.W., Usher Back P.M. acting as J.W., A. Green P.M. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Alfred Withers P.M., W. W. Morgan P.M., F.J. Hentsch P.M., W. J. Dyer, F. H. Horscroft, Orlando Harley, A. H. Hancock, W. Kirkland, P. J. Barr, J. Banks Tyler, &c. The Visitors included Brothers Charles Lee 1624, C. Everett 1507, and H. J. Amphlett. Lodge was opened; after which the ballot was taken for Mr. James Withers, who had been nominated by his brother, Alfred Withers P.M. and seconded by Bro. W. Radcliffe Secretary. The result was unanimously in favour. Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Orlando Harley was passed to F.C., the ceremony being perfectly rendered by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Resuming in the first, Mr. Joseph Withers was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the working in this degree, and especially the delivery of the charge, being much appreciated by the brethren present. On the suggestion of Bro. W. Radcliffe, it was unanimously agreed to record on the minutes that the St. Michael's Lodge was represented by sixteen of its members at the great Jubilee Commemoration meeting at the Albert Hall, on Monday, the 13th inst. Hearty good wishes having been interchanged, the brethren adjourned to supper, which was well served, and at its conclusion the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master observed that their Initiate missed a grand night on Monday last—though it was no fault of his—when, at the Jubilee meeting, over seven thousand Masons joined in singing "God save the Queen." The scene that day in the Albert Hall was one never to be forgotten, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master there impressively reminded them—not that Masons needed to be reminded of the fact—that whatever Freemasons might be, they were at any rate loyal to the Throne. Speaking of the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master, he pointed out that His Royal Highness was always ready to do his duty to the Craft, in which he manifested so deep and active an interest. He was also most assiduous in the discharge of his public duties, being always engaged in some movement of benevolence or of national utility; and he reminded them that what might be deemed pleasure to some people, was to a man in the position of the Prince of Wales constant and arduous work. The toast of the Grand Officers having been disposed of, with fitting reference as to the zeal and ability with which they administer the affairs of the Craft; Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M. rose, for the second time that week, to discharge a duty—an unexpected, but nevertheless a very pleasurable, one—namely, to propose the health of the Worshipful Master of the St. Michael's Lodge. He recounted on Monday evening the excellent qualities Bro. Bennett had displayed during the period he had been connected with their Lodge; and, as he was aware that even the most eloquent speakers, in returning to the same old toast were apt to repeat themselves, and as he had received strict injunctions to be as brief as possible in his remarks that evening, he would submit the toast in a very few words. They were all cognisant of the estimable qualities Bro. Bennett had displayed during the part of his reign that had already elapsed, and they would all most cordially unite in the wish that he might have health and prosperity during the time he had yet to preside over the destinies of the St. Michael's Lodge. The toast was heartily received, and the Worshipful Master in acknowledgment thanked Bro. Morgan for the very kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received it. As he said on Monday evening, when one was associated with brethren for whom he had real affection the work of the Master was comparatively easy, and he assured them his work in the St. Michael's Lodge was essentially a labour of love. Having an affectionate esteem for his dear old mother Lodge, he felt that whatever honours he had received, and whatever honours might be in store for him in the future, they all reflected credit, not upon himself, but upon the Lodge he had the honour to represent. He then gave the Initiate, observing that it was a toast of significance to old Masons, inasmuch as they saw in the new members who were admitted into the Lodge those who in the future would take up the work that they, of necessity, must lay down. To-night they had a double pleasure, for they not only welcomed an Initiate, but the brother of an old and highly esteemed Past Master of the St. Michael's Lodge. Bro. Withers need not smile, for he might rest assured he was held in the highest estimation by the brethren who failed not to recognise the good suit and service he had rendered to the Lodge. It was not necessary for him, as a young Mason, and in the presence of so many older than himself, to remind them that Bro. Withers had ever taken a prominent position in the charitable area of Masonic work. It was only recently that through his exertions an old member of this Lodge, Bro. Harper, secured participation in the advantages of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—an act which would render that old man happy and comfortable for the remainder of his life. He was now the recipient of an annuity, and would never want. He (the speaker) hoped the Brother who had just been initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry would prove a second "Director of Ceremonies;" at any rate in Mr. Joseph Withers they had a very promising member of the Order. The toast was received with a "good fire," and the E.A. song was rendered by Bro. A. Green P.M. Treasurer. Bro. Joseph Withers, in responding, said they could not, in all conscience, expect a speech from him that evening, after all he had gone through. It had been a trying ordeal, and it was fortunate for him that he had plenty of nerve. He need

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hardly tell them how pleased he was to have been admitted into the Masonic ranks. Since that time last year he had travelled many thousands of miles,—right round the world,—and had often wished he had been a Mason. No doubt in the various places at which he had called he would have been received with a far heartier welcome had he been one of the Order. His brother assured him that the fraternal welcome amongst Masons was so wide in its capacity that its conception was unknown to those who had not joined the Craft. He thanked them again for the kind way in which they had received him, and trusted he might realise the expectations of the Worshipful Master, and become a useful member of the Order. The W.M., in proposing the Visitors, observed that it was a toast that required no words of recommendation to render it acceptable in the St. Michael's Lodge. Visitors were always sure of a hearty welcome there, and although this was an off-night, they were just as welcome, notwithstanding the fact that they had not been fed on the stalled ox, but rather regaled with the dish of herbs. The toast was received with applause, and acknowledged by the Visitors, who spoke in eulogistic terms of the work they had seen in the Lodge room and of the harmony and fraternal feeling displayed at the festive board. With the Past Masters the W.M. coupled the names of their esteemed Treasurer and Secretary, referring briefly to the able manner in which they had discharged the duties of their respective offices. Bro. A. Green P.M. Treasurer was exceedingly obliged for the kindly manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. The W.M. was very kind in complimenting the Past Masters upon the assistance they had given him in Lodge that evening, but he was much afraid before long the Past Masters would become rusty in their working. They had such able Officers coming on, following in the footsteps of the W.M., that there was really no need to bring the services of the Past Masters into requisition; and, unless they saw bad times again, which he did not at all apprehend, the Past Masters would have to retire into the background, or attend Lodges of Instruction, so as to pick up again. Still it was their duty and privilege to attend the meetings of the Lodge, apart from the pleasant associations which always surrounded them, and he hoped that would ever continue to be the case. For himself he could say he never spent more pleasant evenings than he did in this Lodge, and in saying so he only re-echoed the feelings of every one of his brother Past Masters. Brother W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary could certainly endorse all that had been said by their excellent friend the Treasurer. Bro. Green had so thoroughly gone into the subject that very little was left for him to say. With regard to himself, he had sometimes been called a "general utility man," and long might that cognomen be attached to his name. He prided himself that he could take any office when called upon. He might be getting a little "rusty," because he was not often called upon to do the work of the various offices; but in cases of emergency he had taken the place of Tyler or Inner Guard. It mattered not to him what he did so long as it conduced to the welfare of the St. Michael's Lodge, and so long as he had health and strength he hoped to do all he could to advance the true interests of the brethren. By special request of the W.M. Bro. A. Withers P.M. also responded, and in the course of his remarks said, after so long an absence he was delighted to come amongst them once again, and to receive so cordial a welcome at their hands. He need hardly say his absence from the Lodge, as a member and Officer, was entirely due to circumstances over which he had no control; but he hoped he should attend regularly in the future, and that they would be able to say, in every sense of the word, that they were really a band of brothers. He could not sit down without thanking them for the reception they had given to his brother; it had been most gratifying to him. His brother was a Mason at heart long before he was made one; and he was fully assured he would become an ornament to the Lodge and to Masonry at large. The W.M. next proposed the Officers, with repeated thanks to the Past Masters who had taken the places of those who were absent on the occasion. Bro. Usher Back P.M. responded for the J.W., and Bro. Hentsch P.M. for the I.G. The Tyler then in fitting manner closed the proceedings. During the evening some capital songs were rendered, notable amongst which were "When other lips" and "Home, Sweet Home," sung in exquisite style by Bro. Orlando Harley; "For Ever," by Bro. A. Withers P.M.; the "Skipper of St. Ives," by Bro. C. Lee; and "Green grow the rushes, O," by Bro. Kirkland. After spending a really happy and harmonious time, the brethren separated until the next session, which commences in October.

LEBANON LODGE, No. 1326.

ON Saturday, 18th June, the Election and Jubilee Meeting of this well-established Lodge was held at the Railway Tavern, Feltham, Middlesex. Bro. W. R. Vassila W.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer Middlesex presided, and there were present:—Bros. J. J. Marsh I.P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer Middlesex, J. Laurance S.W. and W.M.-elect, F. Dunstan W.S. acting as J.W., S. Page Treasurer, Frederick Walters P.M. Secretary P.P.G.D. Middlesex, C. W. Baker S.D., William Walters J.D., William Henry Walters I.G., H. Foss P.M. Steward, A. Lawton Steward, J. R. Cox Assistant Secretary, E. J. Wholen, F. Trinder, W. H. Davey, L. Schofield, W. Drew, R. H. Sworn, &c. Amongst the Visitors we noticed Bros. G. Graham P.M. 2021 P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex P.Z. 1540, J. Sendamore 749, James Williams 610, Union Park, Illinois, U.S.A., &c. The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st of May were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The W.M. performed the work well. The ballot for Mr. Frederick Trinder was in favour of his admission. As usual in the Province of Middlesex, acting under the request of the R.W. P.G.M. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., each candidate was introduced separately. Bros. Davey and Sworn were raised, and L. Schofield passed. Messrs Drew and Trinder were initiated. The bye-laws were read, and the ballots and elections were unanimous. Bros. James Laurance S.W. for W.M., Samuel Page re-elected Treasurer, John Gilbert re-elected Tyler; Bros. Frederick Dunstan W.S., John Alfred Wilson D.C., Henry Foss P.M., and S. Stewart to be Auditors. The Audit is to be held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, 5th July, at 5 p.m. It was resolved unanimously that, for the first time in the Lodge history, from the Lodge funds, a ten guinea Past Master's gold jewel be presented to Bro. William Robert Vassila W.M. for his efficient services to the Lodge. He has on several occasions (4 times) served as Steward at Masonic Charities, representing this his Mother Lodge. This year he served the three Stewardships, making now seven times he has been Steward. He left the room while the matter was being discussed. In thanking the brethren for the ten guinea jewel, he told them his interest would not relax in their Lodge. He had agreed to accompany Bro. C. W. Baker S.D. at the Centenary of the Girls' School, in 1888, as one of their Stewards, thus completing his eighth Stewardship. The usual amount paid for P.M.'s jewels in this Lodge was seven guineas. The veteran Secretary Bro. F. Walters heartily congratulated the Lodge on having secured the services of Bros. James Clark Goslin A.D.C. for the Benevolent Institution Festival, William Robert Vassilla W.M. and Charles William Baker S.D. for the Girls', and James Laurance S.W. and W.M.-elect for the Boys, as their Stewards for 1888. He hoped to see history repeat itself. When the late Bro. R. Wentworth Little P.P.D.G.M. Middlesex was Secretary he sent in, on one occasion, 12 members' names as Stewards for the Girls' School Festival in one year. He hoped, as it was the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, to secure another twelve Stewards for 1888. There was a wish to concentrate a great deal of their efforts for the Girls' School next year. The Secretary informed the Lodge of the death of Bro. John Richardson Croft, aged 61, on the 19th of May. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to his family. Bros. Cosman Citreon and Albert Allen resigned their membership, which was accepted with regret. After some gentlemen had been proposed for initiation, business being ended, Lodge was closed. It was ordered that the Lodge meet on Saturday, 16th July, at two o'clock, the installation to take place at three. A good banquet followed.

The summer banquet in connection with the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, is fixed to take place at the Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, the 12th July, at two o'clock. A special train has been engaged to convey the brethren and their friends, of both sexes, from London Bridge Station, at 10·25 a.m., afterwards calling at East Croydon; and the same train will also be in readiness to return from Brighton at 9·20 p.m. The comfort of those who, with their lady friends, intend to participate in what promises to be a most enjoyable outing is thus ensured, and the arrangement with the railway company to supply first class accommodation at the low fair of 6s 6d is most satisfactory. Tickets for this train cannot be issued at the usual booking office, but may be obtained of Bro. W. Walker, 43 Milton Street, E.C.; R. Dyson I.P.M., 15 Australian Avenue, E.C.; J. Roberts P.M., 32 Lawrence Lane, Cheapside, E.C.; or the Secretary, Brother G. T. Brown P.M., 213 Devons Road, Bromley-by-Bow. The W.M. requests us to state that to secure this special train he has had to guarantee a definite number of tickets; therefore he will be obliged by an early application for them. Arrangements have this year been made that brethren and their friends may purchase refreshments upon their arriving at the Pavilion; and after dinner there will be the usual dance. At the closing meeting of the Lodge session, on Thursday last, held at the Guildhall Tavern, the W.M. and other members expressed their confidence that this year's excursion would be an unusually enjoyable and successful one, additional *éclat* probably being lent to it by the "Jubilee season." We are compelled to hold over our report of this meeting until next week.

The Board of Benevolence held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday evening, where there was a full attendance, under the presidency of Bro. J. Brett, Senior Vice President. Recommendations to the Grand Master, made at the May meeting, amounting in the aggregate to £410, were confirmed. Forty-five new cases were brought forward, of which six were deferred, and three dismissed; the remainder were relieved with a total of £1,148. One recommendation was for £100, two were for £75 each, four £50 each, seven £40 each, and seven £30 each. Six grants were made of £20 each, one of £15, seven of £10 each, and one of £3.

The annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland will be held at Wellington, under the banner of the Derwent Lodge, No. 282, on Wednesday, the 13th July.

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AN ORATION.

Delivered by Comp. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.Z. 279, P.P.G.R., on the occasion of the Consecration of the St. George's Chapter, attached to the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, Leicester, on the 2nd March 1886.

I FEEL honoured by your command to address the Provincial Grand Chapter on this occasion—an occasion which has not occurred in the Province for many years. I had intended to preface my remarks with some historical notes on the existing Chapters of the Province, but, Most Excellent, after listening to your address, such notes would be superfluous. I content myself, therefore, with stating that there is material evidence that Brethren were exalted in the Royal Arch, in this town, irrespective of the Chapter of Fortitude, as long ago as A.D. 1805. I wear to-day a jewel which has been used time out of mind at the exaltation of Royal Arch Companions. It bears the name of "Robt. Wylie, No. 91, A.D. 1805." No. 91 was the old Lodge of so-called Atholl Masons referred to in your Address. The Chapter of Fortitude also possesses another jewel, dated 1818, both of which differ in some respects from those at present authorized.

The total number of subscribing members in the Province is only 160, of whom 92 are members of the Chapter of Fortitude. Many of these are old Masons, who may be considered to be on the retired list; whilst many more seem to regard the Royal Arch as of no more importance than any of the "Side Degrees" now worked in this country. The nett result is, that the average attendance at the Convocations of the Chapter of Fortitude, counting members and visitors of all ranks, is for the past five years just twenty. What the proportion may have been in the smaller Chapters I know not, but there is no reason to suppose it greater.

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 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 sometimes lead him to seek employment outside his Lodge 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 led to suppose within three months of his initiation that, having taken the third degree, he has arrived at the summit of his profession, is 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 new Masters and learn new modes of work; but he should at least know well 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, tracing boards neglected, 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 all along, it is to be feared that the Supreme Order will not conquer that place in the estimation of the brethren at large with its importance demands. There are even in Leicester too many Masonic meetings of one kind or another; and time is devoted to other degrees which would perhaps be better spent in striving to attain 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. When oral tradition was the rule, personal instruction was necessary, and therefore available; we have now 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 predecessors in office.

But, happily, there are landmarks and limits within which an 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 degree, 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 illumines the immense vista, he cannot err.

The point within the circle conveys the same idea. The landmarks bound the 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, stretching along on either side towards the distant Royal Arch—like the lines on a railway. For if a material circle be divided into a large number of equal sectors, and these be arranged side by side, alternately point to base, it will be seen that they approximate to the rectangle above mentioned; and here I see the origin of the indented or tesselated border and the pattern of a Companion's badge. And the idea of two grand parallels is dominant in the Royal Arch itself. Not only are there two pairs of them within the jewel, but 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 load 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 the 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 our imitation such a standard of ritual and finished working as will instruct the minds and gladden the hearts of all who are privileged to behold it. May T.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.

MASONIC HALLS NOT DANCE-ROOMS.—Our brethren on the other side of the globe are as well aware as any of the Masonic proprieties, as witness the following, from the *New Zealand Freemason*: "It appears to us as amounting to a desecration when Masonic Halls are converted into dance rooms, and we cannot comprehend why a place consecrated and dedicated for the solemn proceedings of the Fraternity should be deemed of a less holy character than churches or chapels. No good Jews or Gentiles would think for a moment of permitting any secular amusements to be carried on in their places of worship; then why, we ask, should the floor of a Masonic Lodge room be utilized for any purpose but that for which it was intended?"

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WHAT KIND OF MEN MASONS ARE.

FREEMASONS have the reputation of being companionable men, easy to become acquainted with, possessed of sterling qualities of mind and heart, easily approached by persons in distress, and generally distinguished by those qualities which are ascribed to a citizen of the world. From our knowledge of Freemasons we can affirm that they do not belie their reputation, and furthermore that these distinguishing characteristics are due in large degree to Freemasonry itself. True, they are all severally possessed in a measure by different profanes, but Freemasons as a rule possess them in the aggregate, and we can attribute this to no other influence than that of the Craft itself. The environment of the Lodge moulds and educates the initiate so as to develop the qualities we have mentioned, and repress others which are less desirable to have, so that the Freemason who has been long in the Fraternity comes to be recognized, not only by his brethren, but generally by all his associates, as a good fellow, a well-rounded man, gifted with common (which is the most uncommon) sense, in fine, a citizen of the world, who, meet him where you will, is agreeable, affable, intelligent, ready to give and take a joke, to impart and receive information, and generally to be of use to his fellows, and agreeable to them and to himself.

What is it in Freemasonry which tends to fashion this symmetrical man? Why is it that you do not meet the genus crank in our Lodges? Why do smiles crowd the scowls out of a Mason's face? It is the composite influence of all of the teaching, usages and customs of the Craft. We cannot name them all, nor a tithe of them, but we may specify one or two of those most prominent and influential, which unmistakably exercise a governing power in broadening, elevating and humanizing the views, so that the Freemason naturally comes to be regarded as a pleasant man to meet, a good citizen, a good neighbour, a man with a conscience, who knows the force and value of an obligation, a man you can trust farther than you can see him, and whether at home or abroad is companionable, sensible, good humoured and happy—and calculated to make others happy.

The leading reason why Freemasons are as we have stated is, that they meet "on the level" men of all shades and varieties of religious, political and social opinions. In the world, as a rule, democrats associate with democrats, republicans with republicans, Episcopalians with Episcopalians, Methodists with Methodists, Presbyterians with Presbyterians—in other words they classify and clanify themselves to death. While they are moulded in several moulds, the different classes are not brought into juxtaposition or thrown together. Now in the Lodge the democrat and the republican, the Baptist and the Presbyterian, the Unitarian and the Trinitarian, the nobleman and the commoner, the man of lofty social position and him of humbler associations, the intellectual giant and the ordinarily gifted man, all meet "on the level," all contribute something of their own qualities to the remainder, and thus round, polish, educate each other. Did Freemasonry accomplish nothing else than to bring the best men together into the most intimate relationship, thereby to the advantage of all, it would possess a reason for its being which would amply justify its existence. Long live the Craft that practically abolishes the distinction between the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlearned, the aristocrat and the plebeian. This is a long step towards the millennium. This renders socialism and anarchism unnecessary and inexcusable. It teaches a man to be unselfish, to put himself in another's place, to look at things through his neighbour's eyes, to be considerate, kind, tender hearted and forgiving. The world could not afford to do without such an institution. It makes no boast of its influence in the directions we have named, but it is certain that it possesses it, and continually exercises it beneficially for mankind. And yet certain religious cranks yclept anti-Masons would extirpate, if they could, Freemasonry from the world. Not until they overcome and overturn the plans of the Grand Architect of the Universe Himself, will they be able to abolish Freemasonry. It is a civilizing, humanizing, moralizing power, which always has existed in some form from the earliest ages, and always will exist until the end of time.—*Keystone.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

CLIQUISM IN CHAPTERS AND LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been away for some days and did not see "SOLO'S" communication in your issue of the 28th ult. until my return. If "SOLO" will re-read my letter he will find that he simply re-states some of the general principles which I urged should, as a rule, be followed in the election of the Z. of a Chapter and the W.M. of a Lodge. My contention is (which he does not deny) that, conceding all this, a Chapter or Lodge does not reflect credit upon itself if, after a Companion or Brother has served the minor offices faithfully and well, he is passed over at the last moment when within a measurable distance of the goal of his ambition, at the whim of the majority, or as I asserted in the case of the Chapter to which I referred, to please the fancies of a "clique." I notice that "SOLO" does not defend the proceedings in question, and which I should presume are within his own knowledge, or why should he seek to excuse them? "SOLO" tells us that "merit" should prevail, although he carefully abstains from saying that the Companion who was so badly treated did not possess that qualification. Had he gone so far he would have said that which five out of six P.Z.'s of the Chapter would have contradicted. The majority of the founders of the Chapter have privately condemned the cliqueism which they, with regret, admit has sprung up in the Chapter, and which has shown itself not on one occasion only. If "SOLO" is a member of the Chapter the fact that this evil spirit of cliqueism does exist will have made itself too apparent to his own mind to be denied. His principle that no Mason should be a P.Z. of more than one Chapter, or P.M. of more than one Lodge is excellent in theory, but impossible in practice. I hope "SOLO" has not transgressed his own precept. Would he care to be S.E. or P.Z. of a Chapter capable of perpetrating the injustice to which I have drawn attention? I think not. I should not, more particularly when I remember that the Companion who is the victim of these proceedings assisted the Chapter out of its difficulties by taking office when there was no other candidate, excepting the P.Z.'s, eligible for the duties.

Yours faithfully,

COMPANION.

THE LADIES AND THE JUBILEE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I was almost going to continue "and Brother," as I see most of your correspondents say, but, although my husband prides himself as being a Mason of long standing—a sentiment with which I most heartily agree—I suppose I am not entitled to use the fraternal appellation. But, without any tinge of "woman's curiosity," of which my husband declares I have less that any other of our sex he ever knew (not that I believe in my heart he ever knew many, much less admired them)—the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE is always left upon our dining-room table, and there is not the slightest *secrecy* about it, or any veto against its being read, either by myself or any members of our family. There is something open and above-board about that which I like, and which strengthens my admiration for the Craft, which I have always entertained for the "Masonic surroundings" of my own and other homes. I flatter myself I am not a biassed individual, and I am not dissuaded from being jealous by the knowledge that ladies are not admitted into Masonic Lodges. If they were, my husband assures me upon his honour that I should be the *very first* to be proposed. But, not to be too profuse in what may be called the "introduction" to my letter, let me come at once to the suggestion recently made in your paper by a correspondent on the subject of "The Ladies and the Jubilee." I made a note or two on the subject at the time, but Spring-cleaning coming on we had to go away for a week or two, and on our return I thought I would like to write and thank the worthy writer—"Brother" I suppose—who spoke so nicely as to the ladies being permitted to join in some of the excursions that are in contemplation during the summer, and which, as he said, were to be exceptionally enjoyable in consequence of Jubilee year. I am sure all my lady friends who have the opportunity of seeing your excellent paper will appreciate, as I do, the noble exertions that are being put forth by the members of my husband's and other Lodges in taking us all for a pleasant day in one or other of the "sequestered nooks" in the suburbs, which he describes so graphically. I can assure him, on behalf of my "Sisters" and myself, we will do our best to render these little picnics enjoyable, and what affair of the kind could be enjoyable without our presence? I am looking forward to our summer banquet with the most keen anticipations of pleasure, and as I know are many of my friends, whose husbands, brothers, or lovers are members of your noble Craft. My husband has, as he calls it, "revised" this letter, and cut a lot of interesting matter out of it, but I suppose he knows best. I am a little disappointed, I confess, and was rather more so when he said it was "the province of the gentler sex to talk rather than to write to newspapers," but I made up my mind to do so, being strongly of opinion with the poet who asked—

What's a table nicely spread
Without a lady at its head?

I trust you will accept this as an acknowledgment on the part of your lady readers of the contemplated kindness of the Masonic brethren, and their consideration for us.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Yours sincerely,
A P.M.'s WIFE.

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BY command of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, a Provincial Grand Lodge will be holden at the Albert Institute, Sheet Street, Windsor, on Monday, the 27th June 1887.

ROBERT BRADLEY,
Prov. Grand Secretary.

Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 1 p.m.

All Master Masons of the Province may attend. Every Lodge should be represented by the W.M., Immediate P.M., or one of the Acting Wardens. Morning Dress.

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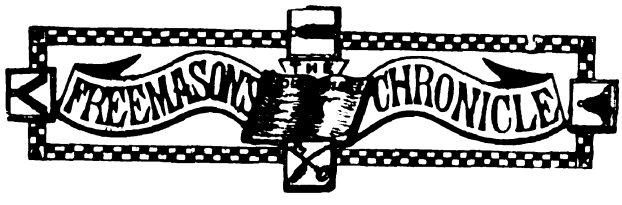
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THE completion of any work of history is always a matter of satisfaction and congratulation, both for writer and reader, especially if the work be distinguished by the abiding characteristics of truth, honour and conscientiousness. There are, as we all know, "histories and histories," but he who speaks the words of "truth and soberness," with the praiseworthy aim, moreover, of substituting the soundest conclusions of fact for the often more popular but fallacious theories of imagination and unreliability, deserves the approbation of all thinking students, and may fairly be enrolled amongst those true labourers in art, history and science who have done honour to themselves, and compiled their useful and pleasant pages for the furtherance of intellectual culture and historical certainty amongst men.

To Bro. R. F. Gould the whole body of Masonic students and of searchers after truth—and indeed all investigators of history and archæology, Masonic or non-Masonic,—owe a great debt of gratitude for the completion of his able, lucid, and conscientious work.

Whatever else may be advanced by any against Bro. Gould's method or (Bro. Gould's conclusions),—there will always be honest differences of opinion amongst honest readers,—no none can allege that he has in any measure failed either in the "rôle" or aim of the historian; but, on the contrary, has succeeded where others have notably failed, and in his great and completed work has left us a striking example and a standing model of intellectual expression, admirable arrangement, and epigrammatic power.

We may not, in truth, accept all his "deliverances;" we may, it is probable, not concur in all his conclusions; we may demur, it is very likely, to some of his most startling "nihilisms;" we may regret this pretty legend, or that fairy tale, which in sternness and pitilessness he has swept away; and we may reluctantly exchange much of the glamour and romance of Masonic traditions for the more naked and common-place dulness of uncompromising reality. And yet who can blame Bro. Gould? He was writing as an historian, as a student anxious for students, as one seeking to establish truth on safe ground and staple foundations, and who could not conscientiously pamper in any way to the tastes of the fastidious, or the fads of the sciolist. His motto, and a very good one by the way, has ever been

Fiat justitia ruat cœlum, magna est veritas et prævalebit.

He has, therefore, exhausted the claims of all possible origin, and probed the sources of all reliable evidence.

His labours may appear to some to take too wide a field, but they were rendered absolutely necessary by the complex history of Freemasonry itself, which, the more we seek to draw it out, to analyse it and to measure it, is bound up with other complex systems, whether of thought, materiality, secrecy, or mysticism; and requires, if justice is to be done to it and its reality, and its far extending range clearly demonstrated, to be traced up to its actual or hidden origin, to those causes and those conditions which have been its potent factors through the onward march of time. Amid many other admirable works and efforts to-day for the same good end, and the same good cause, whether original or compiled; when we consider the satisfactory and thorough results of honest and painstaking energy, as represented by the valued and valuable manifestations of student-endeavour, for which we are indebted to a Hughan, a Murray Lyon, a Kloss, a Findel, a Lane, a Carson, a Fort, and a Clifford McCalla; this "magnum opus" of Bro. Gould comes before us in its completed character as a subject of befitting commendation, and of always grateful remembrance. If doubt still rests on some portions of our annals, if we are still unable fully to pierce the haze which hangs over hasty entries and incomplete minutes, if the evidence of past generations seems to point to carelessness and irregularity, and habitual inaccuracy and unconcern, we must admit that Bro. Gould has made a most admirable and artistic use of evidences which are of the most chaotic, statements which are most haphazard, and a juxtaposition of assertions which are most incongruous.

For the first time we have a happily delineated panorama of the world-wide spread of Freemasonry. Wherever its tents have been set up, wherever its assemblies met, there the historian follows its records, and discovers their commencement and progress, their prosperity and their adversity; the inevitable weaknesses which have marred their programme, and yet at the same time their onward and triumphant march, which in some striking instances has cheered the hearts of the brethren, and honoured the name, and emblazoned the fair banners of Freemasonry. How many anxious students, in both hemispheres and in all jurisdictions, taking up Bro. Gould's six volumes to-day, will find what the Germans term a "stand-punkt" place from which to begin "de novo" honest researches, modest or striking lucubrations? How many a later seeker after Masonic reality and Masonic truth will thank Bro. Gould for the anxious toil, the thoughtful studies, the elaborate investigations of years?

It will be impossible, in this short notice, to go over the salient points even of this Sixth Volume, to do justice to its interesting chapters, or even the invaluable aids to all honest inquirers of the Masonic truth and reality afforded by the whole work.

But, as a striking illustration of the peculiar force of Bro. Gould's writing, and as an example of his antithetical and epigrammatic verbiage, in which so much is summed up in a few most forcible and telling words, we take the following little gem, from p 425, Vol. VI.

"With the names of Daniel Coxe and Henry Price the generality of Masonic students will be familiar. The former received a Deputation as Prov. G. Master, but there is hardly a scintilla of evidence to show that he ever exercised any authority under it.

"The latter, on the other hand, exercised all the authority of a Provincial Grand Master, though no absolute proof is forthcoming that he was at any time in lawful possession of a Deputation."

Those who know the ground and facts which these apparently simple words cover will realize at once the force and clearness of a writer who is able to set before us, in short yet weighty sentences, what constitutes in fact the sum and substance of many and seemingly unending controversies. The rival claims of Philadelphia and Boston are hardly settled, nevertheless, by Bro. Gould's exhaustive treatment, and though there is much that is inexplicable in Franklin's apparent ignorance of Daniel Coxe's patent, and his correspondence with Price, which to us at this distance of time seems utterly unaccountable, we still think the presumption remains in favour of Philadelphian claims.

But these inquiries serve and suggest a sad commentary on the reckless confusion and imperfections of our then Grand Lodge office arrangements, and we are afraid that the Colonial brethren had indeed good cause to complain of the almost cruel neglect of their interests and wants by good old Mother Country Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, though other and later discoveries may affect the validity of some of Bro. Gould's most striking

* *The History of Freemasonry, its Antiquities, Symbols, Constitutions, Customs, &c.* Embracing an Investigation of the Records of the Organisations of the Fraternity in England, Scotland, Ireland, British Colonies, France, Germany, and the United States. Derived from Official Sources. By Robert Freke Gould, Barrister-at-Law, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England; Author of "The Four Old Lodges," "The Atholl Lodges," &c. Volume VI. London: Thomas C. Jack, 45 Ludgate Hill. 1887.

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conclusions, and may shake the effective value of many of his ingenious criticisms, just as they may weaken the force of many of the proofs of his constructive and destructive skill, yet his work will remain a stately monument of industry, investigation, penetration, and power, invaluable as an aid to Masonic students, and truly, if not infallible, at any rate a veracious history of Freemasonry. For Bro. Gould's objections are never easy to refute, nor are his most Nihilistic positions always possible completely to confute. He has shown us what can be done to make the history of Freemasonry readable and reliable, and we must honestly concede to him, in this our age of Masonic study and research, a foremost place, if not the foremost, amongst those loyal workers who have sought to give truth, form, and vitality to the legends and myths of our Order.

REVIEWS.

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Picturesque Wales. Handbook of Scenery accessible from the Cambrian Railways. Edited by Godfrey Turner. London: W. J. Adams and Sons, 59 Fleet Street, and Simpkin Marshall and Co., Stationers' Hall Court, E.C.

Now that the holiday season is in full swing, and business men who have the means and opportunity are flocking away in all directions from the "stuffy" confines of the great City, seeking rest and invigoration on breezy downs or at quiet seaside haunts, the question "where shall we go?" recurs with the regularity of clockwork. Time was when nothing but a trip to the Continent could be the "correct thing," and there are not a few people who measure their enjoyment to a great extent by the amount of money which can be expended in a given time. Undoubtedly to those whose position in life enforces them to perpetual leisure, and consequently a need of frequent change, a cruise to the Mediterranean, an excursion on the Danube or the Rhine, scaling the Alps or basking near Norwegian fjords may be a beneficial form of relaxation; but, after all, we question whether the real kernel of its enjoyment is not in the thought that such luxuries are attainable only by the affluent and favoured few. Of late years, however, there seems to have come a "change o'er the spirit" of holiday dreamers, who are awakening to the fact that there is no need to cross the Channel in search of lovely scenery, of exhilarating and life restoring climate, combined with all the other pleasures of a Continental journey except perhaps—if that can be called a pleasure at all—the puzzling perplexity of asking for everything you want in "broken" foreign jargon, and having your meals served up in mysterious fashion, about which too many questions should not be asked. Samuel Weller jun., when invited to regale on meat pies, mildly suggested that he always liked to "know the lady as made 'em;" sagely observing that "when cats is in fruits is out; and when fruits is out cats is in." To a majority of those who look forward regularly to a fortnight's or a month's holiday in the summer, there is no necessity of making a toil of pleasure by bridging the "silver streak," and floundering about in as many fusty old Continental towns as can be crammed into the programme of a tour. At home, within a few hours' reach, are scenes of natural beauty unsurpassed by those of any other country, and it is some gratification to find that English people are beginning to appreciate that fact by visiting in increased numbers yearly our own favourite resorts, both inland and along the coasts. Valuable aids to tourists of this class are issued from time to time by able writers who, abandoning the stereotyped form of the ancient "guide books," which were but an advertising puff for the respective districts with which they dealt, give to their readers a "round, unvarnish'd tale" of where to go, the best and cheapest routes, the most charming spots at which to halt, and, in fact, a bird's-eye view of how to condense within a given time the greatest possible amount of enjoyment at the most reasonable expense. Another of these handy little works has just made its appearance, from the pen of Mr. Godfrey Turner, entitled "Picturesque Wales," and is a handbook of scenery accessible from the Cambrian railways. It is plentifully embellished with maps and illustrations, showing the chief points of interest to be visited in the Principality, the result of personal and recent observations during a panoramic tour to Gwyllt Walia, or the Wild Wales of legend and history. Mountain and dell, lake and mere, with the pastimes peculiar to each, climbing, fishing, boating and the rest, are all described with facile pen by the compiler, and in such a manner as to make one long to be up and off at once to the scenes so graphically presented to us. We will not attempt to follow our "tourist's guide" through the labyrinths of rugged, romantic, and sequestered scenery which he delineates in a book of one hundred pages, but will leave the reader, and especially he who contemplates a "run out" somewhere, and who does not know exactly where to go, to secure this handy little *brochure* for himself, assured that he will be charmed away by the pardonable enthusiasm of the writer in his admiration of the scenes through which he has passed. Information is given of the best hotels at which to stop, the local industries, the most accessible means of reaching desirable spots, both inland and on the coast, and the principal points, such as the reef at Aberystwyth, the University College and Castle ruins there, the Craiglas rocks and cave, Teify Lake, Monk's Cave (Thunder Hole) near Aberystwyth, Falls of the Myrach and Rheidol, Devil's Bridge, Aberdovey Town, the Bird Rock and ruins of Castell-y-Bere, Towyn, near which is the Tal-y-llyn lake and pass—a wildly rugged looking spot; Barmouth and its pretty surroundings, Dolgelly with its outskirts of trees and rocks, "torrent walks," &c., the ruins of Harlech Castle, and a great many other features of antiquity and history are pointed out in the wood engravings with which the handbook is profusely illustrated.

Black and White. An Illustrated Weekly Journal. Manchester: 58 Cannon Street.

THE peculiar interest to us, attaching to this new venture, which has just attained the ninth week of its age, is the space devoted to local Masonic matters, and an excellent portrait of Brother Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire. We are somewhat surprised that the illustration was not accompanied by some kind of notice of the career of a Mason who is so deservedly popular in his Province and in the Craft; but the editor contents himself with a summary of the proceedings of Provincial Grand Lodge held at the Manchester Free Trade Hall, on the 11th of last month. Notices appear of Local Lodges, which give to the journal a distinctive feature, so far as the Provinces are concerned. The other contents of this little work appear to be judiciously and smartly put together, a wide range of subjects being covered, including treatises on art, the drama, sketches and "inklings" in black and white, which combine to make up a literary pennyworth that will doubtless find many an appreciative favour in its own especial district.

ROYAL ARCH.

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CONSECRATION OF THE GEORGE PRICE CHAPTER, No. 2096.

ON Saturday last another addition was made to the number of Royal Arch Chapters in the Province of Surrey, when the George Price Chapter was consecrated by M.E. Comp. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Superintendent, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. He was assisted in the ceremony by Comps. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G. Scribe E., Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.P.G.S., F. West Provincial Grand H., Charles Greenwood Provincial Grand Scribe E., H. E. Frances P. Prov. G.D.C., and other Provincial Grand Officers. For some time past a wish had been expressed that the success attendant upon the George Price Craft Lodge should be further developed by the establishment of a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with it. Efforts to obtain this desirable end were put forth, and a warrant was in due course obtained, the founders being Comps. Hugh Marcus Hobbs Scribe E. 463 P.A.G.D.C. (R.A. Surrey) M.E.Z. designate, Joseph David Langton J. elect 1319 H. designate, James Shepherd Fraser P.Z. 214 and 1549 P.P.G.A.S. (Middlesex and Essex) J. designate, C. H. Woodward P.Z., Arthur Adams, A. Stewart Brown, Maitland H. Dicker, M. L. Levèy P.Z., F. Cambridge, Gordon Smith, E. C. Holdsworth, R. W. Wilson, C. Holden, and F. Garter. All were present with the exception of Comp. Woodward, who expressed regret at being unable to attend; and a similar letter was received from Comp. George Price, who sent his heartiest wishes for the success of the Chapter. The Consecration was looked forward to with considerable interest, and there was consequently a numerous muster of Companions from all parts of the Province. The Principals pro tem having opened the Chapter, the Comps. entered in order and saluted, after which the M.E.Z. addressed the assembly on the nature of the meeting, and called upon Companion J. to give the introductory prayer. Acting Scribe E. then stated the wishes of the Companions and the proceedings they had taken with respect to the Chapter, subsequently addressing the Principals and reading the Petition and Charter. The Companions having signified their approval in Masonic form, the M.E.Z. proceeded to constitute them into a regular Chapter according to ancient rite, and an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was delivered by Comp. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.P.G.S. Then followed the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity," and the first portion of the dedication prayer was said. All the Companions turned to the East while the M.E.Z. gave the invocation, and portions of scripture were read. The ceremony of consecration then proceeded in the usual form. The Chapter having been duly dedicated and constituted, the anthem, "God of love whose love unceasing," was sung, and the installation of Principals was performed by Companion Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Scribe E. The following is a complete list of the Officers for the year:—Comps. Hugh M. Hobbs M.E.Z., Joseph D. Langton H., James S. Fraser J., C. H. Woodward acting P.Z. and Dir. of Cers., A. Stewart Brown Scribe E., Maitland H. Dicker Scribe N., Arthur Adams Treasurer, M. L. Levèy P.S., F. Cambridge 1st A.S., Gordon Smith 2nd A.S., E. C. Holdsworth Steward, W. Lane Janitor. On the motion of the M.E.Z., the Consecrating and Installing Officers were unanimously elected hon. members of the Chapter, and a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for their kindness in assisting at the ceremonies. Comps. General Brownrigg and Col. Clerke briefly acknowledged the compliment paid them. Several propositions for exaltation and joining were handed in, and after the usual business the Chapter was closed in form. The musical portions of the ceremony were admirably carried out, under the direction of Comp. F. Cambridge P.P.G.O. Surrey, and added very materially to the impressiveness of the proceedings. In the evening the Companions sat down to a sumptuous banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Brother F. W. Bridle, manager of the hotel, whose arrangements were all that could be desired. Amongst the Visitors present were

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Comps. C. Atkinson 302, Hamer Owens P.P.P.S. Surrey, G. Houlton Bishop 1194, Howell P. Cater, W. A. Frost 1706, Hugh P. Vivian 450 S.E., J. F. H. Woodward Prov. G.S.E. Middlesex, F. Brown P.Z. 174 538, C. E. Ferry P.Z. 65, E. J. Bell 1524, W. E. Sampson 8, T. S. Taylor Z. 932, W. W. Lee 1524, W. W. Morgan, H. Sadler 169 G.J., J. Steel 452 P.G.P.S. Surrey, &c. At the conclusion of the repast the Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the Grand Officers, the M.E.Z. congratulated the meeting upon having so many distinguished members of Grand Chapter amongst them. If afforded him great pleasure to be supported by such eminent Companions. When he was installed as the second W.M. of the George Price Lodge he had the honour of being presented by Bro. General Broworigg, and on the occasion of his being installed as M.E.Z. of this Chapter the ceremony had been performed by such a well-known Mason as the Grand Scribe E. The Companions were deeply indebted to Col. Shadwell H. Clerke for his kindness in attending. Comp. Clerke, in responding, thanked the M.E.Z. heartily for the cordial manner in which he had introduced the toast, and the Companions for the kindly reception they had accorded to it. The Grand Officers of Royal Arch Masonry, as in the Craft, were always highly gratified at the kind recognition they received. As a rule, they were Companions who had worked long in the Order, and had done their utmost to advance its welfare. Personally it afforded him genuine pleasure to be present that day, inasmuch as he knew many members of the Chapter; he congratulated them upon having, in so brief a time, attained the dignity of a Chapter in connection with the George Price Lodge. He was fully aware of the excellent work done by that Lodge, and had no doubt the Chapter would follow in the same path. In proposing the Grand Superintendent of Surrey, Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., the M.E.Z. observed that many of the Companions now present were members of the George Price Lodge. At the consecration of that Lodge they had to regret the absence of General Brownrigg, in consequence of indisposition; but all would remember the valuable assistance they received from the Grand Officers of the Province of Surrey. It was a most successful gathering, and the only matter of regret was the absence of their Prov. G. Master. On this occasion, they were exceedingly fortunate, for in the consecration of the Chapter they had the presidency of their esteemed Grand Superintendent, whom they were delighted to welcome in their midst. He was convinced that General Brownrigg possessed their highest regard and admiration, and they sincerely thanked him for the honour he had done them in attending and conducting the consecration ceremony. Companion General Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Superintendent, prefaced his remarks, in replying to the toast, by expressing his regret, which he was sure would be shared by all present, that Companion George Price had been unavoidably prevented from attending on that occasion. Undoubtedly he was with them in heart and spirit, but it would have given them all much pleasure had he been able to be present. Formerly it took a longer time to get a Chapter attached to a Lodge, but happily those times had changed, for it assisted to cement the Masonic bonds, and gave an improved tone to a Lodge. He desired that the Scribe E. would always advise him as to their meetings, and he promised to attend as often as he possibly could. At the time he was appointed Grand Superintendent, fifteen years ago, there were only three Royal Arch Chapters in the Province, now there were thirteen; and it would be seen they had increased more rapidly than the Craft Lodges. This proved the interest that was taken in Royal Arch Masonry, and he was rejoiced to find it. The M.E.Z. next proposed the Prov. Grand H. and J. of Surrey, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers. He thanked them for their attendance, and also for consenting to become honorary members. More especially he thanked Comps. F. West and Charles Greenwood for the admirable arrangements they had made for this meeting. Comp. F. West Prov. G. H. considered it a privilege to meet a Mason of such great experience as Comp. Hobbs. As a Prov. Grand Officer he felt it a pleasure to be present to assist in the completion of a work that was started in honour of Comp. George Price. If this Chapter performed its ritual, and carried out the principles of Masonry with the same spirit as had been displayed in the Lodge, the M.E.Z. would have as much reason to be proud of the one as he was of the other. It might be of interest to some to know that during the past year the George Price Lodge had contributed £800 to the Charities, which for so young a Lodge must be regarded as highly creditable. From what he knew of the members of the Chapter, he felt sure they would sustain the high character the Lodge now enjoyed, and that they might look forward at no distant date to hear from the Grand Superintendent that they had not misplaced the confidence he had reposed in them. The Prov. Grand Superintendent then briefly proposed the Principals of the Chapter, observing that these three Companions formed a triumvirate, or trinity, and when he said there was, or should be, unity amongst them, they would know what he meant. Comp. Hugh M. Hobbs in the course of his response said the three Principals were extremely obliged for the manner in which the Grand Superintendent had introduced the toast. He was delighted to think they had pleased him in the way he had thought fit to express. He could confidently say that since he had been a Mason he had never willingly given offence to a Brother or Companion, and he hoped that during his year he should not do or say anything that would make them think less of him. If at the end of his term of office they looked upon him with the same regard they evinced now, he should be more than gratified. Responses were also made by Comp. Langton H. and Fraser J. In responding on behalf of the Consecrating Principals, Comp. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said after the kind way in which the M.E.Z. had spoken of the Grand Officers, and the able replies of the Provincial Grand Superintendent and their excellent friend the Grand Scribe E., it would require no little ingenuity to make a third speech on the subject. They were pleased to be associated with the consecration of a Chapter in honour of a Companion so worthy and well known in the Province of Surrey. He could say, from a long experience of Royal Arch Masonry, having been exalted in 1843, that the longer he was connected with it the more he appreciated it. His brother Officers would agree with him, if the Companions studied the principles and ceremonials of R.A. Masonry they would be more than repaid for their investigation. He assured the members that their wishes were for the prosperity and success of this new Chapter. A hearty welcome was given to the Visitors, and in acknowledgment Comp. J. F. H. Woodward Prov. G.S.E. Middlesex, returned thanks for the hospitality shown them. It had afforded them much pleasure to be present, and it had given no one greater pleasure than himself to see his old friend Comp. Hobbs installed as M.E.Z. He knew him within a few days of his initiation, and had seen him rise more rapidly than any Mason he had known; but he was quite sure he would not have risen to his present position if he had not thoroughly deserved it. The toast of the Officers was next given and responded to, and the list was closed by the Janitor. An attractive programme of music was given between the speeches. Comp. F. Cambridge being assisted by Comps. E. J. Bell, F. C. Atkinson, and W. A. Frost. In addition it the Consecrating Officer, and the Companions who assisted him, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke (Grand Scribe E.) was elected an honorary member of the Chapter. The Founders also pay the same compliment to Companion George Price, Provincial Grand Treasurer, after whom the Chapter is named.

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CHISWICK LODGE, No. 357.

THERE was a satisfactory gathering of the members of this Lodge held on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Amongst those present were Bros. G. Gardner Prov. G.D.C. W.M., F. J. Taylor S.W. W.M.-elect, John Edwards J.W., F. Laurence, M.D., Treasurer acting M.O. in the unavoidable absence of Bro. R. J. Taylor, J. Boswell acting S.O., W. Clowes J.O., J. L. Mather Grand Treasurer Secretary, A. Pringle S.D., N. Defries I.G., J. Brill, W. G. Coat, J. J. Boswell, J. S. Barton Wilson S.G.W., &c. Several letters of apology for unavoidable absence were received from Officers and members, the chief reason given being pressing engagements in connection with the preparations for Jubilee festivities. Lodge having been opened, and the customary routine business disposed of, the ballot was taken for the advancement of Bros. Keeble P.M., E. Ayling P.M. P.Z., and Dr. Wheeler. The attention of the brethren was called by the W.M.-elect to the severe loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of Bros. Alfred Meadows I.P.M. and W. Gomm R. of M. The brethren all appeared in Masonic mourning, and the Provincial Grand Organist, Brother Graham, played the "Dead March in *Saul*." In token of respect for the deceased the Lodge was also draped in mourning. The ceremony of advancement was then carried out in an able manner by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Bro. John Edwards J.W. then begged the acceptance by the Lodge of a portrait of the Worshipful Master and Founder, Bro. G. Gardner, the gift being received amidst acclamations, the picture being admired as a work of art. A cordial vote of thanks for the presentation having been accorded, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, Bro. J. L. Mather assumed the chair, and installed Brother F. J. Taylor as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in the most perfect and impressive manner. The newly-installed Master, having received the usual salutations, invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. Gardner I.P.M., J. Edwards S.W., R. J. Taylor J.W., W. Clowes M.O., A. Pringle S.O., N. Defries J.O., G. Thomas R.M., F. Lawrence, M.D., Treasurer, J. L. Mather Secretary, W. G. Dickey S.D., W. G. Coat J.D., W. Ellis I.G., and F. W. Wheeler, M.D., D.C. The investiture of the other Officers was deferred until the next meeting. Notice of motion was given by the W.M. for altering the number of days of meeting, in a way he considered would be beneficial to the Lodge. He then presented to Bro. Gardner a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered during his year of office. In accepting the gift the I.P.M. expressed the pleasure it afforded him to witness the continued prosperity of the Lodge, and he trusted the alterations suggested by the W.M. might prove advantageous to the Lodge, and help it to make its mark in the Province. Business over, the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, provided in the manner for which Bro. J. Brill has long enjoyed an enviable notoriety. The post-prandial proceedings were characterised by speeches of commendable brevity and point, and were interspersed by some capital songs rendered by the brethren, Bro. Graham efficiently acting as accompanyist. A very happy and harmonious evening was passed.

WORKING MEN'S JUBILEE FESTIVAL AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—As our readers are probably aware, a great holiday programme has been provided for the thousands who will, we feel sure, flock to the Palace to-day (Saturday) for this great event. The proposer and seconder of the Congratulatory Address to the Queen from the industrial classes will represent the trades and working men's societies of the United Kingdom. Numerous Members of Parliament are among those who have already accepted invitations to the meeting. The Provinces will be represented by the Lord Mayor of York, and the Mayors of Brighton, Croydon, Darlington, Derby, Folkestone, Guildford, Grantham, Margate, Maidstone, Nottingham Portsmouth, Stockport, Stoke-on-Trent, Winchester, Worcester,, Wigan, and Warrington.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 25th JUNE.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (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
2013—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. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
1963—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 27th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)

1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1480—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.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
K.T. 128—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, Golden Square

Prov. Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, Albert Institute, Windsor, at 1 p.m.
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
146—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)

TUESDAY, 28th 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 Mansions 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)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
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)
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)
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)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1838—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
269—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
463—East Surrey of Concord, Kings' Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
673—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1018—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 29th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
638—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.

781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1724—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst)
1801—Ravensbourne, George In, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1804—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1862—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1881—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)

R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
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, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham

304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk

697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
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)
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
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. 329—Brotherly Love, Coughs Hotel, Yeovil
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 30th JUNE.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
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., at 8. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1604—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. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush, at (In)
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. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hastington
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Barnsley
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye

344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Bagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich

904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)

R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 1st JULY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)

766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1156—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)
1405—Chapter, White Hart, Lower Thames, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1612—E. Carnarvon, Ledbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1769—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. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Improvement)
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)

41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
953—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)

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531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1395—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Snah 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
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 2nd JULY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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)
1388—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
309—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
463—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1323—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929—Mosart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2146—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent

Obituary.

BROTHER J. DALBY.

It is with sincere regret we have to announce the death of Bro. J. Dalby, of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, which occurred on Monday, the 20th instant, after eighteen weeks' illness. The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) at Waltham Abbey, in the presence of a concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends, by whom our deceased brother was deservedly respected.

PRESENTATIONS.

THE Masonic friends of Bro. Machael Mullen P.M. P.Z. 600, entertained him to a farewell banquet on Friday evening, 10th June, at the Masonic Hall, Bradford. The chair was occupied by Bro. C. B. Ampt W.M. 600, and the Vice-chairs by Bros. A. Assenheimer W.M.-elect and William Wroe P.M. 1018, 600. There was a very numerous gathering, amongst whom were the following:—Bros. Swithenbank W.M. Prince of Wales Lodge, Revell W.M. Eccleshill Lodge, Hutchinson P.M. P.P.G.R., J. W. Monckman P.M. P.P.G.D. of C., Jas. Wright P.M. P.P.Grand Chaplain, and Chas. Unna P.M. An illuminated address, photographic album, and a purse of gold were presented to Bro. Mullen, by Bro. Past Master Welsman, who, in doing so, expressed the hope that in the New World Bro. Mullen would have a happy and prosperous career. Bro. Mullen suitably responded.

Another presentation was made to Bro. Michael Mullen on Monday evening, when he was the recipient of a purse of gold and an illuminated address from the choir and congregation of St. Augustine's Church, Bradford, and a few friends. Bro. Mullen has been voluntary choirmaster at St. Augustine's Church for the past ten years, and the congregation has been indebted to him for numerous other services during that period. The presentation on Monday evening took place at Leuchters' Restaurant, in the presence of fifty or sixty leading members of St. Augustine's Church. The Vicar (the Rev. J. Shepherd) occupied the chair, and Mr. Christopher Nicholson (the oldest member of the choir) presented the purse and address. The address was in book form, the cover being of morocco, and bearing the initials "M.M.," in gilt letters. The text was tastefully illuminated, and in the ornamental design were included a photograph of Bro. Mullen and a water-colour drawing of St. Augustine's Church, as it will appear when the complete scheme has been carried out. The illuminated address is the work of Mr. W. F. Denbigh. The address was signed by the Vicar, the Churchwardens, and the Testimonial Committee. Bro. Mullen responded, reviewing his connection with St. Augustine's Church, and alluding to the pleasure which he had always derived from it. The evening was spent in a social manner.

Mrs. James Brown Potter will make her first appearance at the Gaiety Theatre on Monday, 27th instant, when will be produced through arrangement with, and by kind permission of, Mr. Henry Irving, "Civil War," (from M. Delpit's "Mdlle. de Bressier"), a drama in four acts by Mr. Herman Merivale. Mrs. Potter will be supported by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Messrs. James Fernandez, Kyrle Bellew, Lewis Waller, Arthur Dacre, Sydney Brough, John Maclean, Stephen Caffrey, J. L. Shine, the Misses Amy Roselle, Julia Gwynne, and Fanny Brough. Mr. Edward Hastings will be the stage manager, while Mr. F. J. Potter will look after the front of the house.

We have pleasure in informing our readers that Mr. R. D'Albertson, the acting manager of the Avenue Theatre, will take his annual benefit on Monday afternoon, the 4th July. A most attractive entertainment will be presented, several leading artistes of the day having promised assistance.

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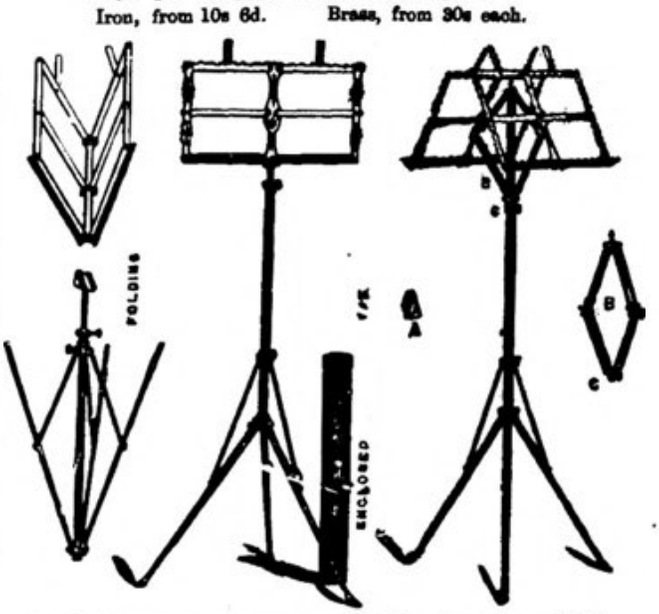
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