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OUR TWENTY-SEVENTH VOLUME.

"YES, curried fowl is very nice," said an old friend of ours, when a more than usually attentive waiter at our Lodge banquet tried to tempt him with a dainty morsel, "but I took a violent dislike to it some years ago." As he was a good hand at "pitching a yarn," we asked for particulars. "It was while travelling abroad," said our friend, "that I had the pleasure of calling on an old schoolfellow; his abode was about twenty miles from everywhere, and I was quite prepared to do without luxuries—as he told me I should have to do—during my stay with him. Imagine my surprise on the first day of my visit at sitting down to a splendid dish of 'curried fowl,' and I even enjoyed myself the next day with 'fowl, curried.' But when it came to 'fowl, with curry' for the third, and 'curry, with fowl' for the fourth, I began to wonder where it would end. I stayed for close on a fortnight, and the only difference I experienced in the way of dinner was in the way in which his cook described the dish. The menu always varied, and it astonished me to think how many different ways there were of mixing fowl with curry; but, as I said at the start, his was an out-of-the-way place. He reared fowls, and a huge consignment of curry had been sent him in mistake for a parcel of mixed goods ordered from the old country." We are reminded of this tale in preparing our pages for the new year, and commencing a new Volume; we feel that we have given our readers a fair supply of fowl and curry in days gone by. We have tried to vary the dish; we have called it many names; but are afraid we have not always succeeded in hiding its identity—it has generally been fowl and curry. Now, however, we intend to set something fresh before our readers; it will be—"curry and fowl!"

Briefly, we can but assure our readers it is our desire to continue in the future as we have worked in the past. If our remarks have occasionally appeared familiar to the brethren, it must be remembered that the work on which we are engaged is of a somewhat limited character. It is Freemasonry, and its grand principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; all we can attempt to do is so to vary the way in which those principles are set before the Craft so as to make our comments worthy of perusal. We heartily thank our friends for their support thus far, and assure them that, in starting our TWENTY-SEVENTH VOLUME, we shall spare no effort to maintain their good opinion.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS CENTRAL CHARITIES.

THE LAST YEAR'S CONTRIBUTIONS.

THERE are some among us who are inclined to think that Freemasonry is on the decline, or at least some of our brethren are continually asserting it is not what it was a few years back. Perhaps they are right, in a sense; but if facts or figures can prove the contrary, there is plenty of material available for the purpose. Looking around us, we confess to being impressed with a feeling that there is not so much life in Freemasonry as was exhibited some six or ten years since, and undoubtedly many of the Lodges which came into life shortly after the accession of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Masonic throne have settled down considerably, as compared with the vigour they displayed in the earlier years of their existence. This is to be accounted for by the fact that the men who succeed the actual founders of a Lodge seldom display the same amount of united enthusiasm as is common with the band of brothers who established it, while in not a few cases the actual founders come to the conclusion that a steady, quiet, jog-along career is better than the bustle and excitement with which they heralded their Lodge into being. But all these appearances are deceiving if we are to believe the mass of evidence which can be brought forward to refute them. Freemasonry is not only holding its own, but is very considerably extending its benefits year by year, in proof of which we cannot do better than point to the total of its contributions during the last twelve months to the Central Charities of the Order, which far exceed anything hitherto accomplished by the united efforts of the members of the Craft. This total was no less a sum than £61,059 0s 11d, which amount, compared with the total of ten years since, when it was something less than £39,000, supplies all the evidence that is needed in support of our theory that Freemasonry is not on the decline.

It must not, however, be forgotten that this splendid amount does not, by a very long way, represent Freemasonry's total expenditure in the cause of Charity during the year. It would be impossible to form even an approximate idea of all that has been spent in the relief of the poor and distressed of the Craft, but there are items which it is possible to ascertain, and to add to the £61,000 odd already referred to. Chief among these is the total voted by the Board of Benevolence during the twelve months on behalf of those who apply direct for the assistance of Grand Lodge, the sum thus expended being £10,500. Next we have a contribution of £6,000 voted by Grand Lodge to the three Institutions (£2,000 to each) but not yet handed over to them, in consequence of the absence from England of the Pro Grand Master, whose signature is needed before the money can be transferred. Then we have the sums spent locally by Provincial and private Lodges, as well as the amounts contributed towards the support of local Masonic Charities, the number and benefits of which are rapidly increasing year by year, together with so many other matters that render it not only impossible to guage their extent, but even to enumerate them. We have, however, supplied sufficient data to demonstrate the continued prosperity of the Craft.

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Turning again to the actual receipts of the three Institutions during the year, £61,059 0s 11d, we find the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons received by far the largest share, its total income for the twelve months being £28,968 4s 4d, or nearly £10,800 more than it collected in 1886. The items comprising this total are as follow:

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	19468	13	8
Dividends	2524	10	8
Grand Lodge	1600	0	0
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Rent of Meadow	18	0	0
Grand Lodge (Special)	1000	0	0
Do. (Albert Hall)	2107	0	0
Prov. of West Yorkshire, purchase of Two Perpetual Presentations	2100	0	0
	28968	4	4

It is not our intention to make any special reference to these figures on the present occasion—they speak for themselves; next week we may have to refer to them more fully, as it is our intention then to devote a larger portion of our space to the Benevolent Institution, and the claims it has on the Craft at the present time, particularly in reference to its rapidly approaching Annual Festival.

We next come to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which last year occupied the second place in regard to the total of receipts, the sum added to its exchequer during the year being £16,429 0s 6d, made up as follows:—

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	11904	7	11
Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	10	10	0
One-third of proceeds of admissions to Grand Lodge at Albert Hall, 13th June 1887	2107	0	0
Dividends	1900	16	7
Admissions by Annual Payment	150	0	0
Music Money	194	5	0
Sale of Old Stores	10	0	0
„ Books of Subscribers	2	1	0
	£16429	0	6

This Institution—the oldest of the three—will unquestionably receive the premier attention of the Craft during the current year; when it will celebrate the Centenary of its establishment, which took place in 1788. We sincerely hope that in connection with this event all will be done that can be desired by the most zealous supporters of the Institution, but we also hope that in doing honour to the Centenary the needs of the other Institutions will not be overlooked. The officials of the Girls' School offer a very attractive programme in connection with this celebration, and we do not think it will be their fault if the event falls short of attaining the position it deserves. We feel it would not be out of place to give here an outline of all that is proposed in connection with the celebration, but, considering the amount of the space we have already filled, it would be unwise to do so; we could not do justice to so important a subject in the limited room now available. For this reason we must once more make a promise—to refer to the subject in an early issue.

In due order now comes the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which last year received a total of £15,661 16s 1d, as follows:—

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	12656	0	6
Music Fees	99	4	6
United Grand Lodge—Annual	150	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter	10	10	0
One-third of admissions to Grand Lodge at Albert Hall, June 1887	2107	0	0
Sale of Lists of Subscribers	2	0	0
Dividends	637	1	1
	£15661	16	1

We have so recently referred at length to this Institution, both in our pages and in a Supplement (copies of which latter we shall be happy to send to any brother who will undertake their distribution) that nothing further is now needed. Suffice it to say that the returns of 1887 show an increase of upwards of £2,600 over those of 1886, while it is our fervent desire that those of 1888 may exhibit the same, or an even greater, improvement over those of the last twelve months.

The Board of Benevolence disbursed, as we have already said, £10,500 during the past year, which sum was distributed as follows:

The Board of Benevolence.

Month.	Cases relieved.	£	s	d
January	15	380	0	0
February	32	810	0	0
March	37	1125	0	0
April	36	1130	0	0
May	43	875	0	0
June	36	1148	0	0
July	25	540	0	0
August	26	825	0	0
September	13	255	0	0
October	38	985	0	0
November	50	1255	0	0
December	50	1172	0	0
	401	10500	0	0

What we have here said is but a poor tribute to the splendid achievements our remarks refer to, but it would be something like trying to gild refined gold to attempt any lengthened praise of benevolence which, under four heads only, amounts to upwards of £71,559 in the short space of twelve months, and even then we do not take into account the £6,000 voted, but not yet handed over, by Grand Lodge, or the various amounts spent by private Lodges and individuals in the dispensation of Masonic Charity.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

A SPECIAL Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was held in the town of Winchester, Mass., on Tuesday, 28th June 1887, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Town Hall and Public Library Building. Amongst the Grand Officers present were:—

Bros. Henry Endicott Master, Richard M. Field Deputy Master, Baalis Sanford Senior Warden, Charles Harris Junior Warden, William Parkman and Charles C. Dame Past Masters, William H. H. Soule Past Warden, Henry G. Fay as Treasurer, Sereno D. Nickerson Recording Secretary, Charles H. Crane D.D. Master District No. 6, Henry J. Mills D.D. Master District No. 7, Rev. Fielder Israel Chaplain, George H. Rhodes Marshall, James M. Gleason Lecturer, Benjamin A. Gould Senior Deacon, William Parkman jun. as Junior Deacon, Marlborough Williams Senior Steward, Henry W. Gore Junior Steward, Alexander M. Hayward Sword Bearer, Z. L. Bicknell Standard Bearer, John G. Thorogood and Frank W. Dallinger Pursuivants, Henry J. Parker Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 4·15 o'clock p.m., in one of the anterooms adjoining the hall of William Parkman Lodge. A procession of the Grand Officers was formed by the Grand Marshal, and conducted by a committee of Past Masters to the Lodge-room, where the brethren of Winchester and vicinity were assembled in large numbers. The Grand Master was cordially welcomed by the Master of William Parkman Lodge, Bro. Walter V. Smalley, and an appropriate response was made by the Grand Master. The brethren then marched in procession to the site of the new building, and the ceremonies were commenced by the singing of a hymn by the Temple Quartette. After the reading of selections from the Scriptures, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, an interesting report

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was made by Rev. Brother George Cooke, Chaplain of William Parkman Lodge, upon the historical matters contained in the box prepared to be deposited in the corner-stone. The services then proceeded, in accordance with the ritual of this Grand Lodge, and the corner-stone of the new building was laid in due and ancient form, and proclamation was made accordingly by the Grand Marshal. The Grand Master addressed the assembly, as follows:—

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN,—In glad obedience to the summons from those who have planned and undertaken this ceremony, the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts have come to do their part in hallowing this public service. The sympathy of Masonry in all that belongs to the public good, in all that helps to make better men and better citizens, in all that affords a chance for different classes to meet on common ground and with common interests, in all that pertains to the higher life of the individual or of the community, justifies our participation and our joy.

The public ceremonies which attend the laying of the corner-stone of a new building have come down to us hallowed by tradition and by custom. Probably at first only temples, vowed to the service of the gods, were thus consecrated by the oil and the taper, by ritual and prayer; but the world has come to believe that every building may serve the purposes of God, by serving the needs of His creatures, and should, in thought, if not by public service, be nobly begun.

It is eminently fitting that we come together to-day, under the blue arch of heaven, and surrounded by the beauty of a June day, to lay with appropriate services the corner-stone of a building which shall stand through the years, to advance the good of this community and promote the moral and material interests of the people. It is to hold its own place in the growing life of this town, and to increase the opportunities which lead to purer individual and municipal life.

May it lend itself to many a noble undertaking for the common good! May the work of erection go on without interruption and in harmony! May the completed building long stand as a centre for much that is best in the intercourse of man with man, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect rest on to-day's work and crown it with completion!

At the conclusion of the Grand Master's address, the procession re-formed and returned to the Masonic Hall. The Grand Lodge repaired to the place of opening, and was closed in ample form, at 5·45 p.m.

A Quarterly Communication of the same Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, 14th September 1887, Grand Officers present:—

Bros. Endicott Master, Sandford Senior Warden, Harris Junior Warden, Wells Treasurer, Nickerson Recording Secretary, with the D.D. Masters of Dist. Nos. 1 to 8, 10 to 13, 15, 17 to 28. Bros. Israel Chaplain, Rhodes Marshal, Gleason Lecturer, Gould Senior Deacon, Williams Senior Steward, Tripp, Gifford and Gore Junior Stewards, Gerrish Organist, Parker Tyler, with a large assembly of prominent members and Lodge representatives.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, at 2 o'clock p.m. The reading of the Record of the Quarterly Communication of 8th June 1887 was dispensed with, the same having been distributed in print. The Record of the Special Communication held at Winchester on the 28th June 1887 was read and approved. Proxies from several Lodges were presented; and, being found in form, the brethren designated therein were duly recognised. By-laws from several Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Standing Committee on By-laws and Charters. Bro. Edwin Wright presented a graceful tribute to the memory of Past Deputy Grand Master Marshall P. Wilder, which was accepted, and ordered to be spread upon the Records. Bro. Oliver A. Roberts, in behalf of the Committee, presented the memorial of a Past Grand Warden, which was accepted and ordered to be spread upon the Records. The report of Bro. Gifford H. G. McGrew, in behalf of the Committee on Bye-laws, was accepted and his recommendations were adopted. The sum of five hundred dollars was placed at the disposal of the Committee on Charity. The Report of Bro. Charles A. Welch, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Trials, was accepted. Bro. Parkman, Past Grand Master, made an interesting verbal report of the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner-stone of the Bennington Battle Monument by the Grand Master of the State of Vermont. No further business being presented, prayer was offered by Bro. Rev. Fielder Israel, Grand Chaplain, a hymn was sung, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, at twenty minutes after three o'clock p.m.

The brethren of the Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., unanimously elected Bro. N. Pascoe S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. A. Bennett P.M. was elected Treasurer.

"MASONIC FACTS AND FICTIONS."

[COMMUNICATED.]

IN the course of perusal of the excellent work of Bro. Henry Sadler, recently published under the above title, we could not avoid the reflection that whereas there can be no doubt as to the value of the information afforded in relation to the events of the century in connection with Freemasonry prior to 1813, there might also be even still more valuable instruction given to the members of our Order in the present day by further research into, and communication of the minuted proceedings of the Craft since that date.

Be it understood this present writing is not intended as a critique on our worthy brother's work, but as we are about to use some portions of it as it were as pegs upon which to hang our own comments and remarks, it is but simple justice to him to state at once that we never before closed a Masonic volume after perusal with greater regret that there was no more to read, or experienced greater satisfaction and interest during perusal than was afforded us by "Masonic Facts and Fictions."

Bro. Sadler in his Preface remarks that "Masonic literature, especially that of the last century and the *first half* of the present (italics are ours) contains many fictions," and proceeds to devote his attention to and dispose of, "to the best of his ability, what he considers to be *the greatest fiction in the history of English Masonry*" (italics are his), and this we have no hesitation in saying he most effectually does. This "greatest fiction is the hitherto accepted *fact* that there was a schism, secession, or split—call it by what name we may please—in the community of Masons in 1722, five years after the formation of the Grand Lodge of 1717. In connection with his official position as Sub-Librarian of the United Grand Lodge of England, Bro. Sadler has had the great advantage of access to the most important documents relating to the proceedings of that period and to the date of the Union in 1813, and, as we have said, the result is a most entertaining, interesting, and instructive volume, the perusal of which is to our mind necessary for all Craftsmen who profess to know the history of our Order and the status of its members in its early days, and it most undoubtedly negatives the opinions hitherto held as to the separation of the Craft in 1722 into two distinct Grand Lodges entitled respectively "Moderns" and "Antients."

It is of course a matter of great importance in regard to the history of any Society that the truth in respect of all things connected with it should be ascertained. And when, as in the present case, a blot upon its escutcheon has been supposed, during many years, to have existed, then and that can remove a "bar sinister" is worthy of grateful recognition and encouragement, and such we feel assured will be awarded Bro. Sadler by those who take a deep interest in the proceedings of the Craft prior to the Union in 1813.

There remains, however, a vast number of our Order who entertain but little interest in what Freemasonry was antecedent to the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England; and, if the truth must be told, a still vaster number who have no interest whatever in the theory or practice of Freemasonry except in so far as it may conduce to social gatherings and the gratification of the senses. For the present generation of Freemasons, except in but few instances, that is few as compared with the many thousands who are ranged under the Masonic banners, "fictions" which help to the formation of a system which, as to its theoretical teachings, is not honoured by strict observance, are as carelessly permitted to accrue as errors of a like nature were in days long past. We can, and probably may, point out many "fictions" of the present day which might give a future Bro. Sadler occasion for research into minutes and proceedings subsequent to the first fifteen years of this century. For a while we leave to our readers the opportunity to reflect on this statement, certain that should they do so they cannot fail to note how frequent have been, and still continue, the departures from the true principles upon which Speculative Freemasonry has been established. We shall resume the subject in an early number of the CHRONICLE.

Bro. Wellington Dale (ex-Mayor of Penzance) has been elected W.M. of Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 121, for the ensuing year. Bro. C. Read was re-elected Treasurer.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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HUMBER LODGE, No. 57.

THE installation of Bro. John Clark as the Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the next twelve months, took place in the Masonic Hall, Osborne-street, Hull, on Tuesday, the 27th ult. There was a very large attendance of members and visiting brethren, and the whole assemblage in aprons and collars was a magnificent spectacle, and worthy of the best traditions of the Humber Lodge. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. G. Wilson P.M., an old and highly esteemed member of the Humber. He was assisted in the discharge of his important functions by Bros. E. Corris (the retiring W.M.) and A. King P.M. The usual Masonic honours were rendered by the brethren, and the newly elected Worshipful Master then invested the following as his Officers for the year:—E. Corris I.P.M., T. G. Vivian S.W., I. Matthews J.W., D. J. O'Donoghue P.M. Chaplain, T. Thompson P.M. Treasurer, W. Tessyman Treasurer of Benevolent and Pension Fund, M. Kemp P.M. Treasurer of Sinking Fund, W. D. Keyworth P.M. Treasurer of Poor Fund, M. Haberland P.M. Lecture Master, A. King P.M. and J. Thyer Secretaries, W. Riby S.D., I. Henderson J.D., C. Collinson I.G., R. J. McLeavy D.C., J. R. Stringer Organist, W. W. Fletcher Librarian, Jas. Walker Steward, W. Cuthbert Tyler, J. Priest Assistant Tyler. The installation banquet took place in the large hall on the ground floor, and was attended by a large number of visitors. The Worshipful Master (Bro. Clark) occupied the presidential chair, and was supported by Bros. M. C. Peck, Walter Reynolds, D. J. O'Donoghue, and a number of others, all holding Provincial rank. The hall was crowded, and the proceedings throughout were of a most successful character. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured on the conclusion of the banquet. From his presidential chair the Worshipful Master proposed the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.D. W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The last named sentiment was responded to by Bro. M. C. Peck, who, in concluding his remarks, most courteously wished the newly installed Worshipful Master of the Humber Lodge a most prosperous and happy year of office. Bro. E. Corris on rising to submit the next toast, was received with applause by the assembled brethren. He said he did not think the toast of the newly installed Worshipful Master and his Officers needed any lengthy remarks from him to commend itself to their approval. Now the Humber Lodge was often called the old Humber Lodge. From year to year they had a new captain and a new set of officers, but the bulk of the crew remained the same. He was sure this year they had got a captain who had hitherto done his very utmost for the Humber Lodge, and who by his courtesy and amiability had won the highest regard of all, whilst endeavouring to promote the prosperity and the happiness of the community with which he had been so worthily associated. Bro. Clark was a very old member. He believed he was actuated by the very best wishes, and he felt confident he would have the loyal support of his officers and the remaining brethren of the Lodge. Anything he (Bro. Corris) could do would be at his service, and would be given most cordially. Bro. Vivian, the new Senior Warden, was a very old Mason, and a member who, by his steadiness, constant attendance, and his desire, to do his utmost for the Lodge, had worthily won the honour which had now been assigned to him, and he believed the bulk of the members were very pleased to see him in that chair. The Junior Warden (Bro. Matthews) would also, he felt sure, be an acquisition to the Worshipful Master. He was known to most of them, and especially to the seafaring brethren. The Worshipful Master had also appointed two excellent Deacons, and both, he felt sure, would merit the confidence reposed in them. The new Inner Guard would, he felt sure also perform his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to all. The toast having been duly honoured, the Worshipful Master (Bro. John Clark) in reply expressed his grateful thanks to Bro. Corris for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the health of his officers and himself. He said he had taken the chair with a considerable amount of diffidence, but he trusted that with the aid of the brethen whom he had invested that day as his officers, he would be in a position at the end of his year to retire from the chair with the same amount of popularity, respect and esteem, so justly accorded to Bro. Corris. He thanked them for the honour conferred upon him, and he assured them it would be his utmost study and endeavour to merit the trust which they had reposed in him. Bros. Vivian and Matthews also expressed their acknowledgments for the honour which had been conferred upon them. The Worshipful Master then proposed the retiring W.M. and his Officers. He said he rose with a considerable amount of diffidence to put this toast before the members, as he felt he could not do that justice to it which it so richly merited. Bro. Corris had had a most successful and happy reign as the chief of the Humber during the past year. He had served under him, and he had found him ever kind and ready to overlook all faults and failings, and to render every assistance to his officers in the performance of their responsible duties. It had indeed been a very happy year, and he hoped his term would end quite as happily. With the health of the I.P.M. he included those of Bro. R. J. McLeavy and Bro. John Foreman, the retiring S.W. and J.W. Bro. E. Corris in reply said it was with a certain amount of regret that he left the chair. He accepted it with a considerable feeling of reluctance, for he well knew the responsibility involved in such an important office. Now he thought on leaving office they could claim credit for handing down the destinies of the Humber Lodge, if not in a better position, in at least as good, as those who preceded them. He touched upon various Masonic events they had had in connection with the Humber during the past year, and proceeding said no Master could have had a more loyal or a better set of officers. The retiring S.W. was not only a good man and true, but a good Mason. Bro. John Foreman, the retiring J.W. had also made many friends by his genial kindness. He had had two good Deacons, and Bro. Edward Hall had also done his duty well. Bro. Corris next bestowed a few words of very great praise on the retiring I. G., who was unable to be present that evening, and said he had to thank the members of the Humber for the good attendance they had had; and the visitors for patronising their meeting so well as they had done. Concluding, he affirmed his zeal for the welfare of the Humber, and wished the Worshipful Master and his Officers a happy and prosperous year. Bros. R. J. McLeavy and John Foreman, the retiring S.W. and J.W., thanked the brethren in somewhat humorous terms for the honour which had been accorded to them. The Worshipful Master next gave the health of Bro. G. Wilson, L.D.S., P.M., who had officiated as Installing Officer. Bro. Wilson briefly acknowledged the compliment. The Founders of the Humber Lodge, the Visitors, the Past Masters and Treasurers of the Humber Lodge, the Sister Lodges, the Masonic Charities, and other toasts followed. The evening was a thoroughly pleasing and enjoyable one throughout.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 70.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, the senior Lodge of the Order in South Devon, and the oldest but one in the Province, was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Huyshe Temple, Plymouth. The high esteem in which this ancient and popular Lodge is held was, as usual, shown by a very large attendance of brethren. Bro. W. F. Westcott presided, and the W.M. elect—Bro. W. T. Hocking—was installed. Bros. W. F. Westcott, J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C., R. Pengelly P.P.G.A.D.C., Rev. T. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain, J. Griffin P.P.G.S.D., and F. B. Westlake, all of 70, were the installing officers. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, presented the Lodge with an autotype picture, handsomely framed, representing the "Reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., in Grand Lodge as Past Grand Master, 1st December 1869," and a framed photograph of the late Sir Charles Lemon, for twenty years Prov. G.M. of Cornwall. On the proposition of Bro. J. Du Prez, seconded by Bro. F. B. Westlake, thanks were enthusiastically voted to Bro. Lemon for his gifts. In the evening the members of the Lodge and a large number of visitors dined together at Bro. H. Rogers, Newmarket Hotel, Cornwall-street. Bro. W. T. Hocking presided, and between seventy and eighty brethren sat down to a banquet, the general excellence of which was cordially recognised later in the evening, when the host and hostess were specially thanked for the manner in which they had catered for an unexpectedly large company. The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed The Right Worshipful Brother Lord Ebrington, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Lodge. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. D. Cross, who said they all recognised that Lord Ebrington, as the Grand Master of Devon decidedly improved on acquaintance. It was always a real pleasure for Masons to meet his lordship, and they were all looking forward with gratification to the interesting and important ceremony which was to take place at Plymouth the next day, when the Prov. Grand Master would lay the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall in Princess-square. He sincerely hoped that the brethen would attend in large numbers, and support his lordship in a manner worthy of an occasion of so much interest and importance. Bro. J. B. Gover proposed The Right Worshipful Brother the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall. He remarked that next to their own Provincial Grand Master there was no Grand Master of Freemasons in England who secured the approbation and esteem of the brethren more than did the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe. The noble earl was always wise in the selection of his officers, he always did the best he could for the Province over whose deliberations he presided with such conspicuous ability, and Masonry in the West of England owed much to the admirable manner in which his lordship always directed its affairs. Bro. G. Roseveare briefly responded. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, in proposing the toast of Bro. W. T. Hocking, W.M. of Lodge 70, said it was no small honour to preside over the premier Lodge of the district, and the brethren might be sure that the choice which they had made of a W.M. for the coming year was one which they would have no cause to regret. Bro. Hocking returned thanks. He fully recognised the responsible nature of the duties he had undertaken, and sincerely hoped that the interests of the Lodge would not suffer in his hands. The toast of Bro. W. Frank Westcott I.P.M., was proposed by Bro. Du Prez who spoke in terms of high eulogy of the manner in which Bro. Westcott had filled the office of W.M. of St. John's Lodge during the past year. Bro. Westcott was a very young man to fill such an office, but the manner in which he had got through his difficult work was little less than marvellous. He was an example to every member of the Lodge, and he (Bro. Du Prez) had great pleasure in asking Bro. Westcott's acceptance of a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the admirable manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of his office. Bro. Du Prez then pinned the jewel to Bro. Westcott's breast, amidst hearty applause, and the I.P.M., in acknowledging the gift, said it would be a strong incentive to him to continue his interest in the Lodge no less earnestly than he had done in past years. Bro. J. R. Lord proposed The Past Masters of Lodge 70, and Bros. Sercombe, F. B. Westlake, Tout, Griffin, Lean, H. Thomas, Pengelley, Gover, and Du Prez responded. The other toasts were the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Senior and Junior Wardens and Assistant Officers of the Lodge, Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren, Masons' Wives and Masons' Sweethearts, the Host and Hostess, and Our Poor and Distressed Brethren. At intervals during the evening musical service was rendered by Bros. J. Rendle, J. Avery, C. Mutten, T. W. Lemon, T. Goodall, H. Thomas, J. Leonard, and J. Hicks. Before the proceedings closed, Bro. Hicks, the Charity Steward, mentioned, amidst loud applause, that Bro. F. B. Westlake had handed him the sum of ten guineas towards the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and had thus qualified as a vice-patron of the Fund for life.

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LOVE AND HONOUR LODGE, No. 75.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their annual festival on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at Falmouth, when there was a large attendance. The W.M. elect, Bro. G. T. Olver, was ably installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. S. Tressider jun. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. S. Tressider I.P.M., William Anderson S.W., T. R. Grylls J.W., Rev. M. J. Sutton Chaplain, W. F. Newman Treasurer, Harry Tucker Secretary, H. Liddicoat S.D., R. C. M. Pooley J.D., W. M. Harrison D.C., J. E. Dinnen Organist, J. Martin I.G., J. S. Kelway and W. Penhay Stewards, and J. N. Francis Tyler. The business of the day being over, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared by Bro. E. Carter. Over forty brethren sat down under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Olver. The menu card bore a photograph of the W.M. in full Masonic clothing. After the Loyal and Masonic toasts, the evening was devoted to harmony, the W.M. contributing greatly to this part of the proceedings.

ECONOMY LODGE, No. 76.

AT a meeting of this Lodge, held on Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., Bro. J. Harris was unanimously elected W.M. in succession to Bro. T. Stopher. Bro. W. H. Jacob was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Sims Tyler. The W.M. was heartily thanked for his welcome and interesting present to every brother of a book containing many extremely interesting extracts from the ancient records.

LOYAL PALLADIAN LODGE, No. 120.

THE members of this Lodge assembled at their Lodge-room at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and to instal Bro. G. J. Caldwell, the W.M. elect, for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. T. Blinkhorn W.M., assisted by Past Masters W. Earle, T. Smith, and John Barnes After this ancient and annual ceremony had been performed, and the W.M. had received the customary homage of the Brethren in due Masonic form, he proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Norton S.W., Cullwick J.W., Beddoe Treasurer, Parlby Secretary, Caldicott S.D. and Organist, George J.D., Shellard D.C., Chance I.G., Stephens and Gethen Stewards. At the close of the Lodge the Brethren retired to the Banquet, which was credibly served up by the Green Dragon Hotel Company, under the direction of the manageress, Mrs. McKay. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very pleasant and fraternal evening was spent by the Brethren.

UNAMIMITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261.

AT the ordinary monthly meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, Bro. Colonel A. W. Adair P.P.G.M. of Somerset was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and he will be installed in January, by the outgoing Master, Bro. Arthus Stevens. The Lodge this year celebrates its Centenary, its warrant having been granted in 1788, and Colonel Adair has, by special request of the brethren been induced to accept the Mastership on an occasion so interesting to local Freemasonry.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No. 276.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge, which was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at Chelmsford, gained considerable interest, from the fact that the Provincial Grand Master Lord Brooke had signified his intention of being present, in order to confer P.P.G. rank upon certain brethren in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. Permission had been obtained to use the Grand Jury-room at the Shire Hall, which was fitted up as a Lodge. The Lodge was opened at two o'clock, when Bro. Wm. Tanner 1,627 was admitted as a joining member. The business also included the raising of several brethren and the despatch of routine matters. Bro. Wilson Metcalfe, W.M. elect, was appointed as a representative to serve on the Essex Charity Committee. The raising was ably done by Brother Adolphus G. Maskell W.M. Lord Brooke, who was received with Masonic honours and acclamations, was escorted into the Lodge by the Director of Ceremonies and a large body of Provincial Officers. On taking the chair of the W.M., he said the authorities, following the course adopted in Grand Lodge, had seen proper to celebrate the year of the Queen's Jubilee by the dispensing of Provincial honours to certain Masons thereof worthy, who had not already held prominent offices. Four such honours fell to Essex, and he had pleasure in investing the following, for their services in Freemasonry:—

Bro. W. D. Merritt P.M. 1000	- - -	Past Senior Warden
A. G. Maskell W.M. 276	- - -	Past Junior Warden
A. Gosling P.M. and Treasurer 697	-	Past Senior Deacon
T. Malyn P.M. and Secretary 1312	-	Past Standard Bearer

Bro. Wilson Metcalfe was then installed in the chair of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. (Grand Registrar of England), Deputy P.G.M. The W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. Langham S.W., T. R. Jarvis J.W., Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Frank Whitmore P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treasurer, J. P. Lewin P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Secretary. Andrew Durrant P.M. P.P.G.S.W. P.G. Treas. D.C., F. P. Sutthery P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Organist, Chas. Williams S.D., T. Winniatt Smith P.P.G.O. J.D., John Taylor I.G., F. H. Megy Steward. After the Lodge, a banquet was served at the White Hart Hotel, by Bro. Hipkin, to which about 50 or 60 sat down.

UNION LODGE, No. 310.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 27th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Carlisle, followed by a banquet in the evening at the Grey Goat Hotel. At the meeting in the afternoon there was a large assemblage of brethren and a number of visitors from Wigton and from the Sective Lodge, Carlisle. Bro. Ormiston was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being performed in a very able manner by Bro. John Slack P.M. After being installed the Worshipful Master appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, the principal of which were as follows:—Bros. Thomas Beaty I.P.M., James Baty S.W., Lockyer J.W., the Rev. W. H. Cockett Chaplain, William Court Treasurer, J. T. Graham Secretary, Wharton S.D., E. J. Bulman J.D., John Slack D.C., Carruthers I.G., Reed Steward, Murchie Organist, and Samuel Clark Tyler. The usual routine of business having been gone through, the brethren adjourned to the Grey Goat Hotel, where they had dinner, provided by Bro. Martin. The Worshipful Master presided, and was supported by his Officers. After dinner the customary Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and songs were sung at intervals by Bro. Slack and others. The proceedings terminated shortly after eleven o'clock, a pleasant evening having been spent.

TRUE AND FAITHFUL LODGE, No. 318.

THIS Lodge held its Annual Meeting and commemorated the Festival of St. John, on Friday, the 30th ult. The brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Helston, at half-past one o'clock, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Richards. The ceremony of installation was very ably and impressively performed by Bro. Dunstan assisted by Bro. Trembath. Bro. Trembath was re-elected Lodge Almoner and Steward to the Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund. After the transaction of the usual Lodge business the brethren adjourned to Bro. and Host Blackwell's Angel Hotel, where a récherché spread awaited them. The dinner was followed by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were admirably interspersed with songs, duets, trios, and choruses, the whole comprising a rare musical treat, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Bro. Heath presided at the piano as accompanyist with his well-known ability. The evening was one of the most pleasant and enthusiastic ever spent in the annals of this old Lodge, and the Worshipful Master is to be congratulated on the bright prospect of a successful Masonic year.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 327.

THE festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by the members of this Lodge on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when Brother James Kirkland S.W. was installed W.M. of the Lodge, by Brothers E. Clark and Gowan. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested his officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Brothers J. Martin I.P.M., W. S. Ponton S.W., E. T. Burgess J.W., H. Bawn Treasurer, J. Harris Secretary, Dr. White S.D., R. Pearson J.D., F. Richardson I.G., and T. Penrice Steward.

PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 257.

THE annual meeting of the members of this Lodge was held in the Lodge-room, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. (St. John's Day), when there was a large attendance, amongst the Visitors being the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), and the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Edgar Goble) A number of apologies were received from Brethren who were prevented by private engagements from being present. The retiring Worshipful Master (Bro. W. P. G. Gilbert) conducted the ceremony of installing his successor, Bro. Major W. Campbell, R.M.A., and gave a correct and eloquent rendering of the ritual. The new W.M. appointed and invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Gilbert I.P.M., Drummond S.W., Darwin J.W., Rev. Morton, M.A., Chaplain, Ernest Hall P.M. Treasurer, Lieut.-Colonel Kennedy Secretary, Long S.D., Collier J.D, Lovegrove Organist, Commodore Markham, R.N., I.G., Colonel Crease, C.B., R.M.A., P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Brickwood P.M. Assistant D.C., Bland and O'Connor Stewards. The proceedings at the banquet, served on the Lodge premises in excellent style, were enlivened by the string band of the Royal Marine Artillery, who discoursed an appropriate selection of popular music. During the evening an interesting presentation was made to Bro. G. D. Lovegrove, in the form of a very handsome clock, in recognition of his gratuitous services as Organist of the Lodge for many years.

SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 439.

ON Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., the Installation of Bro. Paget Priestley as Worshipful Master of this Lodge, took place. He was installed by Bro. Hopwood, assisted by Bros. J. W. Monckton P.P.G.D.C., Edward Hallas P.M., H. S. Wood P.M., and Thos. Eccroyd P.M. After the business of the Lodge was concluded, the members celebrated the Festival of St. John.

CAREW LODGE, No. 1136.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lodge-room, Torpoint, on the 21st ult., to instal Bro. James Black S.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring Worshipful Master Bro. A. K. Collins, assisted by Bros. Poor P.M. P.P.G.D.C., G. Cassell P.M. 1136 P.G. Steward, assisted by a Board of Installed Masters. The Worshipful Master appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Collins I.P.M., Tresise S.W., Wood J.W., Poor P.M. Treasurer, Cassell P.M. Secretary, Jeffery S.D., Akenhead J.D., Davis I.G., Carey Chaplain, George Dir. of Cers., Dart Organist,

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Williams S.Stwd., Wotton J.Stwd., Trotman and Lord Assistant Stewards. The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Bosworthick's restaurant, in Marlborough-street, Devonport, where they sat down to the annual banquet, which was admirably served. A very pleasant evening was spent.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—An important meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, as the opening of the first session in the new year, was held at the Masons' Arms, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 5th inst. Amongst the many present were Bros. Robert Greening, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who presided, and who was supported by Bros. James Stevens the first Master of The Great City Lodge and Preceptor to the Lodge of Instruction, Baber P.M. and Secretary of the Mother Lodge, Past Masters Paddle Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, Pitt Assistant Preceptor, Rush, Arthur Taylor, James Amsden, Munday, Berry, Lloyd, Parr, Saul, Parker, Sunshall, Ewins, and Dyer, Bros. Bellchambers as I.P.M., Hills J.W., Whitehouse S.D., Jollife J.D., Gomme I.G., and Barrett, May, Tattersall and others. The Lodge having been opened and former minutes approved, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a most creditable manner by the acting W.M. Bro. Greening, whose working gave considerable satisfaction. He subsequently raised the Lodge to the third degree, and brethren below the degree of Installed Master retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, in accordance with antient form and ritual, the fullest explanations being afforded by Bro. Stevens the Preceptor, both in regard to the opening and closing of the Board, and in many parts of the installation ceremony. Great satisfaction was expressed by the numerous Past Masters who took part in this work, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Stevens for his share in the interesting proceedings. Bro. Greening was elected a member of the Lodge, and subsequently became a member of the Benevolent Association connected therewith. A vote of sympathy and condolence was recorded in respect of the severe domestic bereavement sustained within the past few days by Bro. Ball the esteemed Secretary of the Lodge. Bro. Baber was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and after hearty good wishes had been expressed, together with interchange of seasonable compliments, the Lodge was closed in due form, but somewhat later than usual, the brethren generally having enjoyed a most instructive evening. We cordially recommend our brethren to visit this Lodge when opportunity affords, and they may desire to make progress in Masonic work.

Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1601.—Meeting held at the George Inn, Catford, on Wednesday, 4th January 1888. Present—Bros. G. Pickering W.M., C. Thomas S.W., H. Vinger J.W., H. Shaw P.M. and Preceptor, T. J. Axford S.D., Dale J.D., W. Remington I.G., James Stevens P.M., T. White, C. Atkins Secretary, Drew, C. Anderson, E. Blake, W. Smith, T. V. Catt, H. Broadbridge, P. McCarthy, Johnson, and others. After usual preliminaries the ceremony of the third degree was fully rehearsed in very excellent style by the W.M., who received hearty acknowledgment of the perfect manner in which he had worked the degree. After Lodge had been reduced, and called off and on, in accordance with the usual practice of this Lodge of Instruction, the ceremony of the M.M. degree was resumed, and in proper order the Lodge was lowered to the first degree, every portion of the ceremonies of closing being minutely observed. Bro. Johnson, of the Henley Lodge, was admitted a member. It was resolved that the Fifteen Sections should be worked in this Lodge on an early Wednesday, of which sufficient notice will be given. Many of the sections were taken by the brethren present, and others will be selected on Wednesday next. Bro. Thomas was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week, and after many compliments had been paid the Worshipful Master on his evening's work, and seasonable good wishes exchanged by the members, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622.—The brethren assembled at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, on Thursday evening, the 29th ult. Bros. Grammant W.M., D. Charnon S.W., W. Briant J.W., C. H. Stone S.D., W. Souton J.D., Curry I.G., D. Rose P.M. Preceptor, Eckersall, Rivers, Irwin, Clapp, Grey, Whitehead, Wolfski, Murché, Elgar, Brown, Thompson, Hilton, Cowly, Bond, Eidmanns, Benedetti, Brinton, Dr. Outhwaite, Mole, Myer, Martin, Davis, Penny, Dunn, and Addington. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, also that of raising, after which the Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bro. Murché remarked that since their last meeting Bro. G. J. Venables had been called away, at the comparatively early age of 42. Bro. Venables was well known in connection with the South London Choral Association, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, and also amongst the members of the Masonic Lodges meeting thereat. His unvarying courtesy and genial manner endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. The deceased, as was well known, undertook and carried out the general arrangements for the various Masonic Lodges meeting from time to time at that Hall. His death was preceded by a short illness, and he has left a wife and eight children—the eldest only 14 years of age—to mourn his loss. Inasmuch as they all knew Bro. Venables, more or less, he would move that a vote of condolence be passed, and that it be forwarded to Mrs. Venables by their Secretary, Bro. Grammant. Bro. Rose, in feeling language seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried. An Audit Committee was appointed, Bros. Briant, Eckersall, and Curry being chosen to act. After routine business had been transacted, the Lodge closed in the usual manner. Bro. Rose now took the chair as principal, and Bro. Hilton the vice chair. Bro. Rose remarked that for a series of years it had been customary on the anniversary of the natal day of their esteemed Bro. Grammant to commemorate that event. He did not intend to occupy their time by dilating on the manifold qualities of their respected Secretary, who had, as usual, so well filled the chair that evening. All who heard him (the speaker) would endorse what he said in reference to their brother. There were many present who felt their indebtedness to him for what they knew of Freemasonry. Moreover, all could testify to the able manner in which he had at all times discharged the onerous duties associated with his office of Secretary of their Lodge, an office he had filled for many years most ably, efficiently, and satisfactorily to all who came in contact with him. He would now propose his health. Bro. Cowley endorsed all that their President had said. Bro. Grammant was a most efficient Freemason and had won "golden opinions" from all who had the privilege of being associated with him. The toast was received with "three times three," and musical honours. Bro. Grammant, in response, thanked the brethren for their appreciation of his services. He assured them that it was a great pleasure to him to place his humble services at the disposal of the Lodge. During the time he had been their Secretary he had from time to time received kindness and courtesy from all the brethren, which he could assure them he appreciated more than he could express. The Lodge was in a most prosperous condition, numerically and financially; this was a most satisfactory report to make. They had, as a Lodge, cultivated fraternal feeling at all times. He could not sit down without expressing his thanks to the brethren, more especially to their Preceptor, Bro. Rose, who had on all occasions rendered him most efficient service; and therefore, the duties of his office had been rendered most pleasing. Bro. Brinton proposed the health of the Preceptor, Bro. Rose, to whom they were all more or less indebted for his able services. There was not a brother present who did not feel he owed him something for his care, ability and earnestness. Moreover, they were all aware of the fact that their Preceptor possessed the happy gift—which all had not—of communicating edification, in a most pleasing and able manner. He would, therefore, call on them to pledge the toast, in a manner that would become Masons. Bro. Rose, in a characteristic speech, acknowledged the compliment. During the evening some excellent songs were sung and recitations given.

MARK MASONRY.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 35.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, 2nd inst., at the Lodge-room, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, to instal Bro. White as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. R. H. Rae P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Secretary performed the ceremony of installation, assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., C. Croydon, W. Ellis, G. R. Barrett, F. Crouch, H. Langmead and A. Trout. The Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—W. M. Robins S.W., Frank R. Thomas J.W., J. T. Bond M.O., G. D. Daunt S.O., C. Croydon P.M. J.O., Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Chaplain, T. S. Bayly Treasurer, C. Spence Bate Reg. of Marks, R. H. Rae P.M. Secretary, G. R. Barrett P.M. S.D., J. Austin P.M. J.D., G. Jackson I.G., J. Gidley Tyler. A meeting of the Lodge of Ark Mariners attached to Lodge Sincerity M.M.M. was afterwards held, when Bro. F. Crouch was installed W.C.N. by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. P.G. Chap. Chaplain. The Officers invested were Bros. E. A. Davies I.P.M., H. Langmead J., W. Trevena S., T. W. Lemon Chaplain, T. S. Bayly Treasurer, R. H. Rae Scribe, A. W. White S.D., R. Lavers J.D., J. D. Cobledick Dir. of Cers., C. J. H. Sellick Organist, A. Tout Guardian, J. Gidley Warder.

Mohawk Minstrels.—This troupe have again returned to their home at Islington, after a short absence, and with new songs, &c., retain their established reputation. A very enjoyable and attractive Christmas programme has been provided, contributed to by Messrs. C. Chivers, E. Gordon, R. Oliver, T. Campbell, and Messrs. F. Beauclerc and Frank Elsworthy, two new members, who met with a very flattering reception. The comic element is in the hands of Messrs. Brewer, Walter Howard, Little Thomas, and Johnny Danvers, who all "come out strong." The first part concludes with a new comicality, "John Bull and his Brothers," a patriotic piece, which goes excellently. The second part consists, as usual, of a variety entertainment, commencing with the Flying Eugenes on their high trapeze, a performance simply marvellous; Mr. Walter Howard has a new banjo song; the Mohawks' Choir; Mr. Johnny Danvers, in a new impersonation, which is intensely amusing; Mr. Edmund Forman, with many instruments; and Mr. Celian Kottaun, with a cornet solo. The whole concludes with a new sketch, by Mr. Campbell, entitled "The Private Omnibus," which is very well received.

On Thursday morning, 29th ult., Mrs. Elizabeth Trew, mother of Bro. Archibald R. Trew W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, 959 (Ipswich), and of the Princess of Wales, West Ham-lane, peacefully passed away during sleep, at the house of her son. The deceased had reached the 98th year of her age, and we understand has been a resident in the district for twenty-two years.

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THE LATE BRO. WOODFORD.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the obituary notice of our lamented Bro. Woodford, which appeared in your last issue, there are the following typographical errors that I should wish corrected:—

The last line on page 416, column 2, should form the last line on page 417. Column 1 on page 417, line 26, should read "Masonic labour;" line 39, "*doyen*" (not "*dosen*"); and line 54, "on (not "in") a variety of subjects."

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

THE SILVER WEDDING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am much obliged by the publication of my letter on this question, and your kindly notice of it in your leader of the last number of your paper; but I am sorry that our Bro. "P.M. P.Z." was so upset by its appearance as to render him unable to see its meaning; there certainly was no hint of objection to the gift, it was merely the source from which it was to come. By all means let the presentation be of some personal character to Her Royal Highness, and of the full value of £500, which even the smallest *silver* coin collected in the manner suggested would produce, and, I still contend, be a more graceful tribute of respectful love and loyalty; but if that is objected to, I would say that the original suggestion of the sixpences be adhered to, and in addition to the personal gift let the balance be divided between the three Institutions, making Her Royal Highness Patron, with the usual number of votes accorded to ladies. In conclusion, I beg to add that my letter was not written in any spirit of dictation to the Craft or Grand Lodge, but merely as a suggestion. This I know will be taken for what it is worth. Reciprocating your good wishes for the new year,

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. T. C. KEBBLE P.M. 1426.

Inverness, 5th January 1888.

We glean the following from the *Western Morning News*:—

The year 1887 has been an active one, Masonically, in Devon and Cornwall, and particularly in the latter county, in relation to contributions on behalf of the Masonic Charities. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held in February, under the chairmanship of the Prov. G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight. Cornwall, with Bro. G. B. Pearce, of Hayle, as Steward, sent up the large sum of £368 11s, and Devon, with Bro. John Lane as Steward, subscribed £50. In May the 90th Festival of the Girls' Institution was held, Bro. Pearce, as the Cornish Steward, having on his list the sum of £141 15s. In June the Boys had their turn. Bro. Pearce, for Cornwall, presented a list of £194 5s (being over £700 in 1887 from that county). Devon was unrepresented at either of the Juvenile Institutions, but doubtless will do its part nobly this year, as the esteemed Prov. Grand Master, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., is to preside at the 90th Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Centenary Festival of the Girls is likely to be a very great success, financially and generally. The Charity elections, as usual, were most ably managed on behalf of the voters in Devon and Cornwall by Bros. the Rev. W. Whittley and J. B. Gover for Devon, and Bro. Charles Truscott for Cornwall. Two consecrations of new Lodges have taken place—the Cotehele Lodge, No. 2166, at Cotehele House, by the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and the Ashburton Lodge, No. 2198, by Lord Ebrington, M.P. The Jubilee honours for Devon and Cornwall from the Grand Master of England were two for Devon and one for Cornwall. Sir Charles B. Sawle, Bart., received the rare appointment of Past J.G. Warden, and Bros. W. D. Rogers and the Rev. W. Whittley were invested as Past Junior Grand Deacons. The Province of Devon also was permitted to appoint thirteen brethen to Past rank, and Cornwall was allowed to have five, the former Province, because of its size, being entitled to one nomination for each four, and Cornwall receiving one for each six Lodges. The death of Colonel J. Tanner Davy leaves a vacancy in the Provincial Grand Mastership in Mark Masonry for Devon. That of the Knights Templars was filled by the appointment of the Rev. Thomas W. Lemon, M.A., as Provincial Prior for the County, and his installation took place in August. The Masonic exhibition for Devon and Cornwall, opened in June by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of England, was a great success, and realised about fifty guineas on behalf of the Devon Educational Fund. A dramatic entertainment at Devonport met also with gratifying support for the same worthy object. Other events of the last month, especially the laying of the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall at Plymouth, are so fresh in the memories of the Craft that no mention of them is called for. On the whole, Masonry in the two counties has been prosperous throughout the past year, and begins well for 1888.

CONSECRATION OF THE FREDERICK WEST LODGE, No. 2222.

THE brethren of the Province of Surrey appear to delight in striving to perpetuate the memory of those who take a prominent part in the Masonic work of their district, and among the means adopted with this object in view is that of naming Lodges after those they wish to honour, among the Lodges included in the list being the Arnold, Bramston Beach, Brownrigg, Dobie, Greenwood, George Price, Studholme, and latest of all, the Frederick West, which was consecrated on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey. The warrant for the new Lodge was granted on the petition of the following founders:—

Bros. R. T. Elsam P.M. and Secretary 201 and 889, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, John Hughes P.M. 901, John Piller P.M. 1656 and 1793, Abel Laurence P.M. and Secretary 1638 P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, David Hughes P.M. 901, Daniel Hughes W.M. 901, John Mayo 1614, Thos. Weaver P.M. 889, John Horne 1638, Frederick Lockett D.C. 1638, H. N. Abrahams J.D. 889, Julian Pritchard 141, Thos. Murray Jones 2020, C. R. Bennett 871, W. Lane P.M. 1638 P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, W. Thomas W.M. Elect 2045.

R.W. Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.S.W., the Provincial Grand Master, personally undertook the duties of Consecrating Officer, and he was assisted in those duties by Bros. Joseph D. Langton as S.W., John Drewitt as J.W.; in the absence of either of the Provincial Grand Chaplains, Bro. Morgan P.M. 211 was requested to undertake the functions. Bro. Charles Greenwood Prov. Grand Secretary was in his place, and Bro. J. W. Moorman acted as D.C. After the brethren had assembled, the Consecrating Officer took the chair, and the Lodge was opened in the three degrees. After a hymn, the Consecrating Officer addressed the Brethren, and the Prov. Grand Secretary read the petition and warrant. Bro. Morgan then gave an oration, and the consecrating ceremony was completed according to recognised formula.

Bro. Frederick West P.G.D. Deputy Prov. Grand Master installed Bro. R. T. Elsam as first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and he, in turn nominated and invested the Officers. The ceremony of consecration having been completed, the names of candidates for joining and initiation were handed in, to be placed on the summons for next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officer, and to the brethren who had assisted him, was then passed, and honorary membership was conferred upon them. The Provincial Grand Master acknowledged this compliment, and in the course of his remarks expressed the gratification he felt at witnessing the steady progress which Freemasonry was making in the Province of Surrey. The banquet was served at the Castle Hotel, the arrangements of the host, Brother Mayo, giving the greatest satisfaction. Consequent on the near approach of Christmas the proceedings were somewhat hurried throughout, nevertheless the occasion will long be remembered with pleasure by most of those who assisted. Among the company present, in addition to those already named, we may mention Past Masters Hopwood 141, Jessett 1752, Major Cooper 2098, Smith 56, 901, Beaumont 901, Stuart 87, 141, 179, McClelland 901, A. Ginger 901, Honeywell 889, Forge 1793, Hodges 1706, Youldon 1658, 1981, Croaker 185, &c. Worshipful Masters Bros. Chapman 889, Moorman 1638, Warner 1793, Hardy 201 and Youldon 1981; Drewett Worshipful Master elect 889, Reynolds Junior Warden 1614, Glazin I.G. 34, Wilks I.G. 1638, Petit 889, Ward 1561, Oldridge 1638, Pennington 1638, Tagg 1512, Duartz 901, Summers 1758, Beal 1319, Davis, Knight, Shelly, Hallet 1981, Kerr 697, Yardley, Stevens and Rose 901, Martin 2045, &c. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. F. V. Honeywell P.M. 889 P.P.G. Organist Surrey and Middlesex, who was assisted by Bro. John Hodges. It was a matter of remark during the meeting that it was exactly five years to the day since the consecration of the Arnold Lodge, which took place at the same establishment.

MASONIC BALL.

THE annual ball, under the auspices of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1039, was held on Friday, the 30th ult., at the George Hotel, Lichfield, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren and friends. The patrons included the Provincial Grand Officers of Staffordshire, and the Stewards were Bros. C. Twigg P.M. P.P.G.S.W., I. Clark P.M. P.P.G.S.W., J. Fowler P.M. P.P.G.S.D., J. J. Perkins P.M. P.P.G.P., A. Barnes P.M., G. Ashmall I.P.M., W. W. Weston W.M., F. Harper S.W., W. A. Wood S.D., and A. Smyrk. The decorations of the room were carefully carried out under the supervision of the Stewards. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock to the strains of Bro. Gladman's band, and was kept up until an early hour next morning.

A grand function in connection with the Savage Club Lodge of Freemasons is to take place on the 7th of February. Some of the highest officials in the Masonic world have consented to be present, and it is expected there will be a show, the like of which, Masonically speaking, has not been witnessed for some time.

A concert was given in the Infant Schoolroom in Caledon, in aid of the Masonic Schools in Dublin, on the 22nd ult. There was a crowded house, and a capital programme was provided. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the programme being brought to a close by the band playing "God Save the Queen."

Our report of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 158, and other matters, are held over until next week.

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The First Masonic Festival of the Present Year

WILL BE THAT OF THE

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

FOR

AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS,

Grand Patron and President:

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT

FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON,

On WEDNESDAY, 29th FEBRUARY 1888,

UPON WHICH OCCASION

SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P.,

R.W. PROV. G.M. SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION),

has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards 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 the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

JAMES TERRY, Vice-Patron, P.G.S.B.
Secretary.

OFFICE:—4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

INSTITUTED 1788.

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Patron and President:
His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M.

Grand Patroness:
Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 14th January 1888, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for the Election in April next, to declare the number of girls then to be elected, and to consider Notice of Motion as under:—

NOTICE OF MOTION—

By Bro. J. L. Mather, Assist. G.D. of Cers.—

"That Laws 6, 29, 35, and 60, be amended as follows, viz.:

"Law 6. To add after the word 'meeting,' in the second line, the words 'on the Saturday following the last Friday.'"

"Law 29. To omit the word 'second,' in the third line, and after word 'Saturday,' in third line, to add 'following the last Friday.'"

"Law 35. After word 'Court,' in fifth line, to add 'on the Saturday following the last Friday.'"

"Law 60. After word 'Courts,' in second line, to add 'on the Saturday following the last Friday.'"

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, W.C.
7th January 1888.

CENTENARY FESTIVAL, 1888.—Stewards are earnestly solicited to co-operate in the Celebration of this unique event.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

FOUNDED 1788.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION 1888.

President of the Board of Stewards:
The Right Hon. the EARL OF LATHOM Deputy G.M.,
Prov. G.M. Lancashire Western Division.

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Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the above important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

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244 Girls are now receiving its benefits.

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CENTENARY FESTIVAL.

1888.

The Services of Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this unique occasion are earnestly solicited.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

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Her Majesty the Queen.

President:
His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M.

Vice Presidents (Ex-Officio):
The Right Hon. The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.
The Right Hon. The Earl of Lathom, R.W. Dep. G.M.

Treasurer:
George Plucknett, Esq., V.P., P.G.D.

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1798 Boys have received the benefits of the Institution since its foundation in 1798.

258 Boys are now being Educated, Clothed, and Maintained.

The Preparatory School was opened in January 1886, in anticipation of which Fifteen additional Boys were elected in October 1885. Further increases of Ten in number were made in April and October 1886 respectively; while in April 1887 a further addition of eight was made, raising the total to 259.

INVESTED FUNDS, £17,000.

THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,

WILL BE HELD

On WEDNESDAY, 27th JUNE 1888,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P.

R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Devon,

The names of Brethren willing to act as Stewards will be gratefully received.

CONTRIBUTIONS EARNESTLY SOLICITED.

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

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Amount Paid Annually in Annuities, £14,600.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Will be held on WEDNESDAY, 29th FEBRUARY 1888,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

SIR GEORGE ELLIOTT, Bart., M.P.

Prov. G.M. for South Wales (East Division).

Funds are urgently needed for the 130 candidates seeking election. Fourteen vacancies only.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Girls

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

PRISCILLA MINNIE SWAEBE,

(AGED 9 YEARS LAST JUNE),

Daughter of the late Bro. DAVID SWAEBE. He was initiated in the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, in January 1851, and continued a subscribing member to 1871. He joined the Euphrates, No. 212, and subscribed for 17 years, until his decease, which took place in May 1887. He has left a widow and 6 children unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the brethren of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, and by

Bro. Rt. Hon. POLYDORE DE KEYSER, Lord Mayor, Mansion House, London.
Bro. Sir HENRY A. ISAACS, Alderman, 27 Belsize Park, N.W.
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*Bro. W. KLINGENSTEIN P.M. 73 and 1540, V.P. R.M.I.G.
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*LEWIS LAZARUS P.M. and Secretary Joppa Lodge 188, 86 Sandringham Road, Dalston.

*Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked **.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

A SPECIAL Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall in Princess-square, and to transact other business. There was a very large attendance, fully 600 brethren being present. This is partly due to the fact that it was announced that Past Prov. rank would be conferred on certain brethren in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee. The large hall in the Assembly Rooms was specially fitted up as Grand Lodge Room, Bro. Derry kindly placing a number of plants at the disposal of the committee. The Prov. G.M. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., occupied the throne. Bro. G. C. Davie P.M. 251 P.G. Secretary moved, in accordance with notice, "That in order to enable the P.G. Lodge to assist, as far as its surplus funds will allow, those Lodges who wish to obtain Life Governorships in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on the occasion of the R.W. the P.G. Master presiding at its Annual Festival, the portion of the P.G. Bye-law which limits to twenty guineas the amount to be so voted be suspended during the year 1888." It was well known that in the forthcoming Annual Festival in connection with the Masonic Institution for Boys their Prov. G. Master had consented to take the chair, and it would be a good thing not only for Masonry in general, but the province of Devon in particular, that their contributions should be as large as possible. According to their bye-laws the P.G. Lodge was not allowed to assist any Lodge in obtainining life governorships beyond the sum of twenty guineas. He proposed that this portion of the bye-laws should be suspended for the year 1888, in order that the Province may be enabled to assist as many Lodges as practicable in obtaining life governorships in the Boys' Institution. He did not wish to interfere with those sums which were given away to deserving Masons, but he hoped the motion would be carried because it would do the Province good, inasmuch as it would practically double the votes for the Province. Bro. the Hon. R. Dawson in seconding the resolution, said that the Boys' Institution was not nearly so wealthy as the Girls', and this would be a splendid opportunity for increasing its funds. The resolution was carried unanimously. Bro. J. Stocker P.M. 36 P.P.G.T.—"That in the opinion of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the present income of the Fortescue Annuity Fund will warrant the election of two additional annuitants, and that the secretary of the fund be requested to take the necessary steps for the immediate carrying out of the resolution." For many years past sufficient interest had not been taken in this fund, in fact many seemed totally ignorant of the advantages of the institution. Their receipts were £44 over their expenditure, and he claimed the fund would bear two additional annuitants, as the subscriptions to the fund would increase immediately it became better known. He found that the capital of the fund was invested to the extent of £1,100 in Consols and £109 in the Devonshire and Exeter Savings Bank, in addition to which the hon. Treasurer had £100 in hand. Bro. Stocker said more profitable investments should be found for that capital and they would get increased revenue in that respect. The notice of a resolution which he moved had already had a good effect, applications having been received from four distressed brethren to be placed on the fund. Bro. R. Jerman seconded the resolution. The D.P.G.M. pointed out that since the notice for the meeting was issued one of the annuitants had died, and as it would be necessary to call a meeting of the trustees of the fund he suggested that it would be well to consult them on the matter. He thought they were not justified in creating two annuitants on the fund when they had such a small surplus as £43 per annum. Their receipts were not a permanent source of income, although he did not anticipate any serious diminution. He felt they could not do what Bro. Stocker suggested for at least another twelve months. Bro. Gover thought the brethren had well decided that they did not wish to hoard up money for posterity which they could justly apply to the relief of the brethren. He therefore hoped the resolution would be carried unanimously. The P.G.M. said the brethren ought to think twice before they decided on the annual expense of £210 on an income of less than £200. He considered the position of the Fortescue Annuity Fund warranted the immediate creation of another annuitant, and he suggested that Bro. Stocker should modify his resolution in the way indicated, and suggest to the trustees that they should get a more profitable investment for their capital. Bro. Stocker said he would bow to the wishes of the P.G.M., although he believed the Fortescue Fund would bear two additional annuitants. Bro. Fulford, in order to test the feelings of the brethren, moved an amendment, "That one annuitant be placed on the fund." The amendment was carried. On the proposition of the P.G.M. it was decided to suggest to the governors and the trustees of the fund to arrange for the better investment of their capital. At 1·15 p.m. the brethren formed into procession and, headed by the band and pipers of the Cameron Highlanders, proceeded by way of George, Bedford, and Westwell Streets to the Guildhall Square. Two Tylers preceded the band, after which came the W.M.'s, Wardens and brethren of each Lodge, the youngest Lodges taking precedence. On arriving in the Guildhall-square the brethren opened out, and the P.G.M., with his Officers, marched through to the tower door of St. Andrew's Church, at which they were met by Bros. R. T. Tyacke P.M. 189 P.G. Chap., the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189 P.P.G.Ch., and the Rev. Preb. Wilkinson, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, and the choir. As the procession moved towards the chancel the choir sang the hymn "Hark, 'tis the Watchman's Cry" with good effect. The centre aisle was reserved entirely for the Masonic brethren, and they filled the whole of the space allotted. The P.G.M. and Prov. Officers occupied the front seats, and the effect of the purple and gold collars and aprons in front, the pale blue and silver collars of the brethren behind, with the white surpliced choir in the distance, was very fine. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon conducted the service, and read the prayers. The Rev. Preb. Wilkinson read the first lesson from 2nd Book of Chronicles, chap. ii. Garrett's musical service was splendidly rendered by the choir. Bro. the Rev. R. T. Tyacke read the second lesson, and the choir sang in a highly creditable manner a part of the 122nd Psalm as an anthem, followed by "Christ is our Corner Stone." The Prov. G. Chap. (Bro. Rev. Tyacke) then delivered an eloquent discourse on Masonry. The rev. gentleman said that he had chosen the three following texts:—1 Peter ii. 17, "Love the brotherhood"; Isaiah i. 18, "Relieve the oppressed"; and Ephesians iv. 25, "Speak every man truth with his neighbour." The preacher said that his reason for taking the above texts would at once be apparent to the brethren. They contained the teaching of the three grand principles of their Order—brotherly love, relief, and truth. Freemasonry gave its members a feeling which it was difficult to describe, but which was, nevertheless, felt by every true and genuine brother towards each other—a feeling of deep interest and mutual confidence. In the course of a few words on the subject of love, Bro. Tyacke said it naturally led them into the second part of his text, "Relieve the oppressed." He thought that if they examined the precepts of loving their neighbour, as given in the volume of the Sacred Law, they would perceive that the peculiarity and strength of these precepts consisted in this—that they implied active, self-denying exertion for our brother's good. True love would indeed teach them to seek their own happiness, but it would lead them to look for that happiness in aiming at the good of others. The charity taught by Freemasonry was to relieve the afflicted and distressed—charity to be extended to suffering humanity of all ages and conditions wherever it was to be found. They had to consider the third great principle of Freemasonry—truth. They had a right to truth from their neighbour and their neighbour from them, for on that axiom rested all social trust, and therefore society. Using words familiar to every Freemason, let them always be careful to "act on the square," and see that no deceit or double-dealing ever brought disgrace or discredit either upon themselves or upon their noble Fraternity. Such in brief were the great principles of Freemasonry, and to carry them out to the fullest extent should be the determined aim of every genuine Freemason. After showing the purpose of Freemasonry in the Middle Ages, the preacher said it was a matter for deep thankfulness to every true and loyal Mason that the bounds of usefulness of the Craft were being extended in our day. On that day, for the better inculcation and dissemination of

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their principles, they were about to lay, in that great centre of commerce, this great stronghold of Freemasonry, the foundation stone of a great Masonic institution. The need of such had been long felt and was yearly becoming more and more essential by the rapid increase of Freemasonry, and was an absolute necessity for the sake of unity, precision, economy and centralisation, and the uses of such an institution would be almost innumerable. Might the great Architect of the Universe bless their united endeavours, and so guide and direct the work, that it might be a standing monument of the three great pillars of Freemasonry—wisdom, strength, and beauty. Finally, let their earnest endeavours be to carry out strictly and fully the principles of the Craft, for by their so doing they would be bright and useful members of society, and would, by their example, lead their fellow-men to a truer knowledge and fuller appreciation of the duties and responsibilities of life. The service was brought to a close with the singing of the hymn, "Blessed City, Heavenly Salem." The brethren then re-formed in procession and proceeded to the site of the New Masonic Hall. Every preparation had been made for the reception of a large number of brethren. On the arrival of the P.G.M. on the platform an ode, written by Bro. Harrison Millard, of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, was sung. The P.G. Chap. then offered up a special prayer. The P.G. Secretary read the inscription on the stone, which ran as follows:—

"This stone was laid, 28th December 1887, the Jubilee year of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen's reign, by Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Devon. W. Bro. W. Derry P.P.G.S.W. chairman. W. Bro. J. H. Keats architect."

Bro. W. Derry P.P.G.S.W. chairman of directors, in presenting the P.G.M. with a handsome silver trowel, with an ivory handle, said that it had been thought desirable for many years past to erect a large Masonic hall in Plymouth. They felt they could not take the thing in hand under more favourable circumstances, this being the Jubilee year of Her Majesty. The Masons of Plymouth, Devonport, and Stonehouse had joined heartily together and had formed a Board of Directors, and they had honoured him by electing him as chairman. He had great pleasure in presenting the P.G.M. with the trowel, and expressed a hope that great success would attend the new hall. The trowel, which was nicely embossed, bore the following inscription:—

"This trowel was presented to Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Devon, on the occasion of his laying the foundation stone of the Freemasons' Hall, 1 Princess-square, Plymouth, 28th December 1887, by W. Derry P.P.G.S.W., chairman of the Board of Directors."

The P.G.M., in reply, said he accepted the trowel with a great deal of pleasure, because it would always be a memory of a very interesting day. He trusted that the good weather that day and the brilliant gathering assembled was a good omen of the future success of the club. He would say, in the words of the anthem sung at the church that day, "Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces." The P.G.M. then proved that the stone was properly adjusted, the plumb rule, level, and square being handed to him by the P.J.G.W., the P.S.G.W., and the D.P.G.M. respectively. The P.G.M. then said: I have tested it with plumb rule, level and square. I find it plumb, level, and true, and I declare it well and truly laid." Bro. John Goad, the builder, then presented the Prov. Grand Master with a handsome mallet, made out of a tree which grew on the site. The P.G.M. then threw corn from the cornucopia over the stone, as an emblem of abundance, adding, "May peace and prosperity ever prevail and bring forth truth a hundredfold." Wine was dropped on the stone, as an emblem of cheerfulness, the P.G.M. saying, "May peace and brotherly love ever prevail, especially among those who come within its walls." The P.G.M. then poured oil on the stone, as an emblem of cheerfulness, adding, "May joy and cheerfulness ever be the lot of all who make use of the building of which we have now laid the corner stone." The P.G.M. then presented to the architect (Bro. J. H. Keats) the several implements for his use, and was quite sure the work would be completed in a most successful manner, judging from the dexterous way in which the workmen had done their work that day. Bro. R. Hambly here presented the plans and elevation of the building to the P.G.M., who, having approved of them, passed them to the architect. The D.P.G.M. then addressed a few remarks to the Brethren. After the able discourse of the P.G. Chaplain, he did not know what he could add about the duties of the Craft and the nature of Freemasonry. He congratulated the Brethren of Plymouth sincerely and heartily in having advanced thus far in providing so desirable a home for their Craft. They would watch their progress with interest, and he wished they could follow in their footsteps. It was impossible for small towns to attempt anything of the kind. He impressed upon them the fact that with them rested the credit of Freemasonry. With such a building attention would be drawn from the whole of England to their working, and the reputation and honour of the Craft were in their hands. In conclusion, he trusted the Great Architect of the Universe would bless them, and the people of the town, materially and spiritually. The procession then re-formed, and the brethren marched back to the Assembly Rooms, where the business of Prov. G. Lodge was proceeded with. The P.G.M. said the only thing on the agenda paper was to confer Past Provincial rank on certain Brethren in honour of the Jubilee year of Her Majesty the Queen. [We gave the names of the brethren so honoured in our last issue.] Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed. In the evening the brethren dined at Rogers's Newmarket Hotel, an excellent dinner being provided. The P.G.M., Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., presided, and was supported on the right by Bro. W. Derry, Chairman of Directors, and on the left by Bro. the Hon. Richard Dawson P.G.S.W. The P.G.M. gave the health of the Queen and the Craft, which was cordially received. In proposing the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master of England, he explained that as the result of His Royal Highness's zeal for Masonry in general and Masonic Charities in particular, the remarkable meeting of Masons which was held in London in the summer benefited the Masonic Charities by £2,000 each. Bro. Derry then proposed, in very complimentary terms, the health of the P.G.M., Bro. Viscount Ebrington, whom, he said, had occupied the position of P.G.M. for eight years, and every year he had held that position the more he was esteemed by the Brethren. Viscount Ebrington, who was cordially received, said he was pleased to be present that evening, connected as he was with Plymouth in a way he need not refer to any further. One of the great advantages which Freemasonry shared was that it was absolutely non-political, and brought people together on an equality, whatever their positions might be outside the hunting field. That was one of its many ornaments. He felt it no small honour to preside over so great and important a province as Devonshire for eight years, and while he could not suppose he had given every satisfaction, there was strong evidence in Plymouth by the proceedings that day that, at any rate, Masonry had flourished in Plymouth under his rule. The P.G.M. then rose to propose the health of Bro. W. G. Rogers D.P.G.M., whom he said had unfortunately been compelled to leave, having important business to transact. He would therefore, couple that toast with that of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon and Provincial Officers Present and Past. He would call upon Bro. Dawson, who had established a very flourishing Lodge at Ashburton, of nearly twenty members, the majority of whom had been initiated, passed and raised by himself. He would also ask Bro. Gover, whom he had that day appointed P.P.G. Secretary, to reply. He would sing his praises in Bro. Gover's presence as he was well-known to them. Bro. the Hon. R. Dawson P.G.S.W. said it was a great pleasure to him to attend there that day, and see the manner in which Masonry was progressing in Plymouth. He had only recently come into the province, and he was pleased to think his lot should have been cast where Masonry was so flourishing, and he thanked the P.G.M. for the honour he had conferred upon the Lodge at Ashburton by appointing him P.S.W. Bro. Gover, in reply, returned his sincere thanks to the Provincial Grand Master for the honour he had conferred on him that day. As he had first received his P.G. office from the grandfather of the present Provincial Grand Master, he need hardly tell them that whatever he could do for Freemasonry, not only in Plymouth, but throughout the province, he should earnestly endeavour to do. Lord Ebrington then proposed the health of Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, together with the toast Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall. He regretted exceedingly that the letter which was sent to him by Bro. Derry, asking him to invite the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe to attend that day, had been mislaid. Much as he regretted his absence he was sure they would not receive the toast less cordially on that account. The most friendly relations had always existed between Devon and Cornwall, both Masonically and otherwise, and he trusted that it would always remain so. The toast was then cordially drunk. The Provincial Grand Master, in proposing Success to the New Club, with the health of its chairman and directors, said the club and the accommodation which it would afford would meet a long felt want in the Three Towns, especially in Plymouth. He was convinced from the arrangement shown to him that day that they would find nothing wanting in the premises when completed. He trusted they would not be led into indiscriminate admission of Lodges in the new club. The club and new Masonic Hall was largely due to Bro. Derry's initiation and liberality, who was a most popular man in the town and highly respected, both Masonically and in business. It might sound paradoxical, but he trusted that some Home Rule and Unionism would prevail in the club. If these elements, which might be so opposed to each other elsewhere, reigned in the new club, then the members would be blessed with contentment and prosperity. Bro. Derry, in response, said the day would be a red-letter one for Masonry in Plymouth. Early in the year he suggested at a banquet that they should have a hall in which all the Lodges could meet under one roof, instead of having several different Lodge-rooms here and there. He believed that every Lodge in the town would meet in that building when completed, and that the club would consequently get a large influx of members. He cordially wished the hall and club great success. The P.G.M. said, with the permission of the company, he would propose the health of Bro. Keats, the architect, and Bro. Goad, the builder. If their excellent arrangements that day were any criterion of the care and thoroughness which would be expended in the completion of the building, the Committee would have every reason to be highly pleased with the work. The internal appearance of the club was exceptionally good, and the external would ornament the fine square in which it was situated. Bro. Keats's Masonic merits had already received recognition in his having been appointed P.G. Superintendent of Works. On this being pointed out to his lordship as an error, the P.G.M. said he should be very pleased to give the collar to Bro. Keats on the completion of the building. He was glad to know that the Committee had two such excellent men as the builder and architect, who were so well esteemed both among their townsmen for their work in Masonry, and in their own Province. Bros. Keats and Goad suitably replied, and Lord Ebrington said he hoped to consecrate and dedicate the hall when it was completed. He was so pleased with the handsome maul which Bro. Goad had presented that he should use it in the Grand Lodge.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

The annual Masonic Ball in aid of the Masonic Charities given by the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, and the Lewis Lodge, No. 872, will be held at the Grand Hotel, Whitehaven, on Friday, the 13th instant. Tickets: Lady's 10s 6d; Gentleman's 15s 6d; Double ticket (Lady and Gentleman) 21s, may be had from the Secretaries. Dancing will commence at nine o'clock.

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NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT AT THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE usual New Year's Entertainment was given to the residents at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon on Wednesday. The visitors arrived shortly before two o'clock, and were not long in undertaking the various duties necessary to the enjoyment of the "Old Folks." Dr. Strong, the Honorary Surgeon of the Institution, presided at the dinner table, which was well filled, and we need hardly mention, rapidly emptied. All who took part in the repast appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves, and where so much was done by those present to bring about this happy result it could hardly have been otherwise. As is customary at these gatherings, a few toasts were indulged in previous to the commencement of the entertainment of the day, which on this occasion consisted of a selection of songs, recitations, humorous sketches, &c. Dr. Strong proposed the toast of the Queen, and followed this with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, referring in kindly way to the appearance of the old friends and annuitants he saw around him. If they looked somewhat older than they did a few years back, they also appeared to be even more lively than formerly. In connection with the Institution he wished to mention a lady who was associated with it—the Warden, Miss Norris. The residents in the Institution knew how much they were indebted to her for the kind care, solicitude and watchfulness which she bestowed upon them. The Committee also knew how careful she was of the property of the Institution, how she guarded its interests, and how she abnegated herself. Although in the present day ladies made speeches, Miss Norris would rather not reply to this toast herself, and therefore he would call on Bro. Terry to reply for her. Bro. Terry was the life and soul of the Institution. To him they were all indebted for his watchfulness and care, and also for getting up both the New Year's and the Summer's Entertainments to the Old People. The toast was duly honoured, and Brother Terry replied. Interpreting Miss Norris's feelings, he thanked the company very much for their hearty acceptance of the toast. The guests sympathised with all the residents of the Institution, and they felt that there could be no better successor to the late Brother Norris in the office of Warden of the Institution than Miss Norris. That she might long be spared to carry on her earnest work was the wish not only of the Committee but of the residents. Although she had never had the advantage of being a mother, yet she exercised motherly care over the annuitants at Croydon. He agreed perfectly with what had been said with regard to Miss Norris, and he thanked the company very much for the compliment paid to her, which he might say was well deserved. Bro. Edgar Bowyer proposed Dr. Strong Chairman, and that Brother replied. He had been connected with the Institution for 27 years, and in that time he had seen a great many changes. Many old friends had passed away, many new ones were made, and still the world rolled on. He had seen the Wardens pass away, but he hoped he should never see Miss Norris displaced. He would now propose the Founders of the Feast. The entertainment was not provided out of the funds of the Institution, but from voluntary contributions cheerfully made. It was very pleasant to find that though the brethren got older, they still had the same desire they always had to give enjoyment to their less fortunate brothers and sisters. He would particularly mention Bros. Bowyer, Hastings Miller, Crutch, Newton, Goode, and Berry, all of whom assisted in providing these delightful festivals, to the utmost of their ability, and with the greatest heartiness. Bro. Thomas Goode, who was called on for a reply, said he had been there several times, and had assisted as far as he could in making their dear old friends happy and comfortable; but what little he had done towards the feast had been amply rewarded—and he was sure that every other founder had been most amply rewarded—by seeing the happy faces there were around him. Bro. Bowyer, who assumed the chair, proposed success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and to this Brother Terry replied. He said that 1887 had been the most eventful year in the history of the Masonic Institutions. He was proud to say that while the two educational establishments had realised £33,000 during the year, the Benevolent Institution had the honour of taking nearly £29,000. It was problematical what would be the result of the year 1888. The number of Stewards for the old people was much smaller than it was at that time last year—there being now 180 against 255. There was very hard work to be done before the election. There were 130 candidates and only 14 vacancies—11 men and 3 widows, and the Committee had not the power to make an addition. There was no question at all that the Centenary of the Girls' School was absorbing all the interest of the Craft. As far as he was concerned, during the twenty-four years he had been connected with the Institution, he had never allowed himself absence from duty when his presence was necessary, and he hoped he should continue to find the Institution with the same promise of success it then enjoyed. The Craft had enabled it to achieve what it was now doing, and he hoped when they met that time next year, there would be even better prospects for it. Brother Raynham W. Stewart proposed the Chairman, Brother Bowyer, who replied. Brother Terry referred to the annual entertainment, similar to their own, which was then going on at the Masonic Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester. The Province of East Lancashire had for many years gathered together at Manchester the annuitants of its Province, paying railway fare and cab hire in order to have them all together at a New Year's treat in Manchester. He had just sent them the following telegram:—

"The Old Folks at Croydon send fraternal greetings to brethren at Manchester, wishing them a Happy New Year and an enjoyable evening."

To this, later in the evening, the following reply was received:—

"Annuitants and brethren assembled here reciprocate your kind expressions. Wishing you every success in future.

JEFFERIS, Manchester.

Bro. Bowyer proposed the health of Dr. Strong, and highly eulogised the devotion he had shown to the interests of the Institution for 27 years. Dr. Strong replied, and pointed out the vast improvements there had been in the Institution since he first became acquainted with it—the increase in the annuities, the greater comfort of the annuitants, the enlargement of the hall, the provision of gas in lieu of oil and other lights, the gift of a library, and other improvements, which might be called luxuries, in comparison with what they would now call the bare necessaries of life. With regard to the library, he commended the liberality of the Supreme Council, 33°. Bros. J. G. Stevens and J. Mason replied respectively to a toast proposed by Bro. Bowyer in their honour, both hoping that this year would be a favourable one for the Institution, though at the same time fearing that the Girls' Centenary would absorb the principal part of the funds of the Craft. Then followed an agreeable drawing-room entertainment, given by Bro. Charles Chumley, assisted by friends. The sketch given by Bro. Chumley himself, entitled "A few minutes with Professor Chum," carried the palm of the evening, he being particularly clever in portraying the features of celebrities of the day. Part II. of the programme included a negro-minstrel interlude, which also called forth some well-merited applause.

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ST. JOHN'S FESTIVAL.

ON Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., the annual Festival of St. John was celebrated by the Inverness Masonic Lodges with the usual proceedings. The brethren of St. John's Lodge dined in the Caledonian Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. W. Burns R.W.M. There was a large attendance, and a happy evening was spent. The following office-bearers were reappointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. Wm. Burns R.W.M., A. T. F. Fraser D.M., James Ross S.M., W. Mackay S.W., Jonathan Ross J.W., T. G. Henderson Treasurer, James A. M. Watson Secretary, James Clarke S.D., John H. Forsyth J.D., E. Cesari I.G., A. Macfarlane and A. Mackenzie Stewards, James Hay Tyler. The brethren of St. Mary's Lodge assembled at their hall in School Lane at half past six. They formed into processional order, and headed by the fine band of the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Cameron Highlanders, under Bandmaster Sanderson, proceeded to the Victoria Hotel. In their march through the streets, to the inspiriting strains of the "Merry Masons," the brethren excited considerable attention. At the Festival Bro. Francis Squair R.W.M. presided. After dinner, Bro. Squair, in name of the members of the Lodge, presented Bro. John Ellis, Past Master, with a handsome silver cake basket. In making the presentation he mentioned that Bro. Ellis had become a member of the Lodge in 1844, that he served in different offices in the Lodge until the year 1869, when the members of the Lodge unanimously elected him to the position of Right Worshipful Master—the highest honour they could confer upon him. That office he held first for seven years without a break, and again for a period of two years, making in all a period of nine years—the longest time that ever any member held that position in the Lodge. As to the way in which he fulfilled the duties of the office, all the members who were then connected with the Lodge could testify; suffice it to say, that, now since he had ceased to be coming so regularly amongst them, the brethren had, with one accord, asked him to present this small token of their good-will and brotherly feeling. So hearty and enthusiastic were the expressions of good-will, he added, the subscriptions had to be limited to a small sum from each individual to keep the fund within bounds. Bro. Ellis suitably thanked the brethren for their kind present, and thereafter a very pleasant evening was passed, during which the usual deputations were exchanged with the sister Lodge. In course of the evening Bro. D. Macpherson, Drummond Street, Senior Warden, presented a handsome claymore to the Lodge. The gift was appropriately acknowledged by the R.W.M., on behalf of the brethren. The following are the office bearers for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. Squair R.W.M., Ellis P.M., Miller D.M., D. Macpherson S.W., Mackenzie J.W., Stewart S.D., Fowler J.D., John Mann I.G., Hugh Mackintosh Tyler, Macgregor Secretary, James Macbean Treasurer, Ross Senior Steward, Clark Junior Steward.

FUNERAL LODGE.

A FUNERAL Lodge in connection with the death of Lord Dalhousie, Past Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, was held on the evening of the 22nd ult., in the Thistle Hall, Dundee. Bro. James Berry, Depute Provincial Grand Master, presided, and there were about 300 persons present, nearly all the Lodges in the county being represented. Bro. John Heckford represented St. Peter's Lodge, Montrose. The orations were delivered by the Depute Grand Master and the Rev. Bro. Crabbe, Brechin, the Provincial Chaplain. The whole service was of a very impressive character.

LONDON AND SOUTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.—Travellers by this line will be rejoiced to hear that from the commencement of 1888 the refreshment rooms at the various stations will be in the hands of Messrs. Spiers and Pond. Their contract includes the whole of the line from Waterloo to Exeter, Ilfracombe, Devonport, and so forth, and passengers will be able to rely upon well-served wholesome food, good attendance, and the best of Bass's beer, and wine and spirits. This firm created a gastronomic revolution when it first took our railway refreshment rooms in hand, and has continued to deserve its high reputation.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 7th JANUARY.

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)
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

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

MONDAY, 9th JANUARY.

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)
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.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (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, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
88—Scientific, Red Lion, Petty Cury, Cambridge
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
248—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
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1360—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
1968—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. 379—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 1258—Vernard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 10th 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.
198—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
193—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
658—Farringdon, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
752—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, Newington-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Toreadnoodle 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)
1340—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (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)
1594—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)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
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, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 22—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound 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
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
803—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Tonbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Stanley, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1465—Kenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 265—Juden, 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. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 558—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
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, Sidcup
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 11th JANUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 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, 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, Barnet, 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, Stavordale 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)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardet Road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, 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, 511 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1692—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1651—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Russell Square
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chiswick, 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 Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Gresham Gresham, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 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, Fleet Street
M.M.—Tuscan, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 284—High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham
K.T. 129—Holy Patriot, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Church Street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Hay Market Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
220—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Portlands, Masonic Rooms, Atherton Street, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
481—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
695—Beneficence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
851—Worsley Lodge of Friendship, Spring Hotel, Worsley
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
864—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

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1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewisse, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1358—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hobburn-on-Tyne.
1662—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent
2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
R.A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 809—Etheldreda, Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech
R.A. 1177—Dinlych, Masonic Room, South Parade, Tenby
R.A. 1345—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles

THURSDAY, 12th 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, 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)
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., at 8. (Instruct)
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)
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
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)
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—Trelegar, 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)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush, at 8
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
2188—Derby Allcroft, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
R.A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street

R.A. 763—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)
R.C. 43—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool

249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Cecil-st Street, Langton, Salford
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
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland

1036—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1094—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Trafalgar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne

1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1589—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1687—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Winstable
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 569—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
R.A. 613—Bradon, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 807—Cabbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 13th 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.
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.)
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)
1056—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.
1228—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2000—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star 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. 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
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
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leigham Bizzard
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. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield
K.T. 126—De Warenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 14th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176—Cavenc, 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—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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 Street, W., at 8
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.A. 309—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

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OUR FIRST LOVE.

WE last week attempted, and we think with some amount of success, to prove the present prosperity of English Freemasonry, and in doing so we referred to the gratifying results which attended the efforts of those brethren who undertook the duties of Stewards, and canvassed for subscriptions, on behalf of the three Central Charitable Institutions of the Craft during the past twelve months. Like most other things in this world, the prosperity to which we then referred has two ways of being looked at, and it will be to consider these varied aspects—in so far as they particularly concern "our first love," the first Anniversary Festival of the year—that we shall address ourselves on the present occasion.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, as already recorded in our columns, stood in the proud position of heading the totals received last year by the great Masonic Institutions, the actual amount paid into its coffers being £28,968 4s 4d, out of a total of £61,059 0s 11d secured by the three Charities. As our readers will remember, this most gratifying position was, in a measure, foreshadowed by the result of the Festival held in February last, when donations and subscriptions amounting to £18,700 were announced. The success of that Festival, coupled with other considerations, not the least among which was the fact of the Queen's Jubilee, induced the supporters of the Institution to very considerably extend its sphere of usefulness, no less than thirty-one additional annuities being created, and annuitants elected to them, at the contest in May last. Twenty-five of these additions were on behalf of Widows, and were each of the value of £32 per annum, the remaining six being awarded to Aged Brethren, and of the value of £40 each; so that we have at once an addition of £1,040 to the year's outlay in annuities alone, which sum, as we have so often pointed out, virtually becomes a permanent annual charge on the funds of the Charity. It is the fact that the responsibilities of the Craft in connection with these new annuities did not cease, but rather has just commenced, with the election of the annuitants, that requires to be forcibly impressed on every member at the present time. Year by year, so long as these old people live, they will look to the Benevolent Institution for the amount of the annuity which they have only now enjoyed for a few months, and at their decease there will no doubt be many hoping for a transfer of the annuity in their favour. Shall either of them be disappointed? is the pertinent question we now put to members of the Order, and we feel sure the answer will be—Not if we can help it. Before going further, we will at once say that the Brethren in Freemasonry can prevent such disappointment, although it may perhaps entail a little, very little, self sacrifice on the part of some.

So far we have only spoken of an annual outlay of £1,040, which is the amount required to provide the new annuities created last year; but how insignificant this sum appears when compared with the total requirements of the Institution for a year, which, at the present time, for annuities alone, amounts to £14,724, divided as follows: £7,264 amongst two hundred and twenty-seven Widows of Freemasons, at £32 each; £7,160 amongst one hundred and seventy-nine aged brethren, at £40 each; and £300 amongst fifteen Widows, to whom has been awarded one-half of their late husband's annuity for the usual limited period. It is to meet this charge, and others which are incidental to the working of the Institution, that the usual appeal is now being made to the Craft, who are asked to support the Annual Festival of the Institution, to be held on Wednesday, the 29th February, under the presidency of Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P.

There is an old saw which tells us "nothing succeeds like success," but in the case of this particular Institution the success of past years has been put to such good use as to render success at the present time very difficult of acquirement, and although we are hardly of opinion the English Craft will be found wanting when tried in the balance against the claims of the aged and necessitous, there is no question that this year presents more than the usual number of difficulties which require to be surmounted, and that too in face of more than the usual need for increased support. We have already mentioned the number of annuities now being paid by the Institution—they total up to four hundred and twenty-one, and require £14,724 per year to meet them. In addition to this there are at the present time upwards of one hundred and thirty brethren, or widows of deceased brethren, asking for help from the Craft for the closing years of their life. Thus far there are but fourteen vacancies available for this large number of candidates, so that it does not require a very serious tax of our arithmetical powers to say that, unless something unforeseen occurs, there will be close on one hundred and twenty aged Craftsmen or Widows sent adrift from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution after the next election, with nothing to even hope for for at least a year, although in each case their necessities are admittedly sufficient to entitle them to relief. In plain words, nothing but the hand of death, or the benevolence of the Craft, can assist these old people out of their present difficulties; we do not mean their death, but the death of some of those already on the books of the Institution. Is there one amongst us who wishes to help these candidates at the cost of the life of an annuitant? Certainly not, and therefore the only loop-hole appears to be the support of the Anniversary Festival of next month. We sincerely hope this method of relief will be taken every advantage of, but appearances are somewhat disappointing in regard to it. Of course, a very good opinion can be formed as to what a Festival is likely

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to bring forth by comparing it with those of years gone by, and if we attempt to do so in this case we are at once met with the fact that this year the number of Stewards for the Festival is upwards of seventy short of what it was at the corresponding period last year; while to those who are a little behind the scenes comes the conviction that this year's totals will not average nearly so much as was the case in 1887, or for the matter of that, in any recent year. These two matters point to a very severe diminution in the year's return, and it will require the most skilful generalship to prevent their making a strong impression on the Institution itself.

It may be asked—what is the reason for this falling off, as compared with last year? And for answer we may turn to another of the Masonic Charities—the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—which will this year celebrate its Centenary. The three Institutions of the Craft are too intimately associated to allow of any feeling of jealousy when one happens to be more fortunate than its fellows, but it requires strong determination to wish success to another, when we feel that much of that success may be purchased at our own expense, and this is really what we may expect during the present year. A Centenary is not an event of every-day occurrence, and when it does occur we can readily excuse all that is done to honour it. We should be the last to discourage any one making a special effort on behalf of the Girls' School this year, but at present our love is the Benevolent. No doubt, in due course, we shall fall a slave to the Girls' Institution, but until that takes place we hope to remain true to "our first love," doing all that lies in our power on its behalf. In furtherance of this, we have just hit on a coincidence, which may perhaps have struck others, that places the coming Festival almost on the level with a Centenary, or at least a jubilee, or a something. It is the peculiarity attached to the date of the day on which the Festival is to be held—the 29th February. This day, of course, occurs each leap year, but as the Benevolent Festival is usually held on a Wednesday it may be recognised that it will be many years before we have another celebration on the 29th February; indeed, bearing in mind that some peculiar adjustment of dates is necessary each century, in addition to what we are accustomed to every leap year, we believe it will be upwards of fifty years before we have another case of Wednesday, the 29th February. Surely this is a good peg on which to hang a plea for special support! Will the brethren let an event which cannot occur again for fifty years pass by without special notice? No, not though there be "one of a hundred" as a counter attraction!

Much more might be written, and no doubt many more special attractions might be discovered in praise of "our first love," were we disposed to publish them, but there is sufficient of the genuine ring surrounding the doings of the Benevolent Institution to render further adulation on our part all but unnecessary. We have an appreciative audience to appeal to, and our love has the benefit of youth on its side—no small advantage be it understood, in spite of the fact that the maidens of Battersea have got old enough to boast of their hundred years (we suppose ladies do tell the truth in regard to age at that period of their existence). While the Benevolent Institution has youth on its side in regard to establishment, it can also boast of old age in regard to those for whom it pleads, and with two such varied attractions surely it should please all. If it does so its success this year is assured, while its future may be left to take care of itself.

Personally, we now appeal to our readers to do what they can on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. We do not wish them to support it to the detriment of others, or wholly ignore it because of more brilliant attractions elsewhere. It is our love of to-day, and should be with every brother interested in the success of the Institutions, until after the date of its Annual Festival, then another star will be absolutely in the ascendant, and other claims will come to the front, and be urged upon us. Until then we would advise our readers that it is best to be off with the old love before we take on with the new, and ask them to use every effort in their power to secure the success of the first Festival of 1888.

HIRAM LODGE.

Hiram Lodge F.A.M. v. *G.L. of Connecticut F.A.M.*
G.L. of Connecticut F.A.M. v. *Hiram Lodge F.A.M.*

[COMMUNICATED.]

WE shall be exceedingly sorry to lose the light which our very greatly esteemed Bro. Hughan is qualified to throw upon the intricate questions involved in the controversy between Hiram Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

But we can do no other than give him the honourable name which we have already affixed to two letters on this subject.

Indeed, it seems to us that when the search is simply for truth, impersonality is sometimes preferable, provided the correspondence is between Masonic gentlemen. Certainly, it precludes personal prejudices and prepossessions, conscious or unconscious, from any influence to warp the judgments or seduce into the crookedness of casuistry.

We are convinced that there are questions vitally important for the welfare of Masonry that underlie this controversy. The issue is bigger than its present setting, and transcends in importance the mere interests of these parties. And though it is not our profession particularly to be charitable, and see that no man suffer wrong at the hand of his brother-man, still we are impressed with the desire that no Mason or Lodge shall be condemned by hasty and inconsiderate judgments, so long as the truth may be reasonably sought for and evolved, and especially that no untenable rule or principle shall get lodgment in the body of Masonic jurisprudence.

Now it seems to us that the suggestions of Bro. Hughan in the CHRONICLE of 26th November last, touching the relations of the two Lodges above named, do bear the marks of haste, and are not suggestions that can stand the test of reasonable investigation. We will not rehearse the judicious objections made to them by "LEX," and to which no adequate answer seems to us yet to have been given. Nor do we propose to encroach upon the line of argument which this learned Brother has foreshadowed for himself, and the illuminations of which we shall look for with the greatest interest.

Brother Hughan states, and with a positiveness that would seemingly shut up the whole subject, that "Subordinate Lodges are bound by the decisions of their Grand Lodge all the world over, and must either be content to obey the laws and regulations, or be erased, on which all other regular Grand Lodges will side with the Grand Lodge, not with the erased Lodge. It is as well to face this fact at the outset, and thus save needless writing."

The principle of Masonic law which underlies this paragraph no one in this controversy does deny, or has ever denied, so far as has fallen under our observation. We have ourselves already stated this doctrine of Grand Lodge supremacy, and given it its application to Hiram Lodge. The assertatory statement of our learned Brother is *brutum fulmen*. In the multitude of cases that arise and have arisen, the application of the principle is clear, complete and exhaustive. There are no facts beyond the law to require its revision or enlargement.

But the difficulty here is, that Hiram Lodge is not under the Grand Lodge, in any condition or in any sense for which the principle was enunciated, or to which it is applicable. New elements, both of fact and law intervene, and these new facts radically distinguish the case before us from those which our learned Brother so peremptorily decides. Any scholar, any reasoner, if he will look, must see that it is so, and we do not care what the law may be for other cases, it is the case as made on the record before

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us, with its exceptional and peculiar facts, that is now on trial and waiting for settlement. And that is to give, if need be, either a new law, or a new and modifying phrase to the law as we have hitherto been led to enunciate and believe it.

Now, as has been said, the facts of Hiram Lodge are not the facts of any other Lodge in Connecticut, so far as we know.

There are similar cases in the Canadian provinces, and they are to-day under open discussion and controversy.

The facts of Hiram Lodge have been clearly stated. They are undenied and undeniable. One fact alone is sufficient for the question now under consideration, and is perhaps the pivotal fact. She is in possession of a Masonic charter authorizing her existence, a charter which is not cancelled, or impaired or invalidated by any legal authority at present known:—it has never been surrendered, or arrested, or exchanged. No other Lodge in Connecticut is for this discussion in that position. They are all Lodges warranted now from the Grand Lodge, and their ancient and provincial charters, if they had any, are surrendered. To these Lodges the rule of Grand Lodge supremacy, and the liability to Grand Lodge discipline and penalty, applies. This is Bro. Hughan's case exactly, and we agree with him fully.

But how about this Lodge that has got a charter, and has always had it, and has always refused to give it up, or permit it to be cancelled:—has even been an acknowledged constituent member of this same Grand Lodge for seven years, furnishing its first Grand Master, and its Grand Secretary for many years. Sending to it representatives that participated in its legislation, and paying dues and fees into its Treasury, and yet all this time positively had *no other* charter than this same charter which it now has. Over such a Lodge, organized and existing now under this charter, has the Grand Lodge of Connecticut the power of supremacy and discipline of which the general rule speaks? Where is the reason on which such a conclusion can stand? Where is the law, where is the historic example by which the right to such discipline and *annihilation* can apply to this Lodge in its present status?

So far as it had a charter from the Grand Lodge, the law was exactly applicable,—and has been applied,—and all parties and all advocates of either side submit to it, and say with one voice, all right.

But when all this has been done and conceded and the law admitted, we have not touched Hiram Lodge, nor the question of the relations she sustains or ought to sustain to Masonry at large and the institutions of Masonry;—for these, so long as right and justice obtain, are to be governed by law, and not by blind sympathy, or brute force, or arbitrary dicta.

Hiram Lodge presents a new case; it may be, probably is, *casus omissus*, but it is *the* case, and the only one now on trial.

What has the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to do with Hiram Lodge now? Must she not treat her as an independent lawful Masonic body, to whom she herself has given vitality and legal standing?

She has admitted the lawfulness of her present claim, by allowing her, for seven years, in her present form of organisation, standing and voice in her own convocations and councils.

She has admitted her lawfulness by accepting from her, while acting under this old charter and no other, fees and constitutional tribute-moneys.

She has admitted her lawfulness by sending back to the Lodge at her requirement, her old charter, this (Oxnard) charter, without a word of objection or protest to be found anywhere, or a word anywhere or in any way divesting, or attempting to divest it of power, or prerogative or privilege.

She has admitted her lawfulness by this action, taken with her eyes open; some of it done repeatedly, and as we have before suggested, done with a purpose, as a policy, and as the expedient and best thing for the occasion and the circumstance.

And it does not lie in her mouth now to quibble about these facts of her conduct, or to deny or escape from their legal and logical results. Certainly she acted, as the lawyers would say, upon fair and ample notice.

These things determine and demarcate and validate the fact that Hiram Lodge is now, as then, living under the Oxnard Constitution,—with this difference, perhaps immaterial, that now more exclusively than then.

Here then is the question before us. The Grand Lodge of England mediately, by the prerogatives of the Provincial Grand Master, in a territory unoccupied by any Grand Lodge, chartered one, two, or more Masonic Lodges. They took root, lived, flourished, retained their original charters and, by special and thoughtful precautions, preserved them unimpaired. At a given time, some of the Lodges of that territory organized a Grand Lodge for that territory, and clothed it with the recognized Grand Lodge supremacy.

Now, has this Grand Lodge the right to compel the English chartered Lodges to submit and attorn to it on the penalty of being denounced as rebellious and excommunicated Masons? Has it any rights whatever over or respecting them? Can it compel them to execute its laws, work its (perhaps remodelled) ritual, inaugurate and perform its ceremonials? It seems to us the question is so plain that it is its own answer.

Yet the effort has been made, if we have not misconstrued it, by Grand Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies in some of the Provinces of Canada, to do this precise thing. The subordinates have had fulminated at their heads and reputation, the charge of being schismatics, rebellious and illegal Masons. It would seem as if the Grand Lodge had only to be constituted and, *ipso facto*, it becomes at once omnipotent.

But we have yet to learn that the Grand Bodies of England, Scotland and Wales have admitted this power, or that their Provincial subordinates have yielded any more than Hiram Lodge has yielded. And both alike are in the possession of similar warrants of constitution.

More than this is true, for the independent and rightful authority of these Subordinate Bodies, as against their contesting Grand Bodies, has been sustained by many of the Grand Bodies of America, and by the head of Masonic learning and law. Visitation, intercourse, communion and correspondence between these subordinate English and Scotch bodies of Canada, and Subordinate Bodies of the States have been permitted, taken place, and been justified by American Grand Masonry.

Now if this is true of Canadian bodies, it must be or should be true of American. If such chartered bodies are legitimate and honourable in Nova Scotia, why not likewise in Connecticut?

But it is said that Hiram Lodge submitted and surrendered to the Grand Lodge, and that makes the difference. This is not true. She never submitted or surrendered so as to permit the devitalization of her charter for a single moment. This was sedulously preserved, and as long as this exists, and continues to be held by her, it is of no consequence how much of Grand Lodge conformity she enjoys, any more than it is what kind of a building, and decorated with what order of architecture she holds her meetings in.

In the presence of this controlling fact, the other becomes immaterial. It is this fact that distinguishes Hiram Lodge, radically, through and through from all the examples cited by Bro. Hughan in illustration and support of his doctrine, taken as he cites them. It is this fact about which this controversy turns. Hiram Lodge is a lawful, independent, Masonic body, entitled to respect and the comities of Masonic fellowship, and no matter what Connecticut may do, the Grand Bodies of the States and the world who mean to do justice and work righteousness, must extend to her those comities or be disgraced by their own pretensions, if she holds a vital charter.

The question therefore arises and is imminent, what is the power of Grand Lodge over previously existing, legally chartered Lodges, within its territory, who do not choose to enter the union? or to so enter it as to destroy their ancient prerogatives?

And conversely, what are the rights, and privileges, and prerogatives of such Lodges, at and after the Constitution of such Grand Lodges?

Moreover, we submit that the question to-day under discussion is not the moral, or social, or Masonic duties of the members of these two contesting bodies towards each other; considered in relations of fraternity and obligated by Masonic long-suffering, patience and peace, but what are their respective legal rights? What is the law for these bodies and for all others that may hereafter find themselves in like position? And it may be well if Grand Lodges shall be brought to see more clearly than they sometimes seem to, that the peace and prosperity of Freemasonry is kept only by a real wisdom and a forgiving love.

We read always with great delight and instruction the writings of the Masonic scholar to whom reference has in

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this article been necessarily made. We expect delight and instruction from everything he shall write. We are satisfied he can add light to the coming light upon the question now before us, if with his usual care and impartiality he will grasp and discuss the *real issue*, and will forgive our continuing to call ourselves by no other name than that of

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FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

AMONGST the matters of a more or less controversial nature which occasionally crop up where Masons congregate, is the advisability or otherwise of an attempt being made to erect South Africa into an independent Grand Lodge. At present South African Masonry is divided amongst three different jurisdictions, those of England, Holland, and Scotland. There is nothing whatever to prevent any other Grand Lodges from issuing charters, as, by the unwritten law of Masonry, it is laid down that where a country does not possess its own Grand Lodge, it is fair field for any jurisdiction whatever. This unwritten law is however interpreted in two different ways, so far as Colonies are concerned. Some hold that they should be treated as being, for Masonic purposes, totally independent countries; and others hold that they should be considered as part and parcel of the mother country which politically controls them. If the latter view were taken as the correct one, it would follow that no other Grand Lodges could issue charters in British Colonies, save those of England, Scotland, and Ireland. Thus far we are not aware of any Lodges existing in British Colonies under other Warrants, save only in our own, where we have a number of very excellent Dutch Lodges, and for this there is a special local reason, inasmuch as the Cape Colony is not so much a "Colony" in the strict sense of the word, as an appenage, with certain distinct national features of its own. But, we repeat, there is, in the present state of the question, nothing to prevent half-a-dozen Grand Lodges from establishing themselves in South Africa. It is partly in view of such a contingency that many worthy Masons look forward to the elevation of South Africa into a Grand Lodge of its own. They argue, and with some show of reason, that the existence of Lodges in the same country but under different jurisdictions interferes considerably with the due maintenance of Masonic discipline. A number of Masons, for instance, make up their minds to apply for a Charter to Grand Lodge A. This Grand Lodge, perhaps with perfect propriety, considers that it is not to the interests of Masonry to grant this, perhaps because the town or village is not likely to support a Lodge in a proper manner. Straightway the disappointed suitors apply to Grand Lodge B, and by next mail out comes a charter. Or, to take another case. A Lodge is dissatisfied with some decision of its Grand or District Grand Lodge, and at once resigns its charter and goes over holus bolus to another Constitution. Or, in a third class of cases, a little knot of dissatisfied Brethren secede from a private Lodge. Their own authorities justly refuse them another charter in their own village, and they at once have recourse to another Constitution to obtain what they require. And this latter state of things, secession from Lodges, is most likely to occur just because a Lodge has exercised a laudable discretion in rejecting unworthy members. In all these cases, competition between Grand Lodges works dire evils to the Craft in general. Constitutions should not compete against each other, but unfortunately experience shows that they will do so, glossing over the moral or Masonic wrong by arguments more or less fallacious, but possibly satisfactory to themselves. It is this that leads many Masons to seek for a remedy in the establishment of one local Grand Lodge which would of course be supreme in its jurisdiction, and be able to enforce its edicts on one uniform standard. Whilst fully admitting the evils which are complained of, we should nevertheless hesitate long before allowing this step to be the only available remedy; indeed it is questionable whether the remedy would not be worse than the disease. We regard the multiplication of Grand Lodges as an unmixed evil. Each is a sovereign Masonic body, with full power to legislate for itself on the most weighty Masonic matters. It may therefore, and in fact does, deviate very materially from established Masonic rule. Small Grand Lodges, moreover, are very apt, like small States, to legislate on excessively narrow and parochial lines. A small clique rules everything, and that clique may very likely be composed of men who know but little of either outside Masonic life or literature. Supreme legislative bodies, whether in Masonry or out of it, should be composed of sufficiently large numbers of men to ensure questions being impartially viewed from every side. Small bodies are prone to hasty and impulsive decisions. How many men could we find in South Africa really sufficiently conversant with Masonic jurisprudence and history, to competently lead the multitude in the important concerns of legislation? Compare our little knot of really learned and thoughtful Masons with the galaxy of *literati* to be found in the Grand Lodges. Would English, Scotch, or Dutch Masons find anything in a bran new Masonic body to compensate them for the loss of the prestige possessed by the old Grand Lodges? Would its honours be half so valuable in their eyes? We trow not, and moreover we should only partly attain our object. The Republics could hardly be joined in one Grand Lodge with the politically separated British Colonies. District Grand Masters now possess almost every necessary local power, and the remedies for any existing grievances lie rather in strengthening their hands, and in bringing about, if possible, an informal understanding between the branches of the different Constitutions.—*South African Freemason.*

REVIEWS.

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Architects', Surveyors', and Engineers' Compendium; Specialists' Directory and Diary for 1888. Edited by John E. Sears, A.R.I.B.A., F.A.S. E. Marlborough and Co., 51 Old Bailey, London, E.C.

To our brethren and other readers connected with the building trade, whether in a professional capacity or in the practical performance of contracts for the erection of small or large edifices, we commend this Compendium as a valuable and useful book of reference during the present year. Irrespective of the daily use for which it is admirably adapted as a record of business and cash transactions, it contains abundant information and tables necessary to even the most practical, as aids to memory and economisers of time. Our attention has been particularly attracted to the ten sectional maps of London, which, with the list of district surveyors preceding them, cannot fail to be exceedingly useful to the practical builder; whilst the transcripts of the Metropolitan Building Act of 1855, the Metropolis Management Act of the same year, the respective Amendments thereof of 1858, 1862, 1878 and 1882, with the Bye-laws of the Metropolitan Board of Works, the Public Health Act of 1875, Heads of Conditions in Professional Practice, and the particulars of numerous important legal decisions, must be of the utmost service to the large body of those gentlemen in whose interest this mass of information has been collated. Nor does the utility of the Compendium stop here:—under the head of general information will be found, in addition to concise and evidently carefully prepared tables of weight and measurement, interesting treatises on the several materials used in the builder's art, with rules for the guidance of masters and their foremen in respect of proportions and use of same. A Directory of Manufactures, with illustrated and priced catalogue, is an important feature of this work, and, together with the foregoing, in addition to Calendar specially noted for reference to the principal meetings connected with R.I.B.A. and A.A. Institutions, Diary, Cash-book, Ledger, and mortgage and rent insurance Registers form a handsome volume which, in its full gilt cloth binding, it surprises us to find is purchasable at so low a sum as five shillings. In every respect, as to utility and cheapness of the work, we again commend it to all concerned.

There was one little matter in connection with the annual New Year's Entertainment at the Royal Masonic Institution at Croydon, to which we did not refer in our report last week, although it fully deserved mention as a factor in securing the enjoyment of the assembled company. Good wine, we are told, needs no bush, so we will not attempt to beat about the bush in praising the champagne used on that occasion. It was branded "J. Hofélc-Elwall and Co., Cuvée de Reserve, 1880 Vintage," and was pronounced excellent; but what wonder, when we remember the experience of those who "founded the feast?" Surely such well-versed judges may be relied on when it comes to deciding what wine shall be provided for themselves and their guests. Their choice on this occasion was a good one, and was deservedly appreciated, which is saying much, when we call to mind the knowledge possessed by those who were present.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 105.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 9th inst., at the Hayshe Temple, Plymouth. Four candidates were initiated. The W.M. elect, Bro. Walter Parson, was installed and invested the following officers:—Bros. Gray I.P.M., Spinney S.W., Plimsaul J.W., Jew Chaplain, Browning Treasurer, Cooper Secretary, Edgcumbe S.D., Street J.D., Soper D.C., Rodd jun. A.D.C., Ivey O., McBryde I.G., Charles Luke and Gibbens Stewards, Phillips Tyler. Bro. Emdon was re-elected the representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. James Gifford the Charity Steward. Bros. Parsons, George Horsewill, Browning, Cooper, and Lyons were elected the representatives of the Lodge on the Committee of the Temple Lodges. Three candidates were proposed for the next meeting. The day of the annual banquet was fixed.

PERPETUAL FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 135.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, on Monday, the 2nd instant, when Brother Laffard S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being conducted by Bro. Else. The W.M. elect appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Dorrit I.P.M., Davis S.W., Buffett J.W., Loper Treasurer, Anderson Chaplain, Symons Secretary, Burston S.D., Garton J.D., Hunt D.C., Baker I.G., Basker Organist, Mitchell and Kreamer Stewards, and McGowan Tyler. The customary banquet followed.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 156.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Monday evening, the 2nd inst., when Bro. Little was installed as W.M. for the year ensuing by the retiring W.M. Bro. John Parkhouse. The Board of Installed Masters being closed the Officers were invested:—Bros. Parkhouse I.P.M., Michell S.W., Parker J.W., Rev. William Whittley P.G.D. of England Chap., Hearle P.M. Treasurer, Michell P.M. Secretary, Johns S.D., Chapell J.D., Thomas I.G., Hayward D.C., Newell A.D.C., Jenkins Organist, Bennett Manley S.S., Stuart Stebbing J.S., Widger A.S., and Phillips Tyler. Bro. W. K. Michell was appointed representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions and Bro. George Whittley Charity Steward.

BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 159.

THE annual banquet of this Lodge was held on the 5th inst., on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, at Bro. Routley's, Farley Hotel, Plymouth. Bro. Selmon W.M. was, through his own illness and that of a member of his family, unable to attend, and Bro. Radmore I.P.M. presided, supported in the Vice-chairs by Bros. Marshall S.W. and Price J.W. Seventy-five brethren partook of the banquet. After the banquet an admirable musical entertainment was furnished by Bros. Roseveare, Dyke, Kennedy, Barter, Trethewy, Veal, and others. During the evening a handsome cathedral-toned mantle clock was presented to the I.P.M., with the following inscription:—

"Presented to W. Bro. N. Radmore I.P.M., by the brethren of Lodge Brunswick, No. 159, in appreciation of his Masonic zeal. December 1887."

A valuable gold pencil case and a suit of Masonic clothing, in accordance with the Provincial rank to which he had been just raised, was also presented to Bro. H. J. Trethewy as an acknowledgment of his services to the Lodge and zeal for its interest.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday, the 9th inst., at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, part of the business was the presentation of two pictures to the Lodge—one of the reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in Grand Lodge as Past Grand Master, 1st December 1869; the other of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as P.G.M. of Sussex, under the Dome of the Pavilion at Brighton, 22nd June 1886, by the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. Each of the pictures has inscribed on a panel—

"Presented to Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, by Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M., Chap. 189 P.P.G.Chap. Devon, Hon. Mem. 70, 1205, 2025.—9th January 1888."

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 202.

THE annual installation banquet of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Lodge room, Granby-street, Devonport. Over 100 sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Bosworthick, of Marlborough-street, Devonport. Bro. J. Leonard, W.M. presided. The usual toasts were duly honoured. The health of the W.M. was enthusiastically received, the S.W. in proposing the toast, speaking not only of Bro. Leonard's zeal and ability, but his genial and courteous manner to all, which earned for him the respect and confidence of the brethren. Bro. Herbert was in excellent voice and sang some splendid songs in his usual good style, which were vociferously encored. Bro. Sylvester, of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, in addition to presiding at the piano, delighted the brethren with a rendering of the "Old Arm Chair." He has a powerful tenor voice, which was heard to great advantage in some good songs. Bros. Jenkins, Watts, and Cocks gave two trios with capital effect, and Bro. Leonard sang a couple of comic songs, which were much enjoyed. Bros. T. Taylor, C. Taylor, Avery, Lemon, Lavers, and others contributed to the entertainment, a most enjoyable evening being spent.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 279.

INSTALLATION OF, AND COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET TO, R.W. BRO. W. KELLY P.M. P.P.G.M.

THE first meeting in the new year of this Lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, Leicester, on the 4th instant, was invested with peculiar significance from the fact that the W.M. elect, R.W. Brother W. Kelly P.M. P.P.G.M. was again installed, with the unanimous vote of the brethren, into the chair of the Lodge, on the 50th year of his membership, he having been initiated in the year 1838. This circumstance being almost unique in the annals of Freemasonry, and from the veneration in which Bro. Kelly is held in Masonic circles, a large attendance of the Craft was ensured. After the Lodge had been opened in ancient form, and the usual preliminary business transacted, the D.P.G.M., R.W. Bro. S. S. Partridge P.A.G.D.C. took the chair, and Bro. Kelly was presented to him for installation, which ceremony was then most impressively performed by the D.P.G.M., who, on the completion of the ceremony addressed the newly-elected W.M. from the west in a few well-chosen remarks, saying that while many worthy Masons had occupied that chair of St. John's, there were none more worthy than he whom he had had the privilege and pleasure of installing that evening. The remarks of the D.P.G.M. were most heartily approved by the whole of the brethren present. The W.M. then invested his Officers, and the usual address to the Wardens was given in a most able manner by the D.P.G.M., to whom a vote of thanks was passed by the Lodge. Congratulatory telegrams and communications were received from Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; from Lodges in various parts of the country; from the whole of the Lodges in the Province, most of whom were represented, and from many eminent brethren. Additional interest was lent to the occasion by the fact that the apron with which the W.M. was invested that day was the same with which he was invested as a M.M. *on that day 49 years since.* At the close of the Lodge R.W. Bro. Kelly was entertained at a complimentary banquet in honour of his installation, Bro. Clement Stretton P.M. presiding, in the absence (through illness) of the I.P.M. Bro. Clement E. Stretton. He was supported by the guest of the evening R.W. Bro. Kelly W.M. 279 P.P.G.M., R.W. S. S. Partridge D.P.G.M. P.A.G.D.C., W. Bro. Geo. Toller P.D.P.G.M., Rev. Henton Wood, M.A., Prov. Grand Secretary P.M. 1560, J. Freer P.M. 1560, Thomas Wright P.M. 1391 (Mayor of Leicester), J. Hart 279 (ex-Mayor of Leicester), Miles J. Walker P.M. 1265 P.P.J.G.W., J. H. Thompson P.M. 1265 P.S.G.D., J. O. Law P.M. 279 P.P.J.G.D., C. Garden P.M. 279 P.P.A.G.D.C., Rev. J. H. Smith P.M. 279 P.P.G.C., S. Clewer P.M. 279 P.G.S.W., R. Michie P.M. 279 P.P.J.G.D., C. F. Wike P.M. 279 P.J.G.D., R. Rowley P.M. 279 P.P.A.G.D.C., and a numerous company of brethren from Provincial Lodges, and the Officers and brethren of St. John's, No. 279. Deep regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of the I.P.M., W. Bro. Clement E. Stretton P.P.S.G.W.

BEDFORD LODGE, No. 282.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Abbey, Tavistock, on the 4th inst. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. W. Uren, was installed by Bro. Thomas Chapman. The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. Rosekelly I.P.M, Kerslake S.W., Drew J.W., Rev. Buckley, B.A., Chaplain, Merrifield Treasurer, Squire Secretary, Bates S.D., Gill J.D., Reynolds D.C., Richards Organist, Benallack I.G., Cowan and White Stewards, Hardy Tyler. Bro. Merrifield was re-appointed the representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions. In the evening the Companions and Brethren, members of the Chapter and Lodge, and Visitors dined together at Bro. Northway's Bedford Hotel. Bro. Uren presided. The catering was, in the usual style of the hostelry, very satisfactory. The usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were given, after which a musical entertainment followed, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE, No. 294.

ON Thursday, the 5th inst., the members of this Lodge met in the Masonic Hall, Register-square, Beverley, for the purpose of taking part in the installation of Bro. Sydney Smith as Worshipful Master for the year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. Turner. The new W.M. appointed the following as his Officers, who were duly invested:—Bros. Backman I.P.M., Richardson S.W., Filey J.W., Turner Treasurer, Rev. R. J. Barry Chaplain, Edgar Secretary, Shaw S.D., Lee J.D., Parks M.D. Orator, J. Kemp Almoner and Charity representative, Goulding Organist, Cooper D.C., Wood I.G., Knight, Robshaw, Baxendale and Pape Stewards, and Campbell Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held.

GUY'S LODGE, No. 395.

THE members of this Lodge assembled at the Crown Hotel, Leamington, on Monday, the 2nd instant, when the installation of the Worshipful Master, Brother Barrett, took place. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. W. H. Skinner I.P.M. There were many visitors present, including Bros. Eve Grand Treasurer of England and Collins Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire. In the evening there was a banquet, at which the attendance was large.

FAITH AND UNANIMITY LODGE, No 417.

ON Wednesday, the 4th instant, Bro. Joseph Stroud was installed as W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. James Stroud. The W.M. subsequently

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appointed the following as his Officers:—Bro. Rev. Everett I.P.M., Burnett S.W., George J.W., Look Treasurer, Oldfield Secretary, Newman S.D., Robinson J.D., Robinson jun. Organist, Young I.G., Biggs and Fudge Stewards. In the evening the annual banquet took place at the Masonic Hall, and was well attended.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THE installation meeting took place on Monday, the 2nd instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, when Brother George Lion was installed as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. L. Wall opened the Lodge; he was supported by the following Officers and Brethren:—G. Lion S.W., I. Botibol J.W., Gardner S.D., Roco Chaplain, P.M.'s Dodson, Spiegel, Dewsnap, L. Alexander, Hickman, Obed Roberts; Bros. Saqui, Frank Isaacson, Davis, A. Botibol, Ernest A. Smith, Joseph Joseph, W. B. Marley, Mitchell, Luck, N. Lyon, Phillips, Siegenberg, G. Van Valen, Rozenberg, Jacques Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), and several others, with a goodly number of Visitors. Having confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting, Bro. Wall proceeded to pass Bro. Hartman. Bro. Dewsnap, the I.P.M., now took the chair, when the ballot was taken for Mr. Ernest Albert Smith. It proved unanimously in that gentleman's favour, and he was duly initiated into Freemasonry; both ceremonies were excellently performed. The next business before the Lodge was the installation of the W.M. Bro. George Lion was placed in the chair by Bro. Wall; the obligation was given by Bro. Dodson P.M. It goes without saying that nothing was wanting in the performance of this int resting and important ceremony. The new W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Botibol S.W., Gardner J.W., T. Meyers S.D., H. Lazarus J.D., Lyon Treasurer, L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, Roco Chaplain, Jonas I.G., A. Botibol and Saqui Stewards, Gerrad A.S., Frank Isaacson Organist. In the course of the routine business which followed, it was unanimously agreed that Bro. L. Lazarus P.M. should represent the Joppa Lodge at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' Centenary Festival, and the sum of 15 guineas was voted from the funds towards his list. After hearty good wishes from the numerous Visitors, the Lodge was closed. The brethren now adjourned to an excellent banquet, served under the superintendance of Bro. Silver; the viands and wines were of the best quality, and full justice was done alike to cuisine and cellar. The toast-list was a full one; the Queen, the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present. The health of Her Majesty the Queen was drunk with true Joppa fire, while the other toasts were as heartily responded to. Bro. Binckes P.G.Sword B. replied on behalf of the Grand Officers; he sincerely thanked the members for their kindness. Those who had the privilege of taking part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge were well acquainted with those true Masons the Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom, and with the general ability displayed by the rulers of the Craft in the conduct of its affairs. The more the brethren knew of the Grand Officers the more they would love them. Bro. Wall I.P.M. now rose: the brethren would be perfectly well aware why he was entrusted with the gavel, an instrument he had relinquished that evening with regret; nevertheless, it was pleasant for him to be able to retake it temporarily. He would propose the health of the W.M. The toast, he felt assured, would be received with true Masonic spirit. From what he had seen of Bro. Lion, he was sure the present W.M. was the right man in the right place. He hoped that the brethren would give him the same support he (Bro. Wall) had received during his year of service. He also wished his successor every happiness and prosperity during his year of office. In conclusion, he expressed his conviction that the brethren would unite in their endeavours to sustain the harmony of the Lodge. In reply, the W.M. acknowledged the cordiality with which the toast had been received; he took the opportunity of thanking the brethren for having conferred upon him the honour of electing him W.M. of the Lodge of Joppa; he trusted he might receive the same support from the Officers and Past Masters as his successors had received. He had now much pleasure in proposing the health of the I.P.M.; in so doing Bro. Lion paid a high tribute to the zeal and assiduity displayed by Bro. Wall during his year of office; he had infinite pleasure in being the means to present to him the Past Master's jewel, which had been so unanimously voted by the Lodge. He hoped Bro. Wall might wear it for many years to come in remembrance of his successful year in association with the Joppa Lodge. The I.P.M., in returning thanks, expressed his sincere appreciation of the handsome jewel, and declared his unabated interest in the Lodge. Whenever he could be of any assistance he would strive to do so. Afterwards the W.M. proposed prosperity to the Benevolent Fund, and the health of the Committee and Assistants. Bro. Obed Roberts P.M. replied; as one of the trustees, he was pleased to inform the W.M. and brethren that their funds were increasing; they had now between £800 and £900 in hand, and if any unfortunate brother should require assistance he could rely upon his appeal receiving attention, and that without the fact being known outside the Lodge. He was also pleased to inform the W.M. that he had received the following donations towards the Benevolent Fund:—Bro. Ernest Smith, the Initiate, one guinea; the W.M. one guinea; Botibol S.W. one guinea; Isaac Meyers S.D. 10s 6d. He thanked the W.M., both for himself and co trustees, and then stated he should personally be pleased to subscribe the sum of 10s 6d. In due course the W.M. proposed the health of the Initiate; by the attention shown by Bro. Smith during the ceremony he felt sure he would make a good Mason. Bro. Ernest Smith thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast; he also thanked Bro. Wynman for having proposed him. He assured the W.M. and brethren that no effort should be wanting on his part to make himself efficient in Freemasonry. Firstly, he would try to gain his fully-decorated apron, and then he would try to get as many decorations as the brother on his left (Bro. Binckes). The next toast the W.M had much pleasure in proposing was the health of the Visitors, Bros. Henry Tobias P.P.G.S., Fred Binckes P.G.S.B., C. F. Hogard P.G.St.B., Maurice Hart P.P.G.D.C., John Miller W.M. 1668, Harry H. Meyer W.M. elect 1017, G. H. Lewis S.D. 2206, Lewis Levi 185, W. S. Lyon 185, and others. Bros. Binckes, Tobias, Hogard, Hart, with others, responded. The health of the P.M.'s, Treasurer, Secretary and Officers followed, the W.M. paying each deserved compliments as to the manner in which the affairs of the Lodge were administered. These toasts were duly responded to, and the list was fittingly concluded by the Tyler. The enjoyment was materially enhanced by a selection of songs, &c., which were capitally rendered. Bro. Frank Isaacson presided at the pianoforte, and to him great credit is due for the arrangements, which gave unbounded satisfaction. Amongst the artistes were Bro. Heald, who sang "Then you'll remember me;" Bro. Henry Prenton sang "I fear no foe," &c., &c. Miss Kate Chaplin played a solo on the violin, accompanied by her sister, Miss Nellie Chaplin, and received an enthusiastic encore. Amongst the company was the veteran Brother Samuel Marks Lazarus (now in his 90th year), P.M. and founder of the Joppa Benevolent Fund. Bro. Lazarus received many hearty congratulations, and wishes were freely expressed that he might be present at future installation meetings.

YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 422.

BRO. Frederick Baines was on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough, installed Worshipful Master of this Lodge, and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Wright S.W. Mason J.W., Kirk Treasurer, Housham D.C., Liversedge Secretary, Wright S.D., Sowby J.D., Greenhalgh I.G., Scott Tyler. A banquet was held at the White Hart Hotel.

DUNHEVED LODGE, No. 789.

THIS Lodge held its annual festival on the 27th ult. Bro. B. Parsons S.W. was installed W.M. by Bro. John Kitto, who impressively performed the ceremony. The W.M. appointed the following his Officers:—Bros. Thomas Sherston I.P.M., John Nicholls S.W., Wenmath J.W., Harvey P.M. Treasurer, White P.M. Secretary, Frederick Downing S.D., Thomas Sherm J.D., Cater I.G., Eastcot S. and J. Bart Tyler. After transacting other business the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall attached to the Lodge, which had been prettily decorated, and where a choice banquet had been provided by the stewards.

HANLEY LODGE, No. 797.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting on Monday, the 9th inst., at Dartmouth, when Bro. J. J. Tolman was installed W.M., in succession to Bro. F. A. Dawson. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. W. H. Goodridge, assisted by Bro. Constable, and supported by a large number of P.M.'s. After the ceremony the W.M. invested as his Officers Bros. Richard Benson S.W., Westlake J.W., Horrell P.M. Treasurer, Goodridge P.M. Secretary, Medway S.D., Widdicombe J.D., Pack I.G., Chapple and Bovey D.C.'s, Constable P.M. Chap., and William Putt Tyler. Bro. Hurrell was chosen representative on the Committee of Petitions. The brethren then retired to Bro Whittle's Commercial Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 838.

THE installation of Worshipful Master and investment of Officers of this Lodge took place in the Lodge-room at the Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston, on Friday, the 6th inst. Bro. T. Slater officiated as installing master, and the following officers were invested:—Bros. Bates W.M., Kirby S.W., Stout J.W., Shepherd Treasurer, Fergusson Secretary, Thistlethwaite S.D., Wormal J.D., Mager D.C., Gane Organist, Gregory I.G., Lanes S.Std., Claypoole J.Std., and Johnson Tyler. The annual banquet followed, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master. There was a good attendance, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

RESTORMAL LODGE, No. 856.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Old Duchy Palace, Lostwithiel, on Thursday, the 5th inst., when Bro. W. R. Toms S.W. was installed by the retiring W.M. Bro. T. W. Perry, assisted by a Board of Installed Masters. The W.M. then invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Rev. Ferris S.W., Sewart J.W., Hugill Treasurer, Beckerleg Secretary, Doney Chaplain, Collins S.D., Cossentine J.D., Brown I.G., McLean D.C., Rundle Organist, Haddy Steward, and Brown Tyler. The brethren subsequently repaired to the Talbot Hotel, where Bro. Wheeler catered for them in his usual good style.

ST. ANNE LODGE, No. 970.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Looe, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. The W.M. elect (Bro. R. Edgcumbe) was installed by Bro. Doney, assisted by an unusually large Board of P.M.'s. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. White I.P.M., Lillecrap S.W., Johns J.W., Crossman P.M. Treasurer, Henwood P.M. Secretary, Walters S.D., Kelly J.D., Trehane I.G., Oliver D.C., Mitchell and Collings Stewards, Oliver Tyler, and Henwood Steward to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. At the conclusion of the business the brethren dined together at the Ship Hotel, the W.M. presided, and a very pleasant evening was spent, being interspersed with songs and recitations by Bros. Henwood, Perry, Jago, and others.

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QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

A MEETING of this Lodge took place on Friday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present—Bros. R. F. Gould P.G.D. W.M., W. Simpson S.W., Major Pratt, Royal Artillery, J.W., G. W. Speth Secretary, W. M. Bywater G. Sword Bearer S.D., Professor T. Hayter Lewis J.D., Dr. W. W. Westcott I.G., W. H. Rylands G. Steward, Rev. W. M. Heath P.G.C., John Read, F. A. Powell, D. P. Cama P.G. Treasurer, C. L. Mason, G. H. Kenning, P. L. Simmonds, C. Kupferschmidt, Rev. A. E. Woodward, and E. J. Castle. After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been duly confirmed, the W.M. delivered the following address:—

BRETHREN,—The first thought that will occur to our minds on assembling here to-day is a sense of the great loss the Lodge has sustained in the death of our beloved Bro. Woodford. This, indeed, is a heavy blow to us, though at the same time we shall, one and all, derive a melancholy satisfaction from the reflection that our deceased brother was spared to us until the success of this Lodge of Masonic students has been placed beyond the region of controversy or denial. In it he has been a prominent figure, and the sorrow which is felt to-night by those of us who have been regular attendants at our stated meetings, can hardly be expressed in words, and is best indicated by the manner in which the remarks it is my duty to make on the present occasion are listened to by the Lodge, viz., in a silence that is far more expressive than actual speech. Our brother was not only the oldest Mason, but also the oldest author in the Lodge, and it is as the *doyen* of British Masonic writers, that he has been affectionately regarded by his fellow members of the Quatuor Coronati. Bro. Hughan and myself have been spoken of as forming, in some sort, together with our dear brother whose loss we deplore, a kind of triad, as having been fellow labourers in the field of Masonic literature, a little before we were joined by various other brethren in this Lodge. Certain it is, however, that when two of us disagreed in Fraternal controversy, both disputants were in the habit of appealing to the remaining brother of the triple tie. The cord which united us has now been snapped by the death of Bro. Woodford, but the *two* who were left have placed on record, one in the *Freemason*, and the other in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, the estimation in which they *know* our late brother was regarded in this country, and, as they *believe*, throughout the Masonic world. These obituary notices having already attained circulation in the Craft, I pass over the leading incidents of our brother's Masonic career, which are there fully narrated, and shall next relate that during the last days he spent on earth, his interest in Masonry, and in this Lodge never flagged. The night before his death he read a portion of the second part of our Transactions, and thus it may be said that Ars Quatuor Coronatorum was his last reading in life. Of this Lodge also he spoke much during the same night, and expressed to those about him the great affection he entertained for its members. How that feeling was reciprocated I shall not put into words, for it will come home to every breast. Just a word in conclusion. Our late brother was one time in the army, and there are several among us who either follow or have followed the same calling. An allusion to military customs, therefore, will not be out of place. It is the habit in warfare, when casualties occur, for the survivors to close up their ranks and press on. We have lost a good man and worthy brother, but the best compliment we can pay to his memory, is to close up our ranks and press on, towards the realisation of those hopes, in which there was no more sanguine believer than the excellent and highly cultured Freemason who was so recently in our midst. Bro. Woodford may be said to have died in harness, and the point is worthy of our attention, as a Masonic generation is usually a very short one, and the instances are few where we find a veteran of forty-five years' standing in the Craft continuing to work with all the vigour and enthusiasm of youth. Brethren, may we all in like manner continue to labour for the same cause until we shall be summoned in turn to the Grand Lodge above; and when our places here know us no more, let us hope that others may be ready, qualified and instructed by our example, to continue the work. So that it may be said—"The workmen die, but the work goes on."

The Reports of the Special Committee on the Lodge Library, and of the Permanent and Audit Committee were then considered and adopted, the W.M. however, bringing up with the latter a subsequent recommendation, that in consequence of the vast labour entailed upon the Secretary through the increasing number of the Outer Circle, and the enormous correspondence thereby imposed upon him, the sum of £10 should be voted to Bro. Speth from each of the two funds, Lodge and Correspondence Circle, which proposal being seconded by the S.W., was carried nem. con. Bro. H. J. Whymper P. Deputy D.G.M. Panjaub was elected a joining member of the Lodge, and 39 brethren (and Lodges) were admitted into the Correspondence Circle, which the Secretary announced, had reached a grand total of 195 members, within the first eleven months of its institution. The Secretary reported many additions to the Lodge Library, which included several rare and valuable works, presented by Bro. D. P. Cama Past Grand Treasurer, to whom, being present in Lodge, the W.M. expressed the cordial thanks of the members, and their satisfaction in seeing him so often among them. Bro. William Simpson S.W. then read the paper of the evening, the subject selected for treatment being "The Threefold Division of Temples," a topic upon which the lecturer is a well known authority, and proving therefore of great interest to his audience. At the termination of the lecture, a short discussion took place upon it, after which the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE, No. 72.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday evening, 2nd inst., at its headquarters, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, in the presence of a large number of members and visiting brethren. The ceremony was performed in a very able and efficient manner by the I.P.M., Bro. Williams, who formally inducted Brother Stokes into the chair of K.S. The customary proclamation and salutes having been made, the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. Abrahams S.W., Lowcock J.W., Dunn Treasurer, Birch Secretary, Russell S.D., Reid J.D., Braham I.G., Bate D.C., Horton A.D.C., Williams W.S., Bridger A.W.S., Morris Assistant Secretary, and Rawles Tyler. A very pleasant incident then took place—namely, the presentation of a portrait to the I.P.M., which was suitably acknowledged. A banquet followed.

BEDFORD CHAPTER, No. 282.

THE annual convocation of this Chapter was held on Wednesday the 4th inst., at the Abbey, Tavistock. The Comps. the Principals elect were installed, W. L. Sampson as Z., T. Chapman H., I. Roskelly J. The installing officer was Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. Comp. Z. invested the following Officers:—Comps. Northway I.P.Z., Drew S.E., Symons S.N., Squires P.S., Coward 1st A.S., Darton 2nd A.S., Richards Treas., Coward Regis., Walker D.C., Gill S.B., Nicholls St.B., Hardy Janitor.

KING EDWIN CHAPTER, No. 660.

THE annual installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Malton, on Tuesday, the 10th instant. The three Principals were duly installed by Companion John Marshall, and the M.E.Z. afterwards invested the other Officers, the list for the year being as follows:—Comps. Goldie M.E.Z., Nicholls H., Buckle J., Walker Treasurer, Lucas Scribe E., Rev. W. G. Chilman Scribe N., Metcalfe P.S., Tinsley 1st A.S., Staniland 2nd A.S., Williamson D.C., Marshall Organist, Marshall S.B., Stockdale Janitor.

FOWEY LODGE, No. 977.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Fowey, on Monday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. Rilston was installed by Bro. Luke. The W.M. invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Patteson Davis I.P.M., Denison S.W., Andrew J.W., Isbell S.D., Williams J.D., Cossentine Secretary, Durant Treasurer, Kendall P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Mitchell I.G., Martin Organist, Denison S.S., Hawker J.S., Gale Director of Ceremonies, Graham Tyler. At an emergency meeting previously, three gentlemen were admitted to the first degree. The annual banquet was held at Bro. Ovendon's Railway Hotel, where a number of brethren sat down to a most excellent repast. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

COLNE VALLEY LODGE, No. 1645.

ON Wednesday afternoon, the 28th ult., the brethren of this Lodge met at the Lodge Rooms, Britannia-road, Slaithwaite, to instal the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. R. R. Armitage was installed by Bro. John Shaw. After the installation Bro. R. R. Armitage W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. George Henry Walker I.P.M., David Shaw S.W., Godfrey Woodhead J.W., John White S.D., John Hirst J.D., Joseph Crowther P.M. Treasurer, John Hoyrod Secretary, James Johnstone I.G., G. E. Taylor Tyler, E. Dean Charity Member, John Gledhill D.C., William Sykes C.S., G. Woodhead R.P., and J. S. Walker Almoner. The Festival of St. John was celebrated in the dining-room after the closing of the Lodge. There was a large number of brethren present.

BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

THE first monthly meeting in the new year of this Lodge, which was held on Monday, 2nd inst., was availed of by the members to present their I.P.M., Brother S. H. Ellis, a testimonial of the esteem in which he is held and appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the Lodge, especially in occupying the chair for two years in succession. The presentation, which took the form of a Past Master's jewel, was made by the W.M. Brother Shawyer, in flattering terms; and Bro. Ellis, in acknowledging it, said he felt the brethren had given him more than he deserved. He could not find words to express how much he appreciated their kind and valuable gift, which would be handed down to his children as a precious heirloom. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to W. Bro. S. H. Ellis, P.P.G.Std.B., by the Brethren of the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, as a token of their recognition of the able manner he discharged the duties of Master for two successive years. January 2nd 1888."

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present:—Bros. Stockhall W.M., Garrud S.W., Dearing J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Marks J.D., Marks I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fowler acting as candidate. Bro. Collingridge, offering as candidate to be passed to the second degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first. Bro. Garrud was elected W.M. for Monday next.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Watch the Weather.—This is perhaps the best counsel that could be circulated at this season. Will all follow it? Will everyone change his raiment as the temperature varies? The next best advice is, to have in readiness a box of Holloway's Pills, and with them to oppose the first instruction, or stop the advancing symptoms of disease. No cold, catarrh, or cough should be left to itself; either may lay the foundation to danger, if not indemnified by suitable means, and none can surpass Holloway's for efficacy. Hay Fever, Asthma, Diarrhœa, and a host of other complaints, wearing the weak and delicate, when the day is hot, with cool mornings and evenings, are cured by Holloway's medicine.

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BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards 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 the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

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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, 16th January 1888, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution:

To consider the following Notice of Motion:—

By Bro. John L. Mather, V. Patron, Chairman of the Joint Committee on alteration of dates of elections:

"To alter Law 29, by substituting the words 'last Friday' for the words 'Monday immediately following the second Saturday,' in accordance with the recommendation in the report of such Committee adopted by the Quarterly Court in October 1887."

To consider and, if approved, to adopt a recommendation from the General Committee that "Fifteen boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, 16th April 1888, from an approved list of 65 candidates."

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

By Order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (V. Pat., P.G. Std., P.G. Sword Bearer),
Secretary.

Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
7th January 1888.

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VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P.,

R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Devon,

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The case is strongly recommended by the brethren of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, and by

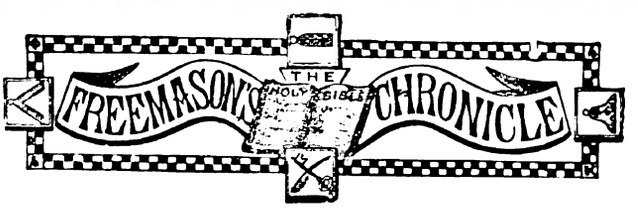
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CONSECRATION OF THE ST. GEORGE LODGE, No. 303.

THE new Lodge of St. George of Mark Master Masons, No. 303, was consecrated on Friday, the 6th inst., in Sincerity Lodge-room, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. The handsome Lodge-room presented an attractive appearance. It is four years since St. George's Craft Lodge was founded, on temperance principles, and it has been remarkably successful. A Royal Arch Chapter was opened two years ago in connection with St. George, and on the 6th inst. a Mark Lodge was consecrated. Bro. H. Stocker 18° P.P.G.J.W. P.G. Sec., who travelled a considerable distance to be present, congratulated the brethren of the new Lodge on having such a large and influential number. The ceremony of consecration was ably performed, and the proceedings passed off most successfully. The brethren of St. George's Lodge are to be heartily congratulated on the excellent arrangements made under the direction of Bro. F. Cronsh, whose Masonic zeal and ability are well known. Bro. Carty, who presided at the organ, deserves a word of praise for his work. At 2:30 p.m the Lodge was opened, Bro. J. Gidley P.M. 169 P.G.T. acting as W.M., Bros. James Gifford S.W. designate as S.W. S. Jew as J.W., R. Dickson as M.O., A. Trout as S.O., Brickwood as J.O., H. Longmead as S.D., J. J. Facey as J.D., George Gurney as I.G., J. H. Carter as Organist, Rev T. W. Lemon, M.A., as Chaplain, and J. Hiffey as I.P.M. Six brethren were advanced to the degree. Shortly after 3.30 p.m. Bros. Charles Spence Bate, F.R.S., D.P.G.M., Vincent Bird P. G.M.O. England, Rev. T. W.

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Lemon, M.A., P.G. Chaplain England, Josiah Austin 18° P.G.D. England, F. Crouch P.G.D. England, D. Cross 18° G. Steward England, and H. Stocker 18° P.P.G.J.W. P.G. Secretary, formed a procession to the Lodge-room, and were received with grand honours by the brethren. The first part of the anthem having been sung the founders of the Lodge were arranged in order. The D.P.G.M. then addressed the founders on the nature of the meeting, pledging them to obey the laws and constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and delivered a short address on their duties to Masonry generally and themselves in particular. The P.G. Secretary then read the petition of the brethren, saying that although there was a Mark Lodge in connection with Lodge Sincerity, the brethren wished to have a Mark Lodge of their own, conducted entirely on temperance principles—that had been their guiding aim in connection with St. George's Craft Lodge and Arch Chapter. The warrant having been read, the brethren signified their approval of the Officers named in the petition and warrant. The second part of the anthem was sung, followed by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., giving the first part of the consecration prayer. The brethren having all turned towards the east, the Consecrating Officer gave the invocation. The pedestal was then uncovered, and the Consecrating Officers carried the cornucopia with corn and the ewers with wine, oil, and salt four times round the Lodge, the brethren singing a special hymn. The Officers halted each round in the east, and strewed corn, the emblem of plenty; poured wine, the emblem of joy and happiness; poured oil, the emblem of peace; and strewed salt, the emblem of fidelity; grand honours being given three, five, seven, and nine times. The anthem "Glory be to God on High" was chanted, and the Grand Chaplain carried the censer three times round the Lodge, the brethren singing "Supreme Grand Master, God of Power." At the conclusion the censer was placed on the pedestal, and the Grand Chaplain then gave the second portion of the consecration prayer, during which the W.M. Designate deposited the working tools on the pedestal. The Grand Chaplain offered up the prayer of dedication, and the Consecrating Officer then declared the Lodge duly consecrated and dedicated, and pronounced the final benediction. The anthem "Glory be to God on High" having been sung, grand honours were given nine times. Bro. Geo. R. Barrett was then installed in the chair of King Solomon, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. F. Crouch. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the W.M. invested his Officers for the year ensuing, as follow:—Bros. Crouch I.P.M., Gifford S.W., Bond J.W., Brickwood M.O., Pengelly S.O, Carty J.O., Davies Treasurer, Reynolds Registrar, Griffin Secretary, Weale S.D., Withell J.D., Townsend D.C., Wells I.G., Taylor S.S., Peake J.S., Mussell J.S., Gidley Tyler. The W.M., in giving the collars to his principal Officers, acknowledged with thankfulness the great kindness and help he had received at their hands, especially from Bros. Crouch, Brickwood, and Pengelly. Bro. Stocker having to leave to catch his train, the W.M. thanked him on behalf of the brethren for his attendance and assistance. Bro. Stocker acknowledged the compliment, and congratulated the Lodge on starting under such auspicious circumstances. The W.M. then addressed the brethren, remarking how successful St. George's Craft Lodge and Chapter had been. He was thankful to the brethren for electing him unanimously as W.M., and was exceedingly proud of his position. He moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officer and others who assisted that day. Bro. Gifford seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Spence Bate, in returning thanks, said the brethren had taken a particular line to work their Lodge, and had been rewarded with success. He heartily wished them success in their latest venture, and in commemoration of that day would appoint Bro. Barrett as P.G.S.O. The W.M. and brethren of the new Lodge having received the congratulations of the brethren, the Lodge was closed. In the evening the brethren dined together at Bro. H. Matthews's restaurant, in Bedford Street.

THE DISINFECTION AND DEODORIZATION OF SEWAGE GAS AND SEWAGE.

THE inhabitants of the Metropolis are only just recovering from a long and tedious epidemic of scarlet fever, and now we are told by the Metropolitan Asylums Board that we are to be visited by that still more dreaded scourge smallpox. This statement is in some measure corroborated by the stringent warnings lately issued by the Board of Health, in anticipation of such an occurrence, and also in anticipation of an outbreak of typhoid fever. In view of such a catastrophe occurring, everything it is possible to do should be done, if not to prevent it, at least to render the epidemic as ineffectual as possible. It is a well known fact that among the principal causes of such outbreaks is the contamination of the water which is used for domestic purposes by sewage, and also the impregnation of the air with poisonous gases arising from the sewers. Such being the case, the question of the disinfection and deodorization of sewer gas and sewage becomes of the utmost importance. This fact has been recognised by the members of the Metropolitan Board of Works for some years past, and a large portion of their time has consequently been devoted to the solving of this difficult question. Up to the present, however, their efforts have not been met by that complete success which they have looked for. They are in fact still striving after that perfection in the deodorization of sewage that can only be obtained by a most careful and minute study of the matter, combined with that scientific knowledge and practical experience which is so indispensible in the solving of so difficult a question. Mr. R. Harris Reeve, of the firm Harris Reeve and Co., 107 New Oxford Street, W.C., has shown himself to have been, to a considerable extent, possessed of these qualities. He has in fact invented and patented an automatic apparatus for disinfecting and deodorizing sewer gas and sewage, which after severe tests has been found to be a complete success. The apparatus, which is of simple construction, combines chemicals which act simultaneously on the gas present in sewers and escaping from sewer ventilators, and on the sewage itself. This result is brought about as follows:—The apparatus, a kind of tank, is placed over a ventilating shaft leading from a sewer. The tank is divided into three chambers, the upper one containing sulphuric acid (or its equivalent). In the second chamber are placed two trays, arranged superposed, which are divided into cells. These trays contain manganate of soda, which is dissolved by water flowing into the lower chamber from a pipe affixed for the purpose. The solution of manganate of soda flows away by a syphon tap on to a disc in the lower chamber and at the mouth of the ventilating shaft. The sulphuric acid also drops into this disc through a tap leading from the upper chamber. In this way the lower chamber is filled with sulphuric acid gas and oxygen (nascent), which are given off by the mixing of the two chemicals on the disc. Of these two gases, the former is well known to be a most complete destroyer of putrefactive and contagious organisms, and the latter is equally well known to be a perfect deodorizer. The solution formed, when the two above mentioned chemicals are brought together, consists of a liquid containing a large per centage of permanganic acid, and a small quantity of sulphuric acid, which overflows into the sewers from the chamber where the mixture takes place. The sewer gas, passing up the ventilating shaft, has to traverse the chamber containing the gases given off by the chemicals, and escapes by round holes in the side of the chamber into the man-hole, and by the grating into the street. In passing through the chamber, however, it is effectually disinfected and divested of all contagious organisms by the chemicals, and is in consequence rendered harmless. On the other hand, the overflow of the powerfully oxidizing solution of sulphuric and permanganic acids into the sewer destroys more or less effectually the offensive character of the sewage, changing it into an inoffensive liquid. The amount, or degree of sewage disinfectant, of course, entirely depends upon the quantity of liquid allowed to flow through the apparatus. The disinfectant is, as a matter of fact, under complete control, and may be greater or less, according to the time of year, the volume, or the nature of the sewage. One grain of permanganate of soda per gallon of sewage, of good strength, is sufficient for deodorizing the sewage flowing through a drain or sewer, but with weak sewage less would be required. The best results, however, are attained by so arranging the sulphuric acid tap that a sewage fifty yards below is still slightly acid; but if it is required to entirely deodorize the flowing sewage, much more acid must of necessity be added. Five of the apparatus have been put down in Friar-street, St. George's. It is, perhaps, one of the worst streets within the Metropolitan area, owing to the tan yards, slaughter houses, and such like establishments which are adjacent to it, and which discharge their refuse into the sewer. The street is also densely populated, and in previous years the fever hospitals had a larger per centage of patients from this quarter, owing to the impregnation of the air with poisonous gases. For years eminent engineers have turned their attention in this direction with a view of dispelling the sickening odours arising from the sewers, but hitherto they have been unsuccessful. Mr. Harris Reeve's patent automatic apparatus has, however, had the desired effect, and all who are interested in the work are more than satisfied with the result. Mr. Harris Reeve's apparatus will also shortly be put down at Dover, and if approved, as doubtless it will be, will be laid down in all the barracks. At Frome, in Somersetshire, the whole town is now supplied with them, and during the twelve months they have been working there, the street ventilators of the sewers have never given the least offence, which they had always done before. The effluent from the tanks there is clear, quite odourless, and fulfils the ordinary test for purity. The deposit in the tanks at the outlet of the sewers is also devoid of smell, and is most valuable for manure. At Ryde, Newport, Isle of Wight, Willesden, St. Andrews, Wells Street, Tottenham, Marylebone, Southwark, and at other places Mr. Harris Reeve's apparatus is also at work, with a like satisfactory result. The system has many advantages; it purifies the sewer gas and sewage simultaneously; it compares favourably as regards expense with any other method or combination of methods that have yet been introduced; it is automatic in action, and only requires attention at periods of three, four, or more weeks; the chemicals have no action on the pottery of which the apparatus is made, besides which it has many advantages in the way of simplicity of construction and action. The apparatus can also be used with equal success in houses, and is made in suitable sizes, the gases emanating from the drains being rendered absolutely innocuous. The system is, without a doubt, the most perfect that has yet been placed before us, and in dismissing the subject we cannot do better than quote the words with which Dr. Wynter Blythe, M.R.C.S., who has thoroughly tested the apparatus, concludes his report:—"The principle of the process is chemically correct, and without the apparatus is efficient, and is capable of deodorizing and disinfecting the sewer air and sewage."

Bro. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P. for Preston, is to be the first Worshipful Master of The Old Westminsters Lodge, No. 2233, which is to be consecrated on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, London. Membership of the Lodge is to be confined to old scholars of Westminster. The Grand Secretary of England, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, will consecrate the Lodge and instal the Master. Bros. R. J. Mare will be the first Senior Warden, Wakley jun. Junior Warden, and Hyde-Clarke jun. the Secretary.

Bro. F. W. Willett has succeeded Bro. W. Jones Lane as W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 127.

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THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

IT is worthy of notice that a leading Provincial paper, the *Liverpool Courier*, should have occasion during the present week to devote a large portion of its space to the doings of one of the Masonic Charities outside London, to which we referred in our last issue. The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution has frequently been referred to in our pages, and we have much pleasure in recording its more recent doings. Our contemporary writes as follows:—

For thirty-nine years has the annual ball held in aid of this Institution been an acknowledged fixture amongst the members of the Craft in Liverpool and neighbourhood. Its success has been fitful. Time was when the annual fixture created not only considerable hubbub and pleasurable expectation amongst Freemasons and their fair Masonic friends, but was looked forward to by no small portion of the outside public. Subsequently the ball languished, and became what in the peculiar phraseology of our time is known as a "so-and-so affair," until three seasons ago, when a spirited and successful attempt was made to bring back the old prestige by presenting the Earl of Lathom, the G. Master of this Province of West Lancashire, with his full length portrait in the Council Chamber, immediately prior to the commencement of the dance. The gathering since then has seemed to have obtained a fresh lease of popularity, and there is no reason why the ball for 1888, which took place in the Town Hall, should, in a pecuniary sense, be less successful than its immediate predecessor, which resulted in nearly £270 being handed over to Brother J. T. Callow P.P.G.T., the Hon. Treasurer of the "West Lancashire Masonic." A glance at the last issued report of this excellent Institution may not be without interest. The income from donations and subscriptions for the year 1886 amounted to £1,051 15s 7d, and this sum, with various additions, the largest of which was £725 4s 7d, interest on invested capital and cash at bankers, was increased to £1,925 10s 8d, being a decrease of £397 9s 5d, compared with the previous year. The larger proportion of this decrease might be attributed to the fact that 22 Lodges did not return a single subscription during the year, while at the same time there was paid on behalf of the children of deceased brethren of some of those Lodges no less a sum than £353 9s 10d, generosity on the part of the Committee that ought at once to commend itself to the members of those backward Lodges. During the year 189 children participated in the benefits of the Institution at a cost of £1,663 11s 1d, and since the previous annual report was issued forty-nine children have been elected upon the foundation and twenty-seven have completed their education to commence the active duties of life. At the close of the year 174 children remained on the foundation, and owing to the fact that there are no buildings, servants, attendants, or salaried officers to support (the work of education being carried on in whatever school may be selected by the friends of successful candidates), the cost of administration only amounted to £62 14s 6d., being merely the cost of printing and postage. The invested funds represent £19,526 17s 11d., and at the end of 1886 there was a balance in the bank of £3,675 4s 6d. Shortly after nine o'clock dancing was started in the two large ballrooms to the strains of Bro. Fred. Duncanson's bands, the attendance then being fairly large. The bulk of the company, however, had not arrived until ten o'clock, when, as the brethren present appeared in full regalia, and those who were fortunate enough to possess them wore the insignia of their rank and office in the Craft, the *ensemble* was both picturesque and imposing. Bro. H. M. Molyneux P.P.G.D.C. officiated as Master of the Ceremonies, and the refreshments and supper were provided by Bro. T. Wood, of Bold-street. The Mayor received the visitors at the head of the grand staircase, and was assisted in the performance of what he made a very genial task by Bro. E. Segar, Chairman of the Ball Committee. By half-past ten there were between 500 and 600 ladies and gentlemen present. The general arrangements were managed by a strong Committee, the Officers of which were Bros. the Earl of Lathom President, Lord Stanley of Preston Vice-President, E. Segar P.M. 32 Chairman, W. E. Coxon P.M. 1,675 Vice-Chairman; J. H. Tyson P.M. 1162 Treasurer, and R. H. Leake I.G. 1517 Hon. Secretary.

SPECIAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

AT a special meeting of this Province, held at Maidstone, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Earl Amherst, the following promotions were made in honour of the Queen's Jubilee:—

Bro. George Adamson	...	Past Prov. Grand Senior Warden
William Russell	...	ditto
Charles Holttum	...	ditto
William Mate	...	ditto
Major Harpur	...	Past Prov. Grand Junior Warden
Henry Stock	...	ditto
Alfred Wootton	...	ditto
Captain William John Blakey		ditto
Edmund Coste	...	Past Prov. Grand Registrar
Joseph Henry Jewell	...	ditto
Noah Martin ...	...	Past Prov. Grand Senior Deacon
Alexander Spears	...	ditto
Captain William A. Weston		ditto
John Amos Bates	...	ditto

MASONIC BALL AT EYE.

IN the Province of Suffolk no Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons has of late years done more to earn the good report of the fairer portion of the community—by the eternal fitness of things precluded from participating in the mystic ceremonies of the Craft—than the Hartismere Lodge, No. 1663. Founded just eleven years ago by the present Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Lord Henniker, from whom it derives its name, the Hartismere Lodge, as early as 1880 gave evidence of that enterprise, worthy of imitation amongst the other Lodges of the Province, which has established the Masonic ball at Eye as one of the most popular institutions of the festive season. The eighth annual ball, held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Corn Exchange, was universally pronounced to be the most successful ever given. The attendance was considerably in excess of that of the last year or two, upwards of 130 tickets having been issued. Exceptional *éclat* was given to the assembly by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master in full regalia. His lordship was accompanied by a large party from Thornham Hall, and the ball was also honoured with the presence of the Right Hon. Lady Bateman and a party from Oakley Park. The decorations of the ball-room had been the especial care of the Misses Woolnough and Mr. H. F. Woolnough, whose labours were crowned with complete success. The banner of the Lodge was displayed at one end of the room, near to the recently added medallion of the late Sir Edward Kerrison. The walls were covered with festoons and mirrors, and the general appearance of the room was very pretty. More important than this, the floor although a trifle "sticky" to start with, soon got into fine condition, and fully satisfied the most fastidious of the "dancing men" present. The room began to fill soon after nine o'clock, and before the third dance was reached, presented a brilliant scene. Several of the distinguished Masons present were wearing the purple of the Province, the Officers of the Lodge wore their collars, and all the Brethren appeared in Craft dress. The Officers of the Eye (Sixth West Suffolk) Volunteers were in uniform, and the contrast presented by the dresses of the ladies completed the picture. We regret that our powers of description are inadequate to doing justice to this department. Dancing was at once started with an extra valse, but in looking through the programme it occurs to us Eye is a little behind the times in the matter of square dances. Nine is surely a very full allowance, and we fancy that had three or four of the quadrilles been replaced by valses, no one would have regretted the alteration. Soon after ten the Oakley Park party arrived, and at once joined in the dancing. Half an hour later the Provincial Grand Master entered the room, which was by this time quite full. Every one who goes to the Eye ball goes with the full determination of enjoying himself or herself. The dancing is always of the most spirited character; there is plenty of variety of style, but nothing that would come under the category of a "crawl." On Friday the gentlemen were slightly in the majority, so that in the round dances there was rarely a lady sitting out. A word of special commendation is due to Mr. W. Fletcher Darling's band, which played throughout the evening with excellent taste, and gave to the valse music especially perfection of time and rhythm. Supper was served shortly after midnight, the company being divided into two parties. The *cuisine* was in the hands of Mrs. Rosling, of the White Lion Hotel, who fully maintained her reputation as a caterer. Before the second party left the supper room, Bro. H. Goby, the Mayor of Eye, in a brief speech proposed the Health of the W.M., Bro. W. T. Phillips, who, in responding, referred to the great energy and tact displayed by Bro. Francis Woodnagh in making the ball such a grand success. The gallant Major's health was drunk with enthusiasm, and dancing was continued without flagging until after four o'clock on Saturday morning.—*East Anglian Daily Times.*

At the meeting of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, held at the Albion, Aldersgate street, London, on Tuesday last, under the presidency of Bro. Frederick T. Bennett, Bro. Alexander Dickson S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months; Bro. Alfred Green P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. The installation meeting will take place on the second Tuesday in February.

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MARLBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1620.

THE annual investiture of Officers in connection with the above-named Lodge was held on the 4th inst., in Derby Hall, Tuebrook, in the presence of between seventy and eighty brethren. The Marlborough, which is one of the comparatively few Lodges that meet elsewhere than in the Hope-street Temple, has long had the reputation of being a thriving branch of the Craft, and its roll contains the names of many gentlemen well known in mercantile pursuits and in the learned professions. At the opening of the proceedings, the retiring W.M., Bro. Richard Stirzaker, was supported by Bros. Dr. Henry Pitts I.P.M., Richard Armitage, Henry Hindle, Dr. John Henderson, T. Delamere, Hy. Jones, Dr. O. E. B. Limrick S.W., W. J. B. Pitts J.W., Luke Bagnall Treasurer, Thos. Airey Secretary, Hy. Peers J.D., John Stubbs acting I.G., E. T. Ingham D.C., John Gresham and Wm. Naylor Stewards, Jas. P. Bryan Organist, R. Neville Tyler. A numerous company of visitors was also present. After certain general business had been transacted, Bro. Dr. Limrick W.M. elect was presented for installation by Bros. Dr. Pitts and Hindle, and the ceremony was performed in a highly efficient manner by Brother Stirzaker. Subsequently the W.M. invested the undermentioned Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Stirzaker I.P.M., Pitts S.W., Airey J.W., Bagnall Treasurer (re-elected), Peers Sec., Ingham D.C. (re-appointed), Bryan Organist (re-appointed), Stubbs S.D., Gresham J.D., Naylor I.G., Gilchrist S.Stwd., Brebner J.Stwd., Tarbuck and Doeherty Assist.Stwds., Neville Tyler. The Treasurer's report showed the Lodge to be in a prosperous condition. At various intervals during the ceremony a beautiful choral programme was rendered by Bros. D. J. Davies, D. T. Jones, D. Williams, O. J. Rowlands, and T. Largher. After the Lodge had been closed the brethren dined together on the premises.

CHINE LODGE, No. 1884.

ON Thursday, the 29th ult., a meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanklin. The W.M., Dr. Greenham, presided, and the visitors included Dr. Carter W.M. of the East Medina Lodge, and members of that and the Albany Lodge. After some preliminary business, including the election of Bro. Cooper as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the re-election of Bro. Newman as representative on the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, the W.M. called on Dr. Dabbs to unveil the Chine Lodge Jubilee memorial, consisting of a handsome marble tablet, about seven feet high, framed with richly carved oak, bearing the names of those who contributed to the liquidation of the debt of £200 on the building. Dr. Dabbs, in unveiling the memorial, said he fully appreciated the covert compliment that underlay their choice of the first W.M. for this honourable distinction. He was sure he was right in describing it as much a compliment to his literary ambition as to his Masonic fitness. It was always his pet hope that any power he might evince as a dramatist might be exerted first of all to raise funds for the beautifying of the Lodge he helped to found in Shanklin. With his first success he should always remember his friend Bro. Greenham. He might in the future have other coadjutors, but he was quite certain he should have none more sympathetic, kindly, or hard-working. He might in the future have other successes, but no success would be sweeter to him than that of the Isle of Wight comedy-drama played before an Island audience for an Island Lodge. Bros. Young, Raynes, Newman, Bailey, and Rayner paid high tributes to the ability and zeal of the W.M., and heartily congratulated him on the realisation of the project of the Jubilee memorial, and an entry to that effect was ordered to be made on the minutes. The W.M., in responding, said the cost of the Jubilee memorial had been entirely defrayed out of the receipts of the performance of Dr. Dabb's first play at Shanklin. A photograph of the tablet had been forwarded to the Queen, and a very kind acknowledgment had been received from General Sir Henry Ponsonby. On behalf of the Lodge he asked Dr. Dabbs's acceptance of the handsome jewel he had in his hand, as a slight token of their regard for his worth and services. Dr. Dabbs, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to accept as an enduring memorial of their affection the handsome presentation they had so surprised him by making. A handsome picture of the Chine, with Masonic emblems in the foreground, was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Middleton, who was warmly thanked by the W.M.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 3rd inst., at the Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, under the presidency of Bro. John P. Houghton W.M., who was supported by Bros. E. Dare S.W., H. Sapsworth J.W., W. Forster Reynolds P.M. Treasurer, George C. Rowland Secretary, J. M. Margeson S.D., Albert Crew J.D., H. Messum D.C., A. Aldin I.G., W. C. Rainbow Organist; B. E. Blasby P.M., C. I. Digby P.M., W. R. Phillips I.P.M., T. Covell and J. Aldridge Stewards, T. G. Mitchell Tyler, and a large number of other members of the Lodge, together with the following Visitors:—Bros. Harling 975, Pocock 1558, Keely 1216, Coombs 780, Johnson 975, Hilton 780, Mason 309, Curtius 2150, Lansdowne 1541. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. Wilson was duly raised. Lodge having been lowered, the ballot was brought into requisition on behalf of two gentlemen, who were candidates for initiation, Mr. John Richard West, proposed by Bro. Hester, and seconded by Bro. Reynolds P.M. Treasurer; and Mr. James Tulloch, proposed by Bro. Walker, and seconded by Bro. Phillips I.P.M. These two gentlemen were admitted to the benefits of Masonic light, and other business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, the customary toasts being honoured.

Bro. W. S. Gillard P.M. 1168 P.G.D. Dorset has been elected W.M. of the Brotherly Love Lodge for the ensuing year.

The regular meeting of the General Committee and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, Bro. J. L. Mather in the chair. There were also present Bros. Stephen Richardson, T. Hastings Miller, Q.C., Alfred Williams, G. Bolton, H. Massey, F. Adlard, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), Raynham W. Stewart, Chas. F. Hogard, W. Maple, Charles Belton, W. A. Scurrah, W. Paas, Geo. P. Gillard, Dudley Rolls, James Moon, H. Venn, George Mickley, Richard Eve Grand Treasurer, Alfred Bryant, J. G. Dale, and F. Binckes Secretary. Fifteen petitions were investigated, and the candidates placed on the list for the April election. There are now 65 candidates for the benefits of the School, with but 15 vacancies. Notice was given of motions for the next Quarterly Court, on the 16th inst. The customary compliment was paid to the Chairman.

The brethren of Hastings appear to be making the most strenuous exertions to secure the success of their Masonic ball which is to be held on the 18th inst., and we wish them all the good things they wish for themselves in connection with it. The Royal Concert Hall has been secured for the occasion, and it is anticipated that in addition to the brethren of the mystic tie there will be a large attendance of local gentry. The more the merrier, say we, especially as the profits are to be expended in the cause of charity—the R.M. Institution for Girls being on this occasion the object to which the surplus is to be devoted. Last year, says a local contemporary, there appeared to be a large company present, and yet the amount secured by the ball did not exceed £20. This year the committee start with the experience gained then, and a considerable saving in the expenses is looked forward to, thus giving promise of a larger surplus. We can only hope these expectations may be realised, and that all who attend may thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Notwithstanding that the Isle of Wight has, literally speaking, been cut off from intercourse with the surrounding districts by King Fog during the past few days, there was a large attendance of brethren at the Annual Festival of the Medina Lodge, No. 35, at Cowes, on Thursday. Bro. F. Rutland P.G. Organist was installed as W.M. by Bro. Faulkner P.M. P.P.J.G.W. A full report will appear in our next issue.

Langton Lodge of Instruction, No 1673.—The annual Festival of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the White Hart Abchurch-lane, E.C., on Thursday, the 15th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Joseph Langton P.M. and Treasurer of Langton Lodge, under whose sanction this Lodge of Instruction works. The following members were present:—Bros. T. Houlton Bishop J.W. 1965, James S. Fraser P.M. 174, F. Knight 1185, H. M. Hobbs P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, George Anderson P.G.S. P.M. 60, E. M. Morriss P.M. 1965, G. F. Marshall P.M. 69, Gordon Smith W.M. 2041, R. Clay Sudlow P.P.G.S.D. Kent, C. W. C. Webb P.M. 1397, Joseph D. Langton P.M. 1673 P.P.G.J.W. Surrey, William F. Canston P.M. 1726 I.G. 162, J. Holden 2096, W. G. Goode S.D. 2096, W. Mapleton J.D. 256, Bernard Gardner 69, L. Percival 2096, Maitland H. Dicker 1470, Geo. C. Dent 176, G. D. H. Vaizey 176, Graham Buckley 1415, T. Burne I.P.M. 162. An excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Anderson, through whose kindness the Lodge of Instruction has met for some years at the above address. After dinner the Chairman gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The toast of the Lodge of Instruction was responded to by the Preceptors, Bros. Hobbs, Marshall and Burne. The health of the Chairman was proposed by Bro. Langton jun., who, in the name of the members of the Lodge, thanked him for the services rendered by him as Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, and for his kindness in presiding on that evening. The Chairman, in responding, expressed his great pleasure at being present and congratulated the Lodge on its success, and particularly in the direction of charity. The toast of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement followed, to which Bro. Sudlow responded, and in the course of his remarks referred to the fact that he was for some years the Preceptor of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, and mentioned how gratified he was to see the Lodge flourishing, and offered to give any assistance he could to the Preceptors. The Secretaries Bros. Burne and J. D. Langton having responded to their health, Bro. Anderson replied for the toast of the honorary members. During the evening songs were given by Bros. Sudlow, Dickes and others. Before the Festival took place a meeting of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association was held, the chair being taken by the President, Bro. Joseph Langton, when four ballots for Life Governorship were drawn. The Association having now completed half its term, the Secretary, Bro. Gordon Smith, read a statement from which it appeared that the sum of £720 had been collected, and that it was estimated that at its conclusion over £1,400 would have been handed over to the three Charities.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 14th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In.)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst.)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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 Street, W., at 8
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 16th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, 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.
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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
1707—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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)
1001—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.)
2060—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
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
339—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gittesford
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
931—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1090—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
1429—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1969—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, Devonport Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Ball Hotel, Preston
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 17th JANUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
29—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
45—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-street, Bloomsbury, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lombard-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—Doric, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Accrington-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, Canonbury 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.C.
860—Jubilee House, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
951—Finsbury, King's Head, Turnmill 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)
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)
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. (In.)
1944—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, at 8.30
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 Mourgue, 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.
R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
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, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
668—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Maidstone
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
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Newcastle, at 8. (Instruction)
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1761—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M. 286—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 18th JANUARY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall at 6
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Canonbury Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
171—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Installation)
228—United Strength, The Hope, Seven Sisters Road, Holloway, 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)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Lecture, Bartholomew-road, N. (Installation)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, George and Garter, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Lecture)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Old Kent Road
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 344 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8 (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1862—Bellenden, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1873—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1877—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1941—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, Jermyn 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. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 720—Panmure, Gordon and Gretton, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 207 Whitechapel Road, E., 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. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Sandhurst
20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Portslade
175—Rose of Memory, Masonic Hall, Jamaica-street, Hull, E.W.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
236—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Camborne
329—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, John Dalton-street, Salford
502—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Zion Hill, Upper Norwood, S.E.
528—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Nottingham, Saturday
551—Sutherland, Town Hall, Hexham
637—Zetland, 8 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
681—Faith, Dover's Inn, Openshaw
781—Lincolnshire, George Hotel, Aylesbury
802—Collingwood, King's Head Hotel, Gateshead
831—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Lancaster, at 7. (Installation)
833—Tavistock, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
873—St. John, Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, at 8. (Installation)
953—Leeds, Freemasons' Hall, Duke-street, Newcastle, Staffordshire
1708—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire

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816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1611—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1636—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
R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1360—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 19th 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
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction.)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Edmonton, at 8 (Instruction.)
913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
979—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
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., at 8. (Instruct)
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 6.30 (Inst.)
1551—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S. (Instruction.)
1671—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Street (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, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C. (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, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst.)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, 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, Half-a-Hundred Gateshead
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1532—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1612—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
2107—Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
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R.A. 219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 20th 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.
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., Tudor 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)
1054—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)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1612—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
2080—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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, S.W. (Improvement)
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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. 48—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagen and Horses Hotel, Tipton
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Longford, at 7.30. (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
841—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
863—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)
1641—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Knutsford. (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
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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, 21st JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (Inst)
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
1504—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Penangle, Tavistock, 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.)
Stuart Chapter of Improvement, Guinea, Arg-street, Regent-ss., W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thom s's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
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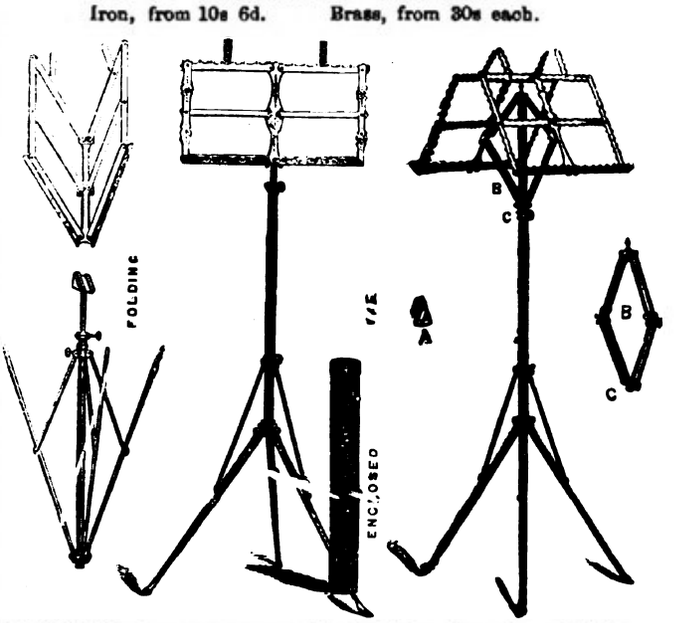
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FREEMASONRY'S GIFT TO THE UNEMPLOYED OF LONDON.

THE five hundred pounds which Grand Lodge so readily granted, on the proposition of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, towards the relief of the present distress among the deserving poor of the metropolis, was last week distributed, in accordance with the desire of the Craft, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is to be complimented on the judicious way in which he spread the amount over the area it was intended to benefit. Great difficulties must necessarily present themselves when it comes to a question of deciding how such an amount can best be spent; so many schemes having been started with the object of lessening the evil, it is hard to decide which is best, and a sum of £500 is not nearly sufficient on which to attempt independent action. As one of our evening contemporaries puts it, such amounts can scarcely count as more than drops in the ocean, when compared with the sum required for the relief of the unemployed of London; although the same journal is not unmindful of what has been done, and considers it "extremely kind of the Freemasons to send the amount, and quite in accordance with the traditional spirit of Masonic benevolence." There is not one of us who wanted even this expression of thanks, but we must feel pleasure that the efforts of the Craft, to carry its traditional spirit of benevolence outside the actual limits of the Order, is deemed worthy of this and such other notice as it has received during the last few days in the general press of the kingdom.

The £500 placed at the disposal of the Grand Master was distributed by him as follows:—

£100 to the Parks and Pleasure Gardens Fund.

50 Mansion House Poor-box Fund.

50 Guildhall Poor-box Fund.

300 (in sums of £25 each) to the Poor-boxes of the following Police courts:—(1) Bow Street, (2) Clerkenwell, (3) Greenwich and Woolwich, (4) Hammersmith and Wandsworth, (5) Lambeth, (6) Marlborough Street, (7) Marylebone, (8) Southwark, (9) Thames, (10) West Ham, (11) Westminster, (12) Worship Street.

It will thus be seen that every part of the metropolis will reap some benefit from the sum voted, and we can only hope that the, comparatively speaking, small help that Freemasonry has been able to afford may do as much good as its donors desire; further, that the example set may be followed by others, individuals as well as corporate bodies, who are equally able to make a grant for the same cause. It appears to be generally recognised that the amount of relief forthcoming this year is very far short of last year's, and no doubt much of the falling off is due to the bluster and threats of those who, erroneously we think, advised violence as the best remedy for misfortune. It is Freemasonry's mission to act charitably to all men, and as this grant for the unemployed was voted at the express desire of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, we hope it will serve as a peace-offering to smooth away the ill feeling which perhaps exists, and once more cause the well disposed to open their purse-strings on behalf of a really necessitous, if ill-advised, body of the community.

"A GOOD HEART."

"A good leg will fall; a straight back will stoop; a black beard will turn white; a curled pate will grow bald; a fair face will wither; a full eye will wax hollow; but a good heart is the sun and moon; or, rather the sun, and not the moon; for it shines bright, and never changes, but keeps his course truly."

ALTHOUGH controversy may wax warm and discussion continue, in the hope of proving the authorship of Shakspeare's plays, the fact will continue that they are the work of a master mind, and they will remain a living memorial, a monument of true greatness. What care we if fashion should decree that the revered name of Shakspeare ought to be for ever banished from our mind? The gems we have regarded as his will remain, and nothing can rob them of their beauty. The roses we have known as Shakspearian will not smell less sweet even though they be presented to us under another name; and so is it with all things which possess a merit of their own. Even humanity itself is governed by similar laws, and men of worth come to the fore, no matter in what part of the world they may find themselves. In the words of the immortal bard, quoted above, a good heart shines bright, and never changes, keeping his course truly, like that great luminary of nature to which forcible reference is made in the ritual of our Order. It is not only bright in itself, but it diffuses light and brightness on all around.

The subject of our sketch is unquestionably a man of "good heart," and although he has accomplished much in his personal dealings with those around him, and has won esteem in many quarters, the example he has set will prove of greater value to humanity, and will do honour to his deeds long after his name may be forgotten. He may not have won distinction, as recognised by the world at large, but he has done sufficient to prove the sincerity of his nature, and his desire has ever been to help those unable to help themselves. Surely such distinction, although it may be known only to the few, is to be preferred to much of the loudly-proclaimed honours conferred on far less worthy men. His avocation in life placed him in a position where many less benevolently disposed would have taken little or no interest in those around him; yet he found many opportunities of displaying his kindliness of manner, doing much to smooth away the inequalities which so often exist between the representatives of capital and labour, and continually working with a view of easing the cares, and advancing the lot of those with whom he came more directly in contact.

In Masonry we find him displaying the same good traits as unquestionably have guided him in the outer world, and the same success appears to have attended his efforts. He was initiated upwards of 40 years back, the light of Masonry having been conferred upon him in the Medina Lodge, No. 35, West Cowes, in the Isle of Wight, on the 1st June 1846. He is a Past Master of the Medina Lodge, and

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is perhaps more appreciated in the neighbourhood in which it is held than in any part where he is known. The good opinion formed of him by the members of that Lodge, so many years since, improved on more intimate acquaintance, and similar experiences have followed him elsewhere. Less than four years after his initiation, he joined the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, then meeting at Kensington, and three years later—in 1853—he rose to the dignity of Worshipful Master therein. So faithfully did he discharge the duties of that office, and such respect did he win from those around him, that in 1855 he was elected Treasurer of the Lodge, an honour which he has continued to enjoy ever since. He was a founder of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1651, and is one of its Past Masters, and at present Treasurer. He also assisted in the formation of the Kensington Lodge, No. 1767, discharged the duties of Treasurer therein for some years after its consecration, subsequently securing from its members the compliment of honorary membership. Turning again to the Provinces, we find the subject of our sketch I.P.M. of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, Portsmouth, that being a Lodge for "Installed Masters only," while in the Grand Lodge of his Province—Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—he figures as a Past Grand Deacon. He was exalted in the Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, in March 1853, was Z. thereof in 1858, and is now its senior member and Treasurer. He is also a Past Zerubbabel of the Andrew Chapter, No. 834, Hammersmith, and likewise a founder, and honorary member, of the Stuart Chapter, No. 504, Bedford, as well as being a member of the Harmony Chapter, No. 309, Fareham, Hants. In the Mark Degree he has also acquired honours, the latest being his election to the chair of the Medina Mark Lodge, No. 140, Cowes. Unfortunately, however, considerations of health prevented his accepting office this year so far from London, much to the regret of those who know him best in the "Garden of England." We trust it may yet be possible for him again to wield the sceptre in the place of his Masonic birth. Fair as is the record thus far given of our brother's Masonic career we feel it is very much like the good things to which Shakspeare refers in the earlier parts of the above quotation—it may all be forgotten! What then remains which shall hand down our Brother's reputation, or shall serve as an example for all time? That which Shakpearo tells us is the "sun and the moon; or, rather the sun, and not the moon"—his goodness of heart. This cannot be better exemplified than by a reference to what he has done on behalf of the Masonic Institutions. He is a Patron of all three Charities, and has served no less than thirty-two Stewardships in their interest; ten on behalf of the Girls School, eleven on behalf of the Boys', and eleven in support of the Benevolent Institution. Is not this a record of which any brother might feel proud, and does it not prove the truth of our text,—a good heart shines bright, never changes, but keeps his course truly? The course of our brother appears to have been settled many years back, and he has kept to it faithfully and zealously. May he be spared for many years yet to enjoy the good opinions he has so deservedly won from his fellows.

There is another compliment which it is sought to confer on the brother who has unconsciously formed the subject of these remarks; he has been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer of England. We will not venture to predict the result of the election, rendered necessary by the nomination of a second candidate; the issue will be decided at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. All we can now do is to express a fervent hope that the past careers of our brother and of his fellow candidate may form the only basis on which the verdict may be framed. In either case it can make but little difference to the reputation of the brother here sketched. He has already been tried; one test more or less can make no difference in the opinion of those who know him—and their number is legion. By them he must always be remembered as "A Good Heart."

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

SHAM AND GENUINE MASONIC FOSSILS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

A LETTER, by "Philadelphos," appeared in this paper of 3rd December, in which I find as follows:—

"I assume that Bro. Norton's letter in your last issue is a bit of excellent 'chaff,' and meant as an ironical commentary on what he conceives to be (Bostonically) the condition of the evidence."

The writer, however, adds, that if I seriously intend it as a renewed claim for Bostonian Masonic life, then, says he, "an amusing reply will at once be forthcoming."

Now, no one loves to be amused more than I do, and I was therefore half inclined to say that I was serious,—and what of it? But upon reflection I thought that if I did so it would be merely a *fib*, and should I be convicted of *fibbing*, then my character for veracity would stand no higher than those I have assailed. In short, if Brother "Philadelphos" had read my communication of 26th November with any degree of care, he would have known that my design was to exhibit the orthodox Masonic style of quoting Masonic authorities for proving whatever nonsense they wish to prove, and that by such a method anything and everything can be proved.

Pre-historic events can be inferred only from certain remains of former ages; for instance, when in various parts of Europe were discovered either skeletons or bones of animals that are now extinct, or confined to the torrid zone, it proved conclusively that in olden times those animals roamed about Europe, as well as in Asia and in Africa. When anything indicating the workmanship of man was discovered, such as stone implements, it furnished conclusive evidence that in former times men lived where those implements were found; and when fossils began to be discovered, imbedded in solid rock, the scientist, by his peculiar skill, was enabled to draw exact pictures of either animals or vegetables of which the said fossils formed a part, and which lived or grew in the ground when the rock was in course of formation. A tusk of an elephant or some creature was discovered in a cave, on which the picture of the creature was engraved; this proved that men and elephants or mammoths lived in Europe at the same period. Unfortunately, the demand for these curiosities, gave rise to fossil manufactories, hence, if an inexperienced young scientist should get hold of sham fossils, he may draw a picture of an animal or vegetable that never existed.

Freemasonry has also left in its rear certain marks, which may, figuratively, be called fossils, as evidence of its former existence in some form or shape; but, unfortunately, here also large quantities of sham Masonic fossils are imposed upon the Fraternity as genuine. For instance, our old manuscripts are crowded with sham Masonic fossils. Anderson, Preston, Oliver, and other learned worthies, have not only vouched for the genuineness of these fossils, but each has manufactured a stock of sham historic ones, and palmed them off as genuine. Within two years a new history of Freemasonry was started by a Rev. Brother, in the Canadian *Masonic News* (I think that was the name of the magazine). Two chapters of the new history appeared, and at the head of each it was intimated that a copyright was secured. After the second chapter appeared, I respectfully advised the Rev. Brother not to write about Masonic history until after he had consulted the works of Findel, Lyon, Hughan, Gould, or Steinbrenner; and when the next number of the magazine appeared, the history of Freemasonry was discontinued. Now, if I had not done what I did, a new wing would have had to be added to our already extensive museum of sham Masonic fossildom.

Again, if we examine the rituals of all the so-called Masonic rites and degrees, we find them crammed with sham Masonic fossils; and that eminent Masons still believe in the genuineness of the ritual fossils may be proved from the facts that a very learned Massachusetts Past Deputy Grand Master, in a report to the Grand Lodge in 1870, declared his belief that John the Baptist was a brother Mason, and the *Keystone* of 10th December last intimates that the Rev. P.G.M., now Grand Secretary of Missouri, is ready to swear up and down that the world is indebted to zealous Craftsmen for the discovery of the law of Moses. But here is a very curious specimen of a Masonic sham fossil that passed for genuine for many years, and

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found its way into a history of Rhode Island. Thus, in the Mass. Proceedings of 1870, I find as follows :—

"Bro. J. L. Gould, of Connecticut (a thirty-thirder), published in 1868, at New York, a manual, entitled 'Guide to the Chapter,' in which this statement is contained.

"The earliest account of the introduction of Masonry into the United States is the history of a Lodge organised in Rhode Island A.D. 1658, or fifty-nine year before the Revival in England, and seventy-five years before the establishment of the first Lodge in Massachusetts."

The author states that the Rev. Edward Peterson, in his history of Rhode Island and Newport in the Past, gives the following account of the early Lodge.

"In the spring of 1658 Mordecai Campannell, Moses Peckeckoe, Levi and others, in all fifteen families, arrived at Newport from Holland. They brought with them the three first degrees of Masonry, and worked them in the house of Campannell; and continued to do so, they and their successors, to the year 1742."

This history was printed in 1853, and if I recollect right, the above paragraph was noticed in an antiquarian magazine in Boston; but its reappearance in 1868, in a Masonic manual, attracted the attention of Brother W. J. Hughan, which induced Bro. W. S. Gardner, Grand Master of Massachusetts, to question Bro. J. L. Gould about it, when Bro. Gardner clearly proved that the said Brother Gould manufactured that fossil. The manufacture of Masonic fossils has not altogether ceased, but the difference between them and now is this: in former times a sham Masonic fossil would have continued unquestioned for many years; for, in the first place, there were scarcely any doubters in those days; and, second, "Masonic courtesy" was then so paramount that no doubter would have had the courage to expose a Masonic luminary of manufacturing Masonic fossils, but within the last twenty years, as already shown, even Grand Master Gardner, though a Knight Templar, and a thirty-thirder, had enough courage to expose the Rhode Island fossil of Bro. J. L. Gould as a sham, and in like manner, if the old Philadelphia fossil of there having been seven Lodges in Pennsylvania in 1730 had been brought to light a hundred years ago, it would have passed muster for genuine for a great many years, but fortunately there was no Brother MacCalla a hundred years ago, and hence, as soon as the *Keystone* advertised the Coxe connection with Philadelphia Masonry of 1731, the Henry Bell letter, the Dublin No. 79 fossil, &c., &c., all were at once exposed as mere shams, and in a future compilation of a catalogue of sham Masonic fossils Bro. MacCalla's will be placed side by side with the Rhode Island and other American manufactured Masonic fossils.

One thing is certain, viz., that all the Philadelphian Masonic fossils are not older than 1730, thus Coxe's Deputation was dated 1730, the Henry Bell fossil refers to 1730, as the first meeting of Masons held in Philadelphia, nor can we find a Masonic fossil in newspapers before 1730.

On the other hand, there can be no doubt that the chimney builders that came in the Mayflower were regularly initiated Masons. There is a stone-built tower in Newport, Rhode Island, of about twenty-three feet in diameter, the building of which was for many years imputed to the Northmen, who are said to have discovered America about the year 1000. It was, however, built by an early settler, probably in 1645. The Masons who built it were doubtless Englishmen, who learned the building trade in England, hence there may have been Masonizing going on in Newport, Rhode Island, even before the fifteen Jewish families arrived there from Holland. Again, there is no doubt that a veritable *Mason's mark* reached Boston long before Philadelphia existed. There is also no doubt that Jonathan Belcher was initiated in London in 1704, and that he returned to Boston soon after his initiation; hence it is certain that a genuine true-blue English initiated Mason was in Boston in 1705. Bro. Charles W. Moore's fossil about a Lodge in Boston having been *dispensationed* by the Grand Lodge in 1720, I really believe to have been manufactured either by the Rev. Episcopalian clergyman, or by himself. But one thing is certain, viz., including Governor Belcher there were nineteen Masons in Boston (exclusive of Price) on 30th July 1733, and eight of them were initiated in Boston, hence Masonizing must have been going on in Boston before 30th July 1733.

Nor can Philadelphia boast of priority in America of newspaper Masonic fossils; thus, the first newspaper in North America was printed in 1704, not in Philadelphia, but in Boston, viz., *The News Letter*. It was a weekly, somewhat smaller than the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, of two pages, each divided into two columns; and when Price arrived in Boston, in 1733, they had here about five or six such newspapers. Unfortunately, very few of the early Boston newspapers are in existence. In all the Boston libraries, including the Harvard library at Cambridge, they have scarcely any paper older than 1730. In the Boston Public Library they have two copies of the *News Letter* of 1715, the number of copies increase after 1715, but they have no complete file for many years after, and of some years, for instance, of 1734 they have not a solitary copy.

Speaking the other day to Bro. Nickerson P.G.M., and now Grand Secretary of Massachusetts, about the extinction of so many of the old Boston newspapers, he told me a scrap-book, with about 130 copies of *The News Letter*, was some years ago to be sold at auction, ranging from 1718 to 1727, and in some of them he found Masonic fossils; and there and then he opened the iron safe, and took out a memorandum which he wrote at the time; thus, on 18th September 1721, among the ships that sailed from Boston was one called "The Freemason," which sailed to the West Indies, and on 12th May 1727 appeared what purported to be, from a London paper of 4th March, an event that took place on the 27th of February, viz. :—

"Monday, The Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons met at Mercers' Hall, in Cheapside, where there was a great appearance of nobility and gentry; 3 Dukes, 3 Earls, 4 Barons, 4 Baronets, and several other gentlemen of distinction. The entertainment was noble and regular, and the Lord Inchequin [Inchiquin] was chosen Grand Master for the ensuing year; his Lordship made choice of Will Cooper (Cowper), Esq., for Deputy Grand Master, Alexander Chooke (Choke) and Will Burden (Burdon), Esqrs., for his Grand Wardens."

Finally, I frankly admit, what I never disputed, the earliest documentary evidence of the existence of an organized Lodge in Boston, which dates back no further than 30th July 1733. Philadelphia is in possession of documentary evidence of the existence of some kind of a Masons' Lodge there in January 1731. With that distinction for Masonic priority the Philadelphians should have been satisfied. But the misfortune was that our Bro. MacCalla, like the inexperienced young scientist referred to above, mistook sham Masonic fossils for genuine; hence he drew the picture of a Masonic concern for Philadelphia of 1731, the like of which the Philadelphian Masons in 1731 never saw and never heard of.

BOSTON, U.S., 26th December 1887.

HIRAM LODGE v. THE GRAND LODGE OF CONNECTICUT.

OUR attention has been called, by a valued correspondent, to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine for 1875, and from the Report on Foreign Correspondence (*s.v.* Virginia), presented by Bro. Josiah H. Drummond P.G.M., we extract the following :—

"For over fifty years nearly thirty Lodges in Maine have worked under charters granted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and for over one hundred years one has worked under a charter from the Grand Lodge of England. Yet all these Lodges have been controlled by the Grand Lodge of Maine as readily and as fully as any of the Lodges chartered by itself.

When Maine separated from Massachusetts there were in Maine very many corporations chartered by Massachusetts. It never occurred to them that they must take *new* charters from Maine at the separation. The Legislature of Maine has often since amended and modified many of those charters, without dreaming that there was any difficulty in doing so.

For the same reason the Maine Lodges did not dream that the transfer of their allegiance from one Grand Lodge to another, by the formation of the new Grand Lodge, destroyed them, or made it necessary to have new life granted to them.

When the Grand Lodge of Virginia was formed the Lodges did not surrender their charters. It is true that some two or more years afterwards a resolution was adopted that they ought to take out new charters; but the printed records indicate that it was not done for some years afterwards, if at all.

There seems to us a practical difficulty in surrendering a charter and taking a new one. To whom does the new charter issue? To the Lodge? No, for it *has ceased to exist* by surrendering its charter, and apparently the Grand Lodge with it, for want of any members. To the individuals? No, for they are not named, and the Lodge is not again constituted.

We submit to Bro W [ellford, of Virginia] that his idea of a Lodge

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is not strictly correct. His idea seems to be that there is, and *must be*, a kind of umbilical cord between the Grand Lodge and the Lodge, which is absolutely necessary for the life of the latter, and its proper control by the former. As long as the Lodge is U.D. [under dispensation] this theory may be correct; but when the Lodge is constituted under the charter, this cord is severed, and the Lodge has an existence of its own. It is an entity of itself, and may pass under the government of another Grand Lodge, as readily as a native citizen of Maine may by change of residence pass under the laws of Virginia.

And we hold, as sound Masonic law, that if the Grand Lodge of Maine should cease to exist without revoking the charters of its subordinates, those Lodges could form a new Grand Lodge, which would be as legal and as supreme in its jurisdiction as any Grand Lodge in the world."

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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MEDINA LODGE, No. 35.

THE installation meeting of this, the oldest Lodge in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, was held on Thursday, the 12th instant, at the Masonic Hall, West Cowes. The W.M. Bro. Harry Castell Damant opened the Lodge at 2·30 p.m., when there were between sixty and seventy brethren present to do honour to the occasion. After the minutes of last regular meeting, and those of a Lodge of Emergency had been read and confirmed, several letters and telegrams were brought under notice, the majority of the communications regretting the inability of their several writers to reach the island, by reason of the steamers being prevented from running owing to the fog, which prevailed here nearly all the week. The installation of the Worshipful Master elect was conducted by W. Bro. T. W. Faulkner P.M. and Treasurer P.P.J.G.W., who for some years past has exercised the functions of Installing Master in this Lodge, and has invariably given satisfaction to all who have been privileged to listen to his rendering of this interesting ceremony. The S.W. of the past year, Bro. Fred. Rutland P.G.O., was the Master elect, and he was duly presented by Bro. Airs P.M., who throughout the proceedings acted as Director of Ceremonies. There was a strong Board of Installed Masters and Bro. Rutland was placed in the chair with full ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren who as yet are not qualified to don the levels the Officers were appointed and invested, as follows:—Brothers H. C. Damant I.P.M., John Leftwich S.W., A. E. Lee J.W., Rev. P. G. Pickering P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Faulkner P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Treasurer, G. A. Mursell P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, H. H. Wheeler P.M. Charity Steward, Cullingford S.D., Taylor J.D., S. W. R. Russell I.G., Mark Smith Organist, Airs Dir. of Cers., Werry Assist. Dir. of Cers., Snellgrove and G. Day Stewards, Young Tyler. Brother Faulkner eloquently delivered the several addresses, and a cordial vote of thanks was given him for his services on the occasion. Reference was next made to the zeal and assiduity displayed by the two brethren who had so ably advocated the claims of the Charitable Institutions connected with the Craft during the past year. Both were congratulated on the success that had attended their efforts, and a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes in their favour. Bro. G. Mursell was also further honoured; the members of the Lodge decided they would present him with the much coveted Charity Jewel of the Craft; the decoration above all others Craftsmen desire most to secure, inasmuch as—in the words of a cynical friend—it is *perhaps* the only jewel that there can be any question as to whether the owner has fairly earned the right to decorate himself with. The services of the Immediate Past Master were also cordially recognised, and Bro. Damant was invested with the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge. In each case the recipients gracefully acknowledged the courtesy of their brethren, and their own appreciation of the recognition thus made. Amid hearty congratulations the Lodge was closed. In addition to the brethren we have named, a large number of the members signed the attendance book, which also contained a list of the following visitors:—Bros. W. S. Bainbridge P.M. 1533 P.P.G. Org. Wilts, A. Scott P.M. 55 P.P.G.D., T. Attwood 76, W. J. J. Spry P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Devon, J. Chinchen, L. T. Wilkins 1780 S.W. 2169, J. H. Wavell W.M. 151, A. Hyams 151, A. Millidge S.W. 151, G. Pack P.M. 175 P.P.G.D., C. Carter W.M. 175, G. Brown 328, G. A. Brannon J.W. 151, H. Durrant I.P.M. 175. O. B. Gabell W.M. elect 175, J. S. Bush 1037, J. Walker P.M. 349, J. G. Garnham P.M. 151, H. Blackwell 151, J. W. Evans 103 P.P.G.R. Somerset, A. Sumner, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, &c., &c. In the course of the day's proceedings several interesting matters were referred to. The Secretary, Bro. G. A. Mursell, reported that Bro. Golden, of Newport, had presented to the Lodge a valuable copy of the Constitutions, which that brother had discovered, and which had formerly been the property of the Lodge, it having been presented by a former member in the year 1794, as shown by an interesting dedicatory inscription on the fly-leaf. The thanks of the Lodge were unanimously accorded to Bro. Golden for his considerate gift. The services of Bro. Past Master Haxthausen P.M. of the Medina were referred to. This brother, unfortunately, is now somewhat under a cloud; in fact, is described as "utterly destitute," the assistance of those who have it in their power to aid him is earnestly invoked. Bro. Haxthusen is a candidate for election to the benefits of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, and any proxies forwarded on his behalf will be thankfully received by Bro. Mursell, the Secretary of the Medina Lodge. The banquet was served at the Gloster Hotel, where between 50 and 60 guests sat down. The arrangements were perfect, the supply of provisions and wine was ample; the after proceedings were of the most agreeable character; the speeches terse, but to the purpose. Some capital songs were contributed, and the few hours devoted to this part of the entertainment were most enjoyable. We regret the demands on our space preclude our giving further details, but those who were present will long remember the annual meeting of "Old Medina" for the year 1888. One brother who was present—who has practically evinced his interest in the Lodge—had conferred upon him the privilege of honorary membership; we refer to Bro. A. Sumner, of Coventry. During the entertainment, Bro. Scadding, private Organist to the Queen at Osborne, gave valuable assistance to the vocalists. This gentleman is also the Organist of St. Thomas's, Newport.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

THIS Lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at Matthew's Restaurant, where an elegant banquet was served to a company numbering upwards of eighty. Bro. Bridgman W.M. presided. During the banquet a string band, under the direction of Bro. Soper, played an admirable selection. After the Queen and Craft had been duly honoured, the W.M. gave The G.M. of England, remarking that as a tenant of the Prince of Wales he could speak of his Royal Highness as a liberal landlord, and could bear testimony to the cordial relations between the occupiers and owner of the Duchy of Cornwall. Bro. Cornish submitted the Pro. G.M., Bro. Phillips Lord Ebrington Prov. G.M., and the G.L. of Devon, and Bro. Goodyear the D. Prov. G.M. of Devon. For the Prov. Grand Lodge, Bro. Lemon responded. Bro. Hill gave the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Prov. G.M., and the Prov. G.L. of Cornwall, the names of Bros. Cassell, Williams, and Morgan being associated with it. Bro. Cassell spoke of the great and thoroughly sound progress Masonry had made in Cornwall since the present Prov. G.M. had held sway, and of the cordial manner in which the provinces of Devon and Cornwall worked together. In eulogistic terms Bro. Stenlake proposed the W.M. of Charity, and Bro. Bridgman, in responding, remarked that although Freemasonry had its black sheep, who now and then brought discredit upon it, the Order was sound at the core, and doing a grand work in enabling men to meet, avoiding religious bitterness and political animosity—a haven of rest in the world of turmoil. The I.P.M. was heartily toasted at the bidding of the W.M., who referred to the excellence and prosperity of Bro. Hannaford's rule during the past year, and greatly regretted his unavoidable absence. Bro. Moysey responded for Bro. Hannaford. The Treasurer and the Secretary was given by Bro. Hifley. Bro. Goodyear, responding, spoke of the excellent financial condition of the Lodge. The year began with a balance of £32, and after upwards of £12 had been voted to various charities, and £50 deposited in the bank, there was a balance in hand of £20. There had been fourteen initiations during the year. Bro. Browning mentioned that this was the twentieth year of his Secretaryship. Bros. Phillips and Blight responded for the P.M.'s of Charity, proposed by Bro. Payne. Bro. Hoyten gave the Wardens, both responding. Bro. Lavers, in the course of his reply, mentioned that during the eight years he had been a member of the Lodge he had only missed one meeting. The W.M. gave the Assistant Officers, and Bro. Earl made a neat response. P.M. Moysey genially submitted Our Sister Lodges, and Bro. Cowling responded. The remaining toasts were the Masonic Charities, Masons' wives and sweethearts, and the Tyler's toast. Bros. Lavers and Body gave capital recitations, Bro. Soper organette solos, and Bros. Goodyear, Payne and others songs.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

THE fourth anniversary meeting of the consecration of this flourishing Lodge was celebrated on Monday, 9th instant, when Bro. Frederick Lawrance was installed in succession to Bro. Richard Harvey, the W.M. of the past year. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, several Grand Officers assisting at the proceedings. The brethren assembled at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at 3·30, when the Lodge was opened by Bro. Harvey, who was supported in the Senior Warden's chair by Bro. E. Ayling P.M., Preceptor of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, and by the regular Officers of the Lodge. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and after the usual preliminaries, Brother Edward Farr was raised, and Bro. Henry Clark was passed; the W.M. conducting both ceremonies. The report of the Audit Committee showed an especially favourable financial position, the Lodge having a balance of upwards of £110 to its credit. The report was unanimously adopted. The W.M. elect was now presented, and after he had taken the obligation a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and he was placed in the chair. On the re-admission of those below the degree of Installed Master, Bro. Lawrance was saluted in the three degrees, and he then invested the following as Officers for the year;—Bros. Lord George Hamilton S.W., Brown J.W., G. Everett P.M. Treasurer, G. Gardner P.M. Secretary, Wimpey S.D., Walden J.D., Hughes I.G., Rowling D.C., Hopkins Steward, Rowe Tyler. The installation ceremony, which with the other work of the evening, had been carried out in an eminently satisfactory manner by Bro. Harvey, was completed by a masterly delivery of the addresses. The elegant Past Master's jewel of the Lodge—one of the neatest we have seen— was presented to the I.P.M., in recognition of the zeal and ability he had displayed during his tenure of office, a compliment which was briefly but gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Harvey. Routine work followed; some propositions were handed in, and with the hearty good wishes of the visitors for a prosperous year Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in the elegant Hall of Brother Brill's establishment, and fully sustained the reputation the host has acquired as a caterer. After grace had been sung the W.M. rose to propose the first toast—the Queen. Her Majesty took as much interest in the welfare of Freemasonry as any woman could. She was universally popular with her subjects, and he felt assured all would heartily respond to the toast. In speaking of the M.W. the Grand Master, the W.M. said the Prince of Wales was often described

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as the most popular man in England; unquestionably he was the most popular Freemason. No further words were necessary to commend the toast to the notice of the brethren. With the toast of the Grand Officers Present and Past was associated the name of Brother Richard Eve Grand Treasurer, who in reply said he felt it a great honour to be called upon to respond; he felt he had a heavy burden upon him when he undertook to represent the distinguished brethren whose health they had so cordially drunk. On his right hand were several distinguished Grand Officers, but it was in no disparaging sense he said they but faintly represented the distinguished brethren who were absent. He referred to brethren of all kinds and of all classes, including men of position in the State, and in the administration of the affairs in the country. Brethren who had been selected for distinguished service rendered to the Craft, and brethren who had been promoted to fill the offices in Grand Lodge on account of the position they held in the world. During the past year there had been a large number added to the list of Grand Officers, but he felt the Most Worshipful Grand Master had exercised a wise discretion in the honours he had bestowed. One and all so favoured believed in the Order of Freemasonry. It was a grand Institution, and was capable of a greater amount of good than it was even doing at present. It brought together a large number of men in one common bond, and brought those closer together who might otherwise be estranged. He was glad to find that the Chiswick Lodge, although young, had established itself so firmly, and that it possessed a number of distinguished brethren as members. He was pleased to have had the opportunity of being present, and trusted that the invitation might be renewed on a future occasion. Bro. Harvey next rose, to propose the Health of the W.M. It would be unnecessary for him to take up their time by explaining the good qualities of Bro. Lawrence, they were well known to all present. As their Treasurer after the consecration of the Lodge, he had looked after the funds, with the result that their financial affairs were now in a substantial and satisfactory condition, and the members were pleased to see him occupy the chair. There was no doubt that Bro. Lawrence, now W.M., would give as much satisfaction in the future as he had done in the past; they knew him to be a good man in every respect. In reply the W.M. said it was with considerable pleasure he rose to return thanks for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed. The brethren had shown some enthusiasm in their reception of the toast, and he thought it would be unnecessary for him to assure them that he would do all he could during his year for their comfort and for the good of the Lodge. He had occupied the post of Treasurer, and originally had no intention of entering the Lodge as a working member, but as they had been pleased to select him in the place of a brother whose death they all regretted, he had consented to fill the chair. He hoped they would find him as successful as previous Worshipful Masters had been. As a young Lodge they had worked well and achieved some excellent work. He liked work, and hoped he should have plenty, and that it would be done as well as it had been in the Lodge hitherto. In responding for the Visitors, who received a cordial greeting from the W.M., Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp P.A.G.D.C said he was pleased that the W.M. had coupled his name with the toast. Bro. Lawrance was one of the oldest and best friends that he or any other man had had in this world; it was therefore a great pleasure to him to see him installed as W.M. of such a Lodge. Many of the brethren present know that not far off he would be standing as their Deputy Prov. G.M., but unfortunately for them the Chiswick Lodge was not in the Province of Middlesex. He knew what a good Lodge it was, and how many elements of true Masonry existed in it. He congratulated his friend on being installed in the chair of such a Lodge, for it seemed to be carrying out the true principles of Freemasonry. On behalf of the visitors he would say how charmed they were in the Lodge with the working of Bro. Harvey; the rendering of the several ceremonies was a Masonic treat to them all. He initiated their W.M. into Masonry, but he was one of those brethren who are Masons a heart long before their initiation. Bro. Lawrance came to him and asked to be initiated; since then he had watched his career with considerable pleasure. There was no better worker in the Craft, and the members of this Lodge would regret when the time arrived for Bro. Lawrance to leave the chair. The visiting brethren had all enjoyed the hospitality shown them and had been delighted with the admirable working. Bro. Aird, M.P., Past Grand Steward, cordially echoed all that Bro. Thrupp had said. The working was most instructive to those who had yet to learn. It was a matter of congratulation that a S.W. had been invested that evening who was so much respected in all spheres of life. He referred to Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P. That distinguished brother did honour to the Lodge, and the Lodge did honour to him. He congratulated the S.W. that he was following in the steps of brethren who had been found equal to the occasion, and who had performed their duties in a highly creditable manner. It had been a great pleasure to him to be present, and he sincerely thanked Bro. Defries for his kind invitation. The Masonic Charities was the next toast. The W.M. said that although theirs was but a young Lodge, it was not an uncharitable one, for they had sent up a Steward each year to one of the Institutions. On each of these occasions the Lodge had voted ten guineas, and up to the present time the amount sent up was about £350. This year it was the turn of the Benevolent Institution. Last year he acted as Steward for the Girls' School, and collected £60; while the two years before Brother Gardner took up £125 and £240 respectively. That was not a bad record for a young Lodge. He now proposed acting as Steward for the Benevolent Institution; he hoped each member would contribute to his list, and that the total would be creditable to the Lodge. Bro. James Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, whose name was associated with the toast, thanked the W.M. for having brought the claims of the Institutions forward earlier in the evening than was usual. With respect to Masonic Charity during the past year, the total subscribed for the Institutions amounted to £31,000. Such a sum had never before been raised in the twelve months, but during the present year, with the assurance of a large total for the Girls' School, he hoped a still larger total amount would be subscribed. The list of the Benevolent Institution was closed, no less than 130 candidates now seek admission for 14 vacancies. He knew that their W.M. was coming forward on behalf of his Institution. Good work had been done by the Chiswick Lodge in the past, and the W.M. would come forward with greater force and more ability on behalf of the Old People; no better representative could be chosen to enlist their hearty support. He wished the W.M. a very prosperous and happy Stewardship, and was certain that the Chiswick Lodge, which had a reputation for charitable work, would send up even a greater sum than it had before. Whatever it had done in the past, it would endeavour to surpass in the future. In speaking to the toast of the Installing Master, the W.M. said few words would be needed from him; Bro. Harvey was known to them all as being an excellent Mason, and one who had performed the work entrusted to him in an admirable manner. The I.P.M. lived at a greater distance from the Lodge-room than many members, and therefore they had not seen much of him; but he had been regular and punctual in his attendance at Lodge, and had always done his work well; he had invariably been kind and genial with them, and had been an excellent W.M. In response, Bro. Harvey I.P.M. thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. Whether he deserved all the kind words which had been used respecting him he must leave the brethren to decide. He had endeavoured to do his duty, and he trusted with credit to himself. If the working of the installation ceremony had pleased them he was more than repaid. Other toasts were the health of the Treasurer (Bro. G. Everett P.M., founder, and first W.M. of the Lodge), and the Secretary (Bro. Geo. Gardner P.M.), and the Officers. The Tyler's toast completed the programme. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. A. G. Pritchard, who was assisted by Misses Carlton and Marchant and Mr. E. Suels. Visitors—R. Eve Grand Treasurer, F. Richardson P.G.D., James Terry P.G.S.B., R. H. Thrupp P.G.A.D.C., Ralph Gooding P.G.D., E. Faux 77, J. T. S. Hood P.M. 554, C. Hampden 255 P.P.S.G.W. Hereford, R. Melbourne 339, J. Yeardlye 1135, A. L. Chapman J.D. 255, Thos. Hiscock 965, A. H. Moore W.M. elect 255, R. La Feuillade W.M. 1381, S. A. Hunt 1196, W. H. Causton P.M. 162, E. B. Cox W.M. 1583, C. P. Bellerby W.M. 2021, C. I. Digby P.M. 933, H. Lansdowne 1541, J. Ambrose 2032, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, A. Love 1791, W. Fisher W.M. 1828, J. Edwards P.M. 1663, T. A. Holland 783, B. E. Blasby P.M. 780, J. Wiggins J.D., P. Monson S.W. 1342, C. Coombs W.M. 780, J. Aird, M.P., S.W. 1259, G. T. King 740, A. Pringle W.M. 92, R. T. Hunt 186, T. M. Coleman 192, E. R. Bond 1767, A. Pears P.M. 209, H. Goring 933, W. W. Lee 1897, &c.

BALL AT BURY ST. EDMUND'S.

AN invitation Masonic ball, under the joint auspices of the two Bury Lodges, the Royal St. Edmund's, No. 1004, and the Abbey, No. 1592, was held at Athenæum Hall, Bury St. Edmund's, on Friday evening, the 13th inst. The gathering was in every way a success, and all present must have shared the hope that as long an interval as thirteen years will not again be allowed to elapse before the brethren are afforded another opportunity of inviting their lady friends to assemble under their banners to share some of the privileges of Freemasonry. The Athenæum Hall presented quite a charming appearance. On the floor, arranged in proper order, was the Masonic furniture, and on the walls were the banners of the two Lodges. Three large crimson panels framed in gold were placed on one of the side walls. On the centre panel was the motto "*Audi vide tace*," and flanking it were in large letters the names and numbers of the two Lodges, Royal St. Edmund's, 1004, and Abbey Lodge, 1592. On the opposite side over the recess, in which a band was stationed, were the words "Charity and Loyalty," and over a handsome mirror at the far end of the room were the words "White Rose Chapter," in gilt letters on a crimson ground. On a balustrade leading to the supper room were the mystic letters ITNOTGAOTU, surrounded by a pretty arrangement of small banners. The floor was in capital dancing condition. The decorations were carried out by Mr. W. Atkins, of Churchgate Street.

Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1601.—Meeting held at the George Inn, Catford, Wednesday, the 18th instant, at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. Visger W.M., Axford S.W., Dale J.W., Remington S.D., Pickering J.D., Blake I.G., Shaw P.M. Preceptor, Atkins Secretary, James Stevens P.M., Anderson, P. McCarthy, Drew, Scott, Shelton, Catt, G. Williams, Edwards, Thompson, and others. Lodge was opened and minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by Bro. Visger, Bro. Anderson assisting as candidate. Lodge was opened in F.C. and resumed. Lodge was called off and o'd, and was subsequently raised to M.M. The brethren individually assisted in the three degrees, and both M.M. and F.C. Lodges were closed with full ceremonial. Bro. G. Williams was elected a member. During the adjournment of the Lodge a ballot was taken for a gift Subscribership to one or other of the Masonic Institutions, and was declared in favour of Bro. Axford. Bro. Thompson, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, was nominated by the Preceptor as W.M. for the ensuing meeting on the 25th inst., and Bro. Axford was elected W.M. for the evening of February 1st. The arrangements for working the Fifteen Sections, on the 22nd proximo, were completed; Lodge will open at 7 p.m. on that occasion, Bro. Martin to occupy the W.M.'s chair and Bro. Milbourn that of S.W. After a very interesting evening's work the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

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UNION LODGE, No. 129.

THE members of this Lodge proceeded, after the last meeting of their Lodge, to the Town Hall, Kendal, where, as the guests of his Worship the Mayor, himself a prominent Freemason and P.M. of the Lodge, they were sumptuously entertained in the Mayor's parlour. The brethren mustered in force, there being over thirty present to partake of Bro. Wilson's kindly and seasonable hospitality. As usual at the gatherings of the brethren on such occasions, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly and heartily given, and after a most pleasant evening the party broke up at a late hour; not, however, without the musical section of the body contributing to the harmony of the entertainment.

ETONIAN LODGE, No. 209.

AN interesting ceremony took place on Tuesday afternoon, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, the occasion being the installation of Bro. George Fisk as Worshipful Master. A large number of Craftsmen attended, including many influential members from the district. After the ceremony the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, amongst whom were Bros. Prince, Hobbs, Fletcher, and Thomason. The banquet took place in the evening at the Castle Hotel, the Worshipful Master presiding.

POMFRET LODGE, No. 360.

BROTHER Alfred Cockerill was duly installed Worshipful Master of this Lodge at the Masonic Buildings, Northampton, on the 12th instant. There was a numerous attendance of brethren from Northampton, other parts of the Province, and from a distance, and the new Worshipful Master was received with great enthusiasm. A banquet followed, the chair being taken by the newly-installed Worshipful Master, and the vice chair by his predecessor, Brother H. Frown.

ST. JAMES' LODGE, No. 448.

ON Tuesday, the 3rd instant, the annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax, for the purpose of installing the newly elected W.M., Bro. Chas. Greenwood. The Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Shoebridge W.M., who ably discharged the duties of installation. The new W.M. afterwards invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Shoebridge I.P.M., Holdsworth S.W., Mallinson J.W., Radcliffe Treasurer, Jessop Secretary, Hanson S.D., Robertshaw J.D., Wood D.C., Hodgson I.G., Haigh Organist, Green Tyler, Pole Almoner, Normanton S.L.S., Robertshaw J.L.S., Milligan, Otter, Thompson and Smith Stewards. Towards the closing of the Lodge, Bro. Greenwood, on behalf of the brethren, presented the retiring W.M. (Bro. Shoebridge) with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, as an acknowledgment of appreciation of his services as W.M. during the year 1887. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren sat down to a banquet. The W.M. presided. There was a numerous gathering of visitors from Sister Lodges. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured, and the Worshipful Master of St. James' Lodge was proposed by Bro. Shoebridge, and responded to by the W.M. Other toasts followed. The Halifax Harmonic Quartette, Messrs. Womersley, Haigh, Hooson and Field, contributed several glees during the banquet.

ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 510.

ON Tuesday, the 3rd instant, the members of this Lodge held their annual meeting and festival. Brother Philip B. Henwood was installed by Bro. Hedley. The Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Hallett S.W., Stretton J.W., Fookes Chaplain, White Treasurer, Courtney Secretary, Lobb S.D., Venning J.D., Ridgman I.G., Hancock Organist, Sanders D.C., Foldy and Williams Stewards, and Penwarden Tyler. The Worshipful Master and Past Masters of the Lodge presented Brother John Harris with a Provincial Grand dress suit, jewel, and air-tight case, in recognition of his valuable services and assistance generally in the Lodge. The W.M. subsequently presided at the banquet held at Webb's Hotel, Liskeard. The attendance was unusually large, and a pleasant evening was spent.

INDEPENDENCE LODGE, No. 721.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated at Chester, by the members of this Lodge, on Monday, the 9th inst., when Bro. Felix Thomas was installed Worshipful Master. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The receipt of letters of apology from Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton R.W.P.G.M. of Cheshire, Bro. Judge Horatio Lloyd, and other brethren was intimated by the Secretary, who also read a letter addressed by Lady de Tabley to Lord Egerton, acknowledging a vote of condolence with her on the death of Lord de Tabley. Bro. Felix Thomas the W.M.-elect was presented by Bros. J. Dennis and H. Ellis, and the ceremony of installation was efficiently and impressively performed by the retiring W.M. (Bro. Jones), assisted by P.M.'s Stevenson, Johnson, and Knowles. After the ceremony the new W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Jones I.P.M., Humphreys S.W., Finchett J.W., Knowles Secretary, Stevenson Treasurer, Rush S.D., Peers J.D., Adams I.G., Bennett S., Carnow O., Edwards D.C., Richmond Almoner, and Hall Tyler. The ordinary business of the Lodge having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the Masonic Hall, where an excellent banquet was served by Messrs. B. Hunt and Sons. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the meeting was one of the most successful gatherings held in recent years.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE seventh annual ball of the Gallery Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Brixton Hall, and was one of the most enjoyable gatherings of the season. Dancing began at nine o'clock, to the charming music of Bro. Dan Godfrey's Orchestral Band. Having been decorated by Messrs. Pensford and Son with flowers and foliage plants, the hall presented an exceptionally brilliant appearance. The Civil Service Co-operative Society in the Haymarket served supper in a manner which gave great satisfaction. Brother J. C. Duckworth, the Worshipful Master, set a good example in the brevity of the speeches, and having drank successively to the Queen and the Ladies, the company cordially pledged the health of the W.M. A leap-year dance, for which the ladies had the privilege of inviting their own partners, proved a successful feature in the programme.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—At the meeting on Wednesday, the 11th instant, Bro. Messer occupied the chair, and after preliminaries opened the Lodge in the second degree. Brother Ferguson then worked the first section of the second lecture; this was followed by the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, Brother Silvester acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the third degree and closed to the first. Bro. Boyden having been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and Bro. Thompson a member, Lodge was closed in due form. Brethren are particularly requested to note that on Wednesday, 1st February, Bro. Block, W.M. of the parent Lodge, will rehearse the ceremony of installation here; he will be supported by the W.M. elect and several of his Officers, and it is hoped by a large number of other Craftsmen.

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 1094.

THE installation of the Principals and Officers of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 9th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool. The Chapter was opened in due form by Companion John Melling King. After the minutes of the last Convocation had been confirmed, Companion Davies was installed as M.E.Z., and Dr. Soldat as H., in a most solemn and impressive manner by Companion John Pemberton, assisted by Companion Cotter. The M.E.Z. then invested the following Companions as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. Pemberton Treasurer (15th time), Kite S.E., Hynes S.N., Guile P.S., Malcolm Janitor. Before the Chapter was closed a very pleasing presentation was made to the retiring M.E.Z., Companion King, by Dr. Smith, on behalf of the private Companions of the Chapter, in the form of a P.Z.'s jewel expressing at the same time the very high estimation in which Companion King is held by all those who know him throughout the Province as a thoroughly consistent and hard working Mason. A further presentation was made by Companion Kite, who, on behalf of the seafaring Companions, handed to Companion King a valuable pair of marine glasses as a token of their esteem. During the evening the Companions sat down to a banquet, provided by Companion Casey when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening spent.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

AN important gathering of advanced Royal Arch Freemasons took place on Tuesday last, at the White Hart Tavern, Cannon-street, the occasion being one of special interest on account of the announcement that Comp. F. Brown P.Z., the talented Preceptor of the Chapter (whose services have now extended over several years) would give a lecture on, or original explanation of, the Royal Arch jewel, in place of a rehearsal of the ceremony of exaltation. The following R.A. Companions were present:—J. S. Fraser, J. Roberts, W. C. Claridge, W. F. Smart, Geo. Powell, G. Gillard, J. Funston, R. Harper, J. L. Payne, B. Haynes, A. M'Dowall, C. H. Webb H. Thompson, T. C. Edmonds, J. Newton, G. Allen, &c. The Chapter-room was elaborately furnished with diagrams, models of geometrical figures, &c., prepared for the purpose of illustrating and explaining the lecture, which occupied nearly two hours in delivering, and was listened to with deep attention. Comp. Brown, in introducing the subject, made frequent quotations from the ritual of the degree, and more particularly those parts of it which refer to the Royal Arch jewel, pointing out the true principles of geometry which were embodied in that symbol, with reference to the platonic bodies and the theory of the universe. He also proceeded to show the value between triangles and right angles, upon which the whole system of Royal Arch Masonry was founded, from the time of Pythagoras and subsequently to that of Euclid, whose Elements are the recognised text-book of geometry up to the present time. At the conclusion of the lecture Comp. Brown was most cordially applauded, and a proposition was made that the best thanks of the Chapter should be recorded on the minutes for the very interesting, painstaking and talented address he had given. The hope was also expressed that he would continue his researches into the Royal Art, and add to the obligations he had already conferred. Several members expressed the gratification they had received in listening to the lecture, and stated that it would give them a renewed stimulus to investigate for themselves the principles upon which Royal Arch Masonry was founded. The motion was put and unanimously carried, and Companion Brown said the approbation he had received would be an encouragement to pursue his inquiries for the purpose of elucidating some of the beauties of this supreme degree. The installation of Principals will be rehearsed on the second Tuesday in each of the months of March, April and May.

MARK MASONRY.

CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

AT the quarterly meeting of this Lodge, held at Colchester, on Thursday evening, 12th inst., Bro. Bailey S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Lewin was elected Treasurer, and Bros. Monson and Wright Tylers. Feeling allusion was made to the recent death of Bro. Arthur John Ward, and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence to his widow.

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UPON WHICH OCCASION

SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P.,

R.W. PROV. G.M. SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION),

has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards 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 the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

JAMES TERRY, Vice-Patron, P.G.S.B.
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The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of

The R.M. Benevolent Institution

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution. Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic afflictions he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

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*SADLER, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *.

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are earnestly solicited on behalf of

ALICE VASEY,

WIDOW OF THE LATE BRO. SAMUEL VASEY.

Bro. Samuel Vasey was a ship's provision merchant, at Wapping, 1848-1880, where he was unsuccessful in business, and died shortly after, leaving his widow quite without means. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in 1854; W.M. 1860; subscribed 12 years. Joined Unity Lodge, No. 183, in 1866; W.M. 1869; subscribed 12 years. P.Z. of Yarborough Chapter. Self and wife Life Subscribers R.M.I.B.

Proxies thankfully received by the following Brethren:—

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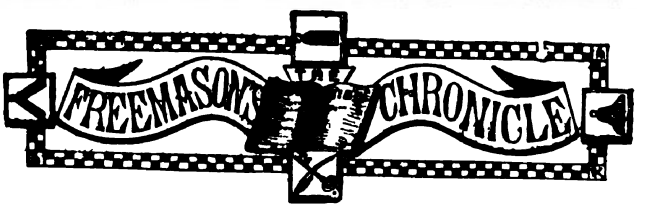
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Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the above important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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R.M. INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly General Court was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. H. B. Marshall, J.P., Past Grand Treasurer, Treasurer of the Institution, was in the chair; and he was supported by Bros. William Roebuck, J. H. Matthews, Edgar Bowyer, Ralph Clutton, Frederick Binckes, J. S. Cumberland, H. A. Hunt, J. Terry, Thomas Massa, C. H. Webb, Peter de Lande Long, William Masters, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). The minutes of the last Quarterly General Court were read and confirmed. These included the resolutions relating to the special advantages to Stewards for the coming Centenary Festival of the Institution. The resolution which stood in the name of Bro. J. L. Mather, in that brother's absence was proposed by Bro. Matthews. The following is a copy:—

"That Laws 6, 29, 35, and 60 be amended as follows, viz.:

"Law 6. To add after the word 'meeting,' in the second line, the words 'on the Saturday following the last Friday.'"

"Law 29. To omit the word 'second,' in the third line, and after word 'Saturday,' in third line, to add 'following the last Friday.'"

"Law 35. After word 'Court,' in fifth line, to add 'on the Saturday following the last Friday.'"

"Law 60. After word 'Courts,' in second line, to add 'on the Saturday following the last Friday.'"

The object of this Resolution is to bring the Laws of the Girls' Institution into conformity with the Report of a joint Committee of the three Institutions, which was approved by the Court at the October meeting, and which recommended that the Quarterly General Courts of the Boys' School should be held on the third Friday in January, April, July and October; that those of the Girls' be held on the Saturdays following; and that the Annual General Meeting and Election of the Benevolent Institution be held on the Monday following the last Friday in April. The above resolution will not come into force unless confirmed at a subsequent Court; moreover, in order to achieve the objects of the joint Courts, it is dependent on the action of the other two Institutions. Forty-two candidates were declared eligible for the April Election, with 11 vacancies. A resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. was passed. The vote of thanks to the Chairman was cordially given.

R.M. INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Boys' School Quarterly Court was held at Freemason's Hall, on Monday, the 16th inst. Brother Roebuck P.G.S.B. presided, and there were present

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Bros. W. Pannell, W. Whittley, John L. Mather A.G.D.C., Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, James Terry P.G. Sword Bearer, H. Venn, T. Hastings Miller, F. Adlard, and F. Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer (Secretary). The minutes of the October Quarterly General Court having been read and confirmed, and those of the General Committee read for information, the following resolution, of which notice had been given, was, on the motion of Bro. J. L. Mather, seconded by Bro. T. Hastings Miller, C.C., unanimously agreed to, namely:—

"To alter Law 29, by substituting the words 'last Friday' for the words 'Monday immediately following the second Saturday,' in accordance with the recommendation in the report of such Committee adopted by the Quarterly Court in October 1887."

On the motion of Bro. J. L. Mather, seconded by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, it was resolved—

To adopt a recommendation from the General Committee that "Fifteen boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, 16th April 1888, from an approved list of 65 candidates."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman having been passed, the Court adjourned.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their first meeting for the current year on Wednesday, 11th instant. Bro. James Brett P.G.P. presided; he was supported by Bros. J. Newton, Charles Belton, W. J. Murlis, C. H. Driver, Samuel Brooks, Alex. Forsyth, M.D., Louis Stean, A. H. Tattershall, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Hugh Cotter, W. Bellchamber, John E. Dawson P.G.S.B., W. H. Perryman G.P., and James Terry Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of five annuitants (two males and three widows). The Warden's report for the past month was read, and that of the Finance Committee read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The application of a widow for the half of her late husband's annuity having been granted, the Committee proceeded to take into consideration the new petitions, 21 in number—11 males and 10 widows. Nineteen were accepted, but two (one male and one widow) were deferred for further information. Those accepted were placed on the list of candidates for the election in May next. A vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Robert Grey P.G.P. President, James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P.'s Vice-Presidents. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee, attended from Grand Secretary's Office; and a large number of brethren were also present. There were thirty-eight cases on the new list, which were taken, after recommendations from the December meeting, to the amount of £310, had been confirmed. The death of one petitioner was announced; nine petitions were deferred, being incomplete, and one petition was dismissed. The remaining cases were relieved, as follows:—one was recommended to Grand Lodge for £100, and there were four recommendations for £50 each; five to the Grand Master for £40 each, and four for £30; five grants of £20 were made, one of £15, five of £10, one of £5, and one of £2.

Bibliologists and others had a rich treat this week. Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D., whose fame in the West-country, albeit chiefly Masonic, is not confined to the Brotherhood, had consented to deliver a lecture on "Bibles; a retrospect of eighteen centuries," on Wednesday evening, at the Institute of the Torquay Young Women's Christian Association. The title has formed the subject of nearly a score of lectures which Bro. Hughan has delivered, from Penzance to Scarborough; at the last-named of which he succeeded Sir Charles Warren in a series of weekly disquisitions at the Grand Hotel. Wednesday's discourse contained some new and valuable intelligence, and amongst a crowded syllabus the typographical peculiarities and specialities of the Bible were touched upon. Such a variety of facts about the Bible, not yet published in any form, has Bro. Hughan in his possession that his lecture is a study in itself, while the interest is increased when it is mentioned that amongst other valuable editions on view were the celebrated "Bug" Bible, rare Italian New Testament, 1558, Genevan or "Breeches" Bible, 1589, Bishop's or "Treacle" Bible," with reproductions of Wycliffe's, Tyndale's, and other New Testaments, and several curious and valuable facsimiles of MSS., &c.

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"MASONIC FACTS AND FICTIONS."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The writer of the very complimentary article headed as above, in the CHRONICLE of the 7th inst., will no doubt permit me to rectify what appears to have been a slight misconception on his part as to the particular period when a Secession from the Grand Lodge of England has been generally supposed to have occurred. In the year 1722, mentioned by your correspondent, there was undoubtedly a strong difference of opinion amongst the Fraternity in London with regard to the Grand Mastership, and in all probability a "split" would have resulted had not "worthy Brother Montagu healed the Breach of Harmony," as Anderson has it, by giving way to the Whartonites.

In my recently published work I have shown that the Grand Lodge records furnish no evidence nor even indication of a Secession between the years 1722 and 1779, hence the difficulties underwhich our historians have laboured in fixing the date of the "Great Masonic Schism." I am not, however, aware that any of them have gone beyond the year 1735, and as the "Ancients" organised their Grand Lodge in 1751, with about six subordinate Lodges on their roll, the 1779 fiasco could of course have no possible bearing on their origin. On page 193 of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," I give my reasons for noticing the incidents of 1722 and 1779 in the following words: "Now it seems to me most incredible that we should find ample evidence in the records of these two comparatively insignificant events, and not a word to enlighten us with regard to a much more important Secession, which we have been taught to believe took place at some indefinite period between the years mentioned, and which, so far from being a failure, succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations of those who are supposed to have promoted it, resulting indeed in an organisation of such magnitude that its members were enabled to dictate terms, nearly akin to *unconditional surrender*, to the body from which it is said to have emanated." In order to avoid the possibility of further misconceptions I will here state that *my contention is that there never was a Secession from the Grand Lodge of England*, worthy of the name, unless we choose to dignify Preston's expulsion in 1779 by that title.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY SADLER.

Re HIRAM LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"JUSTITIA" will, I feel assured, consider it no lack of courtesy on my part if I adhere to my resolution, communicated to "LEX," in the pages of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, *not* to discuss the subject of the legality, or otherwise, of the action of the Hiram Lodge, No. 1, with any brother who shields himself under a *nom-de-plume*. So far as "JUSTITIA" is concerned, all his communications have been written in such good taste that he will understand my objections to "*impersonal* correspondence" do not in any way refer to his able advocacy of the "other side" of the question; but a line must be drawn somewhere by me, and I have done so, as noted.

It should be borne in mind that Hiram Lodge, No. 1, deposited its Warrant of 1750 with the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and *accepted a new Charter* from that body, bearing date 17th August 1796. By the Lodge leaving the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and joining the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, the first Warrant became of no effect, but it was *returned* to Hiram, No. 1, that its members may treasure it as an heirloom, just as England did in the case of the Lodges which united to form the Grand Lodge of South Australia quite recently. None of these original Warrants are, however, of any force now, and the Lodges are removed from our roll accordingly, just as Hiram Lodge was in 1813-14.

Fraternally yours,

W. J. HUGHAN.

Torquay, 18th January 1888.

MASON AGAINST MASON.

THE annual session of the Connecticut Grand Lodge of Masons is to be held at Hartford on 18th Jan., and then it will be decided whether the struggle which has for 10 years past been going on between Hiram Lodge, No. 1 of this city, and the Grand Lodge shall be settled, or if it will be renewed with increased vigour. All depends on the Grand Master to be elected to succeed H. M. Green of Danielsonville. According to an unwritten law, John H. Mix, the present Deputy Grand Master, should be elected. It is said, however, that Bro. Mix is a warm advocate of Hiram Lodge, and that for this he will be passed over. John H. Swartwout will continue the so far ineffectual attempts to drag Hiram Lodge from its high position in American Masonry.

The Grand Lodge was founded by Hiram Lodge, and although a struggle has been going on between the two bodies for upwards of 10 years, it was not until lately that an open rupture of friendly relations took place. Hiram Lodge was founded in 1770, and the

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cause of the Grand Lodge's taking issue with it is found in the fact that Hiram Lodge refuses to change its custom, in accordance with the dictation of the Grand Lodge, and do away with the landmarks of Masonry, which have been in use since the foundation of the Lodge. The members of Hiram Lodge claim that the Grand Lodge is an unmasonic body, owing to the fact that it has made numerous innovations in the customs and the manner of conducting Masonic business, and has compelled subordinate Lodges to acquiesce and accept these changes as legal. In other words, the Grand Lodge has introduced a system of modern Masonry, and in doing so has violated one of the oldest and most respected of all Masonic rules. The members of Hiram Lodge farther aver that it is not within the power of man, or body of men, to make any alterations in the customs, all of which have been in vogue since the origin of Freemasonry.

As another proof of the character of the Grand Lodge, Hiramites affirm that it is unmasonic to have compulsory dues. Nearly every Lodge in the state has such dues, and if they are not paid the members of the Lodge are suspended, and, in consequence, the State is filled with "Masonic tramps," who have no mother Lodge. The Grand Lodge derives its support from the subordinate Lodges throughout the State, on which it levies a tax of 20 and 25 cents for each member, excepting those who have been members in a Lodge for 25 years. This year, the Grand Lodge has levied a tax of 30 cents per member. If this tax is not forthcoming, the Grand Lodge takes away the charter of the delinquent body. Hiram Lodge has never had any such dues, and it never intends to have them. It is content to continue in the paths trodden by Masons for many centuries.

The breach between Hiram Lodge and the Grand Lodge was opened about a year ago. A demand for Hiram's charter was made by the Grand Lodge, but the charter could not be found. Even now only a few of the members of the Lodge know of its hiding place. By the order of the Grand Lodge, the several other Masonic bodies, whose custom it had been to occupy the Masonic Temple in common with Hiram Lodge, removed to other quarters early in last summer, and left Hiram Lodge sole tenant of the luxurious apartments. Since Hiram was deserted, her members, of whom there are over 700, have worked with determination for her interest. The initation fee was reduced from 40 dollars to 20 dollars, and over 100 new names have been added to her membership list. On 5th Jan. there will be a public installation of the officers of Hiram Lodge for the ensuing year, and 2,500 covers will be laid for the banquet, which will follow. Among the well known members of Hiram who are working for her interests are the following: Hon. Lynde Harrison, ex-Gov. Charles A. O. Ingersoll, ex-Gov. Henry B. Harrison, J. D. Sewell, Col. N. G. Osborn, Sr. F. A. Whittemore, ex-Judge L. B. Morris, and Gen. Colin M. Ingersoll.—*Boston Herald.*

A meeting of the Governors in connection with the Fortescue Masonic Annuity Fund is to be held at the Masonic Hall, Exeter, on Friday, 3rd February, to arrange for the election of an annuitant or annuitants, and to consider a communication from Provincial Grand Lodge as to a proposed increase in the number of annuitants on the Fund.

The brethren of the Brent Lodge, No. 1284, who hold their meetings in the Lodge-room adjoining the Globe Hotel, Topsham, were among those who sent wreaths to be placed upon the coffin of the wife of the proprietor of the hotel, Mrs. Hodder, who recently died, at the early age of 28.

On Friday, the 13th inst., the brethren of the Cleveland Lodge, No. 543, held their annual banquet at the Golden Lion Hotel, Stokesley. Bro. Handyside presided, and the company included several visiting brethren.

Another Lodge is to be enrolled on the list of the Province of Surrey. The Onslow, No. 2234, will be consecrated on Tuesday next, the 24th instant, at the Constitutional Hall, High Street, Guildford, by the R.W. Bro. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, who will be assisted by the Rev. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. England, Bro. Frederick West D.P.G.M. Surrey, and other Provincial Grand Officers.

The Mayor of Scarborough, Bro. Walker, gave a smoking concert to his Masonic brethren on Tuesday, at the Crown Hotel, South Cliff, Scarborough. An excellent programme of songs, &c. was efficiently rendered by Bros. Spurr (Hull), Fletcher, Walshaw, Ascough, Grayston, &c. The health of the Mayor, proposed by Sir Charles Legard, was enthusiastically received, and briefly acknowledged. The guests numbered upwards of 250 brethren.

On Friday, the 13th inst., a ball in connection with the Forest Lodge, No. 1352, was held in the Town Hall, Mansfield. The company present numbered about 70. Mr. Waterfield's quadrille band supplied the music.

The installation banquet of the Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586, was held on Thursday, the 12th instant, at the White Hart Hotel, Salisbury, under the presidency of Bro. John Hyde Dear W.M. The attendance of members was large, proving the Lodge to be in a prosperous condition.

Obituary.

SIR JOHN STAPLES.

Bro. Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., P.G.D. England, whose death occurred, at his residence, Avenue-road, St. John's Wood, on Monday morning, after only a few days' illness, was initiated into Masonry in Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, in the year 1881. In 1883 he took part in founding the St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 2020, and was installed its first Worshipful Master early in January of the following year. At the close of his term of office he was unanimously re-elected. In November 1885 he was installed in office as Lord Mayor, and, following the example of preceding Lord Mayors, who were also Freemasons, gave a grand banquet at the Mansion House a short time previous to his vacating office, to the Grand Officers both Present and Past of United Grand Lodge, and to the Lodges and Chapter of which he was a member, namely, the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, St. Botolph's, No. 2020, and the Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657. At the Masonic celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, Bro. Staples, who in the meantime had had conferred upon him by Her Majesty the distinction of a Knight Commandership of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, for his Civic services, was among the distinguished members of the Fraternity on whom the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was graciously pleased to confer the rank and privileges of a Past Grand Officer of United Grand Lodge, and was made a Past Grand Deacon, a corresponding honour in the Royal Arch Degree being conferred upon him at the Quarterly Convocation in August, when he was appointed a Past Grand Principal Sojourner of Supreme Grand Chapter. The deceased had also rendered efficient services to our Charitable Institutions, having constituted himself a life Governor of all three, and having served four Festival Stewardships, namely, one for the Girls' School, one for the Benevolent Institution, and two for the Boys' School. In his Civic capacity the late Alderman was much esteemed and respected. After serving for many years as a member of the Court of Common Council, he was, on the death of Alderman Besley, in 1877, unanimously elected his successor as Alderman for the Ward of Aldersgate, and the same year served the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex, in conjunction with our late Bro. Lord Mayor Nottage. In November 1885 he was chosen Lord Mayor of London, and in recognition of his services in that capacity the Queen was pleased to create him a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George. He last year was the means of raising a large sum—between £80,000 and 90,000—for the relief of the unemployed in London, and was a member of the Court of Lieutenancy for London, a Governor of the several Royal Hospitals, and a member of the Metropolitan Board of Works. The late Alderman and ex-Lord Mayor was in the 73rd year of his age, but till within a few days of his death had taken an active part in his duties.

BRO. COL. DAVID MACLIVER.

We deeply regret to announce the death, at the comparatively early age of forty-five, of Colonel David Macliver, junior partner in the firm of Macliver and Son, proprietors of the *Western Daily Press*. Until a year ago he took an active part in the management of that undertaking, and, while he was personally very popular with those in his employ, his colleagues on the press of Bristol found him a courteous and honourable gentleman, with whom it was at all times a pleasure to have any communication. As long ago as 1882 he made a trip to America, mainly in quest of health, and has since made two or three other journeys, to the West Indies, and to the Canary Islands last year, for the same purpose. Finding that his heart appeared to be affected, he consulted Dr. Quain and other eminent members of the faculty, and it is as nearly as possible twelve months since those of his friends to whom there was reason for writing received a touching intimation of the medical verdict that there was no hope of his recovery, and that he had made up his mind that he would never again be able to fulfil any of his public engagements. He had been subaltern and captain in the 2nd Somerset Militia, and after his retirement from that became major in the 1st Gloucestershire Engineer Volunteers, then under the command of Colonel Bramble. He succeded Colonel Washbourne in the command in 1883, and was very active in promoting the formation of the torpedo corps of submarine miners at Cardiff, in connection with the Bristol Channel Defence arrangements.

He was a J.P. for Bristol, having been placed on the bench in the last batch of magistrates but one. He was a P.M. of the St. Vincent's Lodge and P. Prov. G. Registrar in the Mark Degree.

On Tuesday, a very feeling allusion was made to the sad event by the Bristol magistrates, and the flags in the civic buildings were half mast. He was very highly respected by all classes, and much sympathy is expressed for his family.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Gaiety.—What may be called a second version of Richard Henry's latest burlesque, "Frankenstein," is now being played at this theatre. After the first night Mr. George Edwardes went to work to alter the piece, with a result that many of the lovely dresses, some of the music, the ballets and processions, have been taken away, and in their place we have genuine fun of the highest order. Mr. Edwardes wisely sacrificed much of the display he relied on, and with a few judicious touches the story can now readily be followed. New songs have been added, plenty of dances for principals introduced, while the whole thing is brimming with jokes and smart sayings. Needless to say, all these are done justice to by Miss Nellie Farren and Mr. Fred Leslie. Miss Farren has worked up her part to perfection, she sings and dances in her best style. Mr. Leslie has, emphatically, remodelled his part; he cracks jokes on the latest news, and sings in perfect style. His "Special Police" song is very amusing, while his fiddle song in the second act is capital. Mr. E. J. Lonnen has brought his part well to the fore, with his clever dances and laughable style; while Mr. George Stone is exceedingly funny as the Model. Miss Marion Hood was apparently suffering from a cold; her voice was hardly heard at its best. Miss Maria Jones was humorous as Mary Ann, while Miss Sylvia Grey's dancing was heartily applauded. As "Frankenstein" is now played we feel sure it will not be far behind its predecessors in regard to success. An amusing farce was presented on Tuesday, for the first time, and was well received. It is a capital little piece, from the German of Von Moser, adapted by Mr. W. J. Fisher, and entitled "Lot 49." It tells of how an exorbitant price is paid for a dog at a sale. The lady leaves a message with the servant to look up whatever comes for her. The first thing is a young man, who is in love with the lady. This youth of course is found by the lady's husband; the mistake however is soon explained, and the dog being again sold, peace reigns in the domestic circle. The piece is capitally played by Miss Emma Gwynne and Mr. Cyril Maude, as the married couple; Mr. George Stone as the loving youth, and Miss Sybil Grey and Mr. Thornton as servants. The farce is very amusing, and well worth attending early for.

Toole's.—Owing to a severe attack of gout, Mr. J. L. Toole was unable to take part in the performance of "Dot" last Monday. This popular piece, which is from Charles Dickens's "Cricket on the Hearth," has been put in the evening bill for a few nights, while the new play is being prepared. Every one knows how Mr. Toole depicts the part of Caleb Plummer, but on Monday Mr. Westland played the part, at short notice. Great praise is due to this gentleman for the way in which he got through his work. Of course the character lost a great deal by Mr. Toole's absence, but Mr. Westland was a very good substitute. Miss Kate Phillips, who essayed the part of Dot for the first time, is capital, her style being suitable. The several characters were well cast, Messrs. John Billington, G. Skelton, C. M. Lorne, Misses Marie Linden, V. Vanbrugh, and Emily Thorne lending excellent service. "Dot" is followed by the amusing farce, "Ici on Parle Français," which caused roars of laughter. Mr. and and Mrs. Herman Merivale's new comedy is in active rehearsal, and will shortly be produced.

The last nights of "As in a Looking Glass" are announced at the Opera Comique, to make room for a new play in preparation. However, we are not to be deprived of Mrs. Bernard-Beere's delineation of Lena Despard entirely; she intends to produce "As in a Looking Glass" at matinées, and also to play "Adrienne Lecouvrier" and "Masks and Faces" during the season.

The Dickens birthday celebration has been fixed for the 7th February, at the Balmoral Rooms, Hart Street, W.C. (late Bloomsbury Hall). Messrs. Wilson Barrett, Howard Paul, Donald (Toole's), Colonel Lean, M. Marius, Madame Florence Marryat, Miss Letty Lind, and many others, are already on the list of patrons.

Wednesday, the 25th instant, 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.

Mr. Kinglake's portrait has never, we believe, as yet been published; but the accomplished historian will be represented in a special drawing by the sculptress of the bust of Fielding (Miss Margaret Thomas), to appear, with a memoir, in the February number of Mr. F. G. Heath's pictorial monthly "Illustrations."

ROWING CLUBS LODGE.

WE understand that a Warrant has been granted for a Lodge to be called "The Argonauts," the qualification being membership of some recognised amateur rowing club. The Lodge will meet at Cromwell Hall (The Baths), Putney Bridge Road, Putney, S.W., on the second Monday in the months of March, April, May, June, and October. The consecration will take place on the 12th of March next, when the ceremony will be performed by V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, assisted by other distinguished Grand Officers. Bro. Montenus P.G.S. P.M. Tuscan and La France is the W.M. Designate, with Bro. Radford as S.W., and Bro. Savory as J.W. We understand that several well-known oarsmen have already sent in their names as desiring to become joining members, and we anticipate a very good future for the Lodge.

Bro. Dr. Wiles was, on Wednesday, installed as W.M. of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174. We are compelled to hold over our report till next week.

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Ars Quatuor Coronatorum; or the Transactions of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076. Vol. I., Part 2.

THIS serial, besides recording the actual proceedings of the Lodge, contains three instructive papers or lectures delivered by members, which together with a varied assortment of clippings from foreign journals, reviews of recent Masonic works, extracts from German Craft literature, and some articles explanatory of the Legend of the Quatuor Coronati, or Four Holy Crowned Martyrs, make up an issue presenting a range of attractions, that cannot fail to satisfy the numerous readers of what is apparently destined to fill a long-felt gap, and to serve as the medium of exchange for such thoughts and ideas of our British literary Masons, as are unsuitable from one cause or another for ventilation in the weekly Masonic press.

The transactions under review begin at the 2nd June 1887, on which date an alteration was made in the regular days of meeting, which are now fixed for the first Friday in January, March, May, and October, St. John's day (in Harvest), and the Festival of the Quatuor Coronati (8th November). At this meeting a paper was read by Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D., entitled "Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Freemasonry, from a Non-Masonic Standpoint," and an interesting discussion ensued, in which Bros. Rylands, Gould, Speth, Lane, Mathers, and Woodman took part.

At the meeting next following, held 8th September, Bros. the Rev. C. J. Ball, M.A., and Sir Henry Burford-Hancock D.G.M. Gibraltar, were elected members, and Bros. R. F. Gould P.G.D., and Walter Besant were chosen W.M. and Treasurer respectively. The paper read on this occasion was on, "The Religion of Freemasonry, Illuminated by the Kabbalah," the lecturer being Bro. Dr. W. W. Westcott, and the speakers at its close, Bros. Gould, Simpson, Dr. Woodman, Speth, Mathers and Woodford.

The next event recorded is the Festival of the Lodge, which was celebrated according to invariable custom on the 8th November. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford acted as Installing Master, and Bro. R. F. Gould P.G.D., the W.M. elect, was placed in the Eastern chair in succession to Sir Charles Warren. Bro. W. Kelly P.P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland, was elected a joining member at this meeting, and at the conclusion of the routine business, the W.M. delivered a short address reviewing the position and prospects of the Lodge, and subsequently read a paper on "English Freemasonry before the Era of Grand Lodges (1717)," which was criticised in his happiest manner by Bro. Woodford, and appears on the records of the Lodge as the last contribution of that worthy brother to the fund of Masonic debate.

Hitherto, we have passed over, from considerations of space, the proceedings of the members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge during the periods devoted to refreshment, but those recorded under the date of 8th November demand some notice at our hands. The toast of the evening, as might be expected, was that of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Sir Charles Warren, of whose brilliant career a brief sketch was given by the W.M., who in concluding his speech remarked of his predecessor in the chair that, like Sir Philip Sidney of old, "he seemed born on purpose for whatever he was about." At this point, and before Sir Charles Warren rose to reply, there was an agreeable interlude, occasioned by the Tyler approaching the table with a number of elegantly-bound books on a silver tray. The collection consisted of 40 distinct works—on Masonic, Architectural, and Archæological subjects—representing twenty-three authors, all of whom were members of the Lodge or its Correspondence Circle, and was considered the most appropriate testimonial that could be offered by a Lodge of Authors and Masonic Students to the distinguished brother who had been their first Worshipful Master.

Sir Charles Warren acknowledged the presentation in a speech of great eloquence, which we regret our inability to quote at length, as we likewise do the graceful remarks of Bro. Woodford in proposing the health of the W.M.

The editor, Bro. G. W. Speth, Secretary of the Lodge, has evidently had his heart in his work. Not only does the record of the actual proceedings reflect credit on his diligence and accuracy, but the same praise must be accorded to the translations from recent German works with which he has filled up a portion of the space at his disposal. These are respectively entitled—"The Apostle St. Paul, a Mason," in which it is argued that St. Paul was a member of a Mason's Lodge; "Studies of the Master's Degree," wherein (*i.e.*, in the translation) Bro. Speth, dissenting wholly from the author's premises, arguments, and conclusions, nevertheless shows that the "Studies" are like those of many Germans—notably Krause, who in his great work enlightens his readers upon nearly every subject, except those forming the title of his book—of great value, though for reasons not altogether in the contemplation of the writer from whose pen they proceed; and, lastly, "Some remarks on the Grand Lodge of London and its treatment of the documents of the Operative Masons," from the German of Dr. Begemann, and of which Bro. Speth says—"In the small treatise before me I hardly know which to admire most, his style or his indefatigable industry of comparison and research."

We have as yet made no mention of the numerous books and periodicals announced as additions to the library at every meeting of the Lodge, but the collection is rapidly attaining dimensions, which must overtax the capability of the indefatigable Secretary, to combine any longer with the ordinary functions of his office, the onerous duties of Librarian.

An Outer or Correspondence Circle was added to the Lodge in January of last year, and on the 6th inst. it had reached a total of 195 members.

Our review of these Transactions must here close, but it may interest some of our readers to learn that the practice of issuing a St. John's Card at the Winter Festival of St. John has been adopted by the Lodge of the Quatuor Coronati. The Card of No. 2076 was designed expressly for the occasion by Bro. W. Simpson, F.R.I.P., Hon. A.R.I.B.A., Senior Warden of the Lodge. Letters from the W.M. and Secretary are bound up with it, and also—what will prove of great utility—the first of a series of annual lists of the members of the Lodge and Correspondence Circle, with the postal address of each.

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THE adventures of the individual referred to above are depicted in a series of twelve spirited sketches, some of them, however, travel on old lines. Still, the modest charge at which they are published warrants our recommending them to those of our readers who delight in working out the vicissitudes of life under matrimonial aspects.

SHAKSPEARE LODGE, No. 143 (I.C.)

THIS Lodge held its installation dinner at the Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on Wednesday evening, the 11th inst. The Worshipful Master, Major Robert Forster, presiding. After the charter, loyal, and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the brethren presented an address to Sir E. H. Hudson Kinahan, expressing their satisfaction at the honourable distinction conferred upon him by Her Most Gracious Majesty in creating him a Baronet of the United Kingdom during the celebration of the Jubilee year of her reign. The following is the address:—

"To Sir Edward H. Hudson Kinahan, Baronet, 32°, Grand Treasurer Grand Lodge of Ireland. We, the Master Wardens and Brethren of the Shakespeare Lodge, gladly express our satisfaction at the honourable distinction which has been conferred upon you by Her Most Gracious Majesty as a signal mark of her favour. Your patent as a Baronet of the United Kingdom is most honourably connected with the Jubilee celebration of the fiftieth year of her Majesty's most happy reign, on which auspicious occasion she determined to honour those of her loyal subjects who were most distinguished for their public virtues. At this honour which she has deigned to confer upon you we exceedingly rejoice, recognising, as we are bound to do, your worth and eminence as a citizen. As brethren, we desire to testify our high appreciation of your worth as a Mason, that worth being proved by a long and honourable career, not only as a member of our Lodge, but also as the holder of many of the highest offices in our venerable Order. Your diligent discharge of all Masonic duties, your unbounded liberality to our Charities, as well as your genial disposition, have not only earned the respect, but also attracted the affection of all your brethren. We wish you all happiness, and pray that you may be long spared to maintain among us those fraternal relations which it has always been your pleasure to cultivate and your privilege to enjoy."

Sir Edward, in responding, said—Worshipful Sir, Brother Senior, Brother Junior, and Brethren of the Shakespeare Lodge, I feel most grateful to you for the handsome address and album presented to me on the occasion of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Patron of our Order, conferring on me the honour of a Baronetcy. Since I first saw the light in this old and distinguished Lodge, I have endeavoured to do my duty as a Mason. I shall never forget the many acts of brotherly kindness I experienced from the various degrees of this Order, and it will be my constant endeavour to prove myself worthy of the confidence reposed in me. I most heartily reciprocate all your kind wishes. The address is from the studio of Mr. James M'Connell, of Clonmel Street, and is illuminated in beautiful manner. The title-page is surrounded by a border of golden-coloured celandine, expressive of joy; the pages containing the address are designed to convey the sentiment of the address; a border of chestnut in many coloured rich autumn tones expresses the recognition of merit; while a rich border of fir-cones signifies elevation; similar ideas being carried out through the entire work, which has been bound in a very handsome manner by Messrs. Galwey, of Eustace Street. The cover is of Masonic blue morocco leather, with Celtic ornamentation, surmounted by the crest and monogram of the distinguished Baronet, who, from his long and honourable career, is eminently worthy of this mark of appreciation from his brethren.

FUNERAL OF AN OLD FREEMASON.

A SURPRISINGLY small number of brethren attended the funeral of Bro. Jas. Taylor, aged 62, at St. James's Cemetery, Liverpool, on the 4th inst. The deceased had been a Freemason for upwards of 25 years, and besides having filled the office of Secretary to the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, as far back as 20 years ago, was at the time of his death Past Master of the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264. The simple funeral train arrived at the cemetery at three o'clock. The following brethren were present at the grave:—Bros. Peter B. Gee, P.M. 1261, J. Molloy 249, Thos. Singleton 1756, and late S.W. of 1264. Bro. J. Croxton had charge of the undertaking arrangements, and the service was conducted by the acting chaplain of the cemetery, the Rev. J. A. Sheal.—*Liverpool Courier.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 21st JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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)
1634—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, Ledbroke 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
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1856—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

MONDAY, 23rd 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, 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)
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
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
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. 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
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
406—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 24th 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, 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—Kuntsmatic, 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)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1716—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Bibra Restaurant, Cannon Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2104—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 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

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
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. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 25th 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, 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 Lodge, Stamford 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)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
948—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 616 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
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)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
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, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Copper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1054—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1056—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1253—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Strathwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
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
R.A. 469—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

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THURSDAY, 26th JANUARY.

General Committee Girls' Schoo , Freemasons' Hall, at 4
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (I nstruction)
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)
90—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
764—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1379—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)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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)
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 9 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (nst)
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
2192—Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
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, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (nstruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Giltherpe
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
784—Wellington, Masonic 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
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1682—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. 292—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
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
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, 27th 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.
107—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.)
549—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)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1054—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ivybridge Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Mourgate, 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
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Shaldburn
451—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-on-Tyne
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of I nstruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon
R.A. 1056—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

SATURDAY, 28th JANUARY.

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)
624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Eccleston 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
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

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CONSECRATION AND DESECRATION.

MUCH has been said from time to time as to the un-Masonic use of Masonic signs and symbols, and no doubt a considerable portion of the bad odour which is associated with Freemasonry in the minds of its opponents could be traced to a departure from the strict teachings of the Order; some irregularity on the part of an actual member, or one who pretended to be, in the improper use of the outward and visible signs of Freemasonry. It would be a very difficult matter to define the limits within which Freemasons are justified in associating Freemasonry, and making use of its signs and symbols, with matters of general public interest; and no doubt opinions vary, to a considerable extent, in regard to the subject. There are some who maintain that no Masonic signs or symbols should be exposed to public gaze, and that Freemasonry should only show itself to the eye within the portals of a tyled Lodge. But they are wrong in drawing so hard and fast a line; otherwise the Constitutions of the Order err, as also does the Grand Master and his immediate subordinates in laying foundation stones with Masonic honours, allowing Masonic processions, or taking part in any outside display dressed in the regalia of the Craft. If it is legitimate to associate Freemasonry with the erection of a public building, or for an assembly of Masons clothed with the badges of the Order to appear in public, it is equally legitimate for the same Masonic signs and symbols to be made use of by individual brethren in connection with minor matters, if the purposes for which they are used are of the same worthy character. For this reason we disagree with those who argue that a Freemason is guilty of violating his obligation when he uses Freemasonry outside his Lodge, although he is actuated by the most worthy of motives. It is, however, the defining of worthy, as compared with unworthy motives, that presents the difficulty, and is the point on which the whole question turns. What might be considered quite legitimate in some parts would be denounced as unworthy in others, or perhaps even by some of the brethren of the same neighbourhood.

We are led to these thoughts by a consideration of recent events in which Freemasonry has played a prominent part, in association with matters of a public, or at least semi-public character; together with some remarks which appeared in a local newspaper in reference to one of them. Our readers can, no doubt, call to mind several instances which have occurred during the past few months in which Freemasonry has been made use of, or has assisted in works of general utility. Foundation stones have been laid, and public buildings have been erected, beautified or opened by Freemasons in their Masonic capacity, and in most of the instances the local dignitaries of the Order have taken a leading part in the work. We need not go back more than a few days for such an instance; the laying of the foundation stone of the New Masonic Hall at Plymouth, by the Provincial Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. Lord Ebrington, being a case in point. It was in reference to this event that the *Devon Weekly Times* made some comments, which will bear consideration at the hands of the Craft. "I wonder what luck will attend this new venture?" asks the writer in our contemporary, and he thus continues: "It required some pluck to start it, considering the facts. Plymouth has had a Freemasons' Hall, in name, for many years; and it was started with no less pomp and ceremony (I am not sure that Lord Ebrington's grandfather did not lay the foundation stone); but it was never paid for, it speedily fell into secular hands, and it has long been used as auction rooms with nothing left of its Masonic original but the name. *Absit omen*, of course; but it is an omen nevertheless."

Here we have the record of a transaction which appears to convey the impression of an improper use of Masonry's signs and symbols, and it is by no means a solitary one, as many who have journeyed through the Provinces could testify, and yet it would no doubt be defended by the very men who are loudest in their condemnation of outside use of Masonic signs. They would see nothing wrong in starting a Masonic Hall with all the pomp and ceremony of Freemasonry, consecrating it to the uses of the Craft, and afterwards taking no active part in preserving it for its original purposes. It would be useless to tell them that the starting of such a venture, without a guarantee as to payment for its erection, was a gross instance of trading on Freemasonry, or that an unworthy use had been made of association with the Craft in mixing up the name and ceremonies of Freemasonry in a venture of a purely speculative character. Yet there is no knowing what amount of harm this particular case may have occasioned to Freemasonry, not only in the immediate neighbourhood of the Hall, but throughout the district. It is no doubt many years since the events referred to by our contemporary took place, and yet we find them brought forward in connection with the doings of to-day. We will not say the remarks were intended to cause pain, but we imagine there are few who peruse them but will, in a measure, consider that to Freemasonry should be attached some of the blame for the unsatisfactory state of affairs here made public. That a Masonic Hall should have been conceived, and ushered into existence with all the pomp and ceremony of Freemasonry, without provision having been made for its being paid for on completion, displays a laxity on the part of the principals concerned which, if exhibited by brethren of lower degree in matters of minor importance, would be strongly condemned.

It is admittedly easy to be wise after an event, and perhaps some of those who took a prominent part in the starting and consecration of the old Freemasons' Hall at Plymouth, or of similar buildings elsewhere, have since regretted their share in the work, or are sorry they did not make more particular inquiry as to the chance of ultimate success, but regrets will avail

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nothing so far as the past is concerned, although the lessons thus taught us may be of utility, if they cause greater care to be taken in regard to similar matters in the future.

The name of Freemasonry, and more particularly its solemn ceremony of Consecration, should not be officially bestowed until after the most careful inquiry as to the possible future of the work in hand, lest its ultimate failure may bring discredit on the Craft and those associated with it, besides doing irreparable injury to some who, in ignorance of the true state of affairs, thought they were trusting the Craft as a body, rather than a few of its members individually. Freemasonry justly bears a grand reputation, and it is not to be wondered at if those who have little or no knowledge of its inner working are misled when the highest patronage is given to an undertaking with which is associated the name of the Craft. This should be fully recognised and carefully considered ere the support of Freemasonry, even in name alone, is given to anything outside the actual ceremonies and degrees of the Order. If it be so in future we shall be less likely than at present to hear of cases of desecration, although such instances are happily now of very rare occurrence in the annals of the Craft. That they cannot wholly be prevented we are willing to admit, but that they can be reduced to a minimum is also true. To secure this minimum should be the aim of every brother who desires to maintain and uphold the fair name and reputation of Freemasonry.

LOYALTY AND FREEMASONRY.

AS English Freemasons we have hitherto been content to point to the position occupied by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family, in the Masonic Order, as the best answer to the attacks of those who accuse the Craft and its members of disloyalty to the throne; although we might, with almost equal justice, have referred to the patronage given by Her Majesty the Queen to the benevolent objects of the Craft. Surely if Freemasons are as bad as their enemies strive to make out they would not have received the recognition from the highest quarters which they have so long enjoyed. The answer to this line of argument has sometimes been, that the patronage was given in ignorance of the true objects for which the Craft existed, or for which Freemasons were banded together; but we cannot believe our rulers have been so injudicious as to rush into Freemasonry without first satisfying themselves that its teaching and practice are consistent with the laws of the land. Even if such had been the case they certainly would not have continued their patronage or membership when once they became acquainted with its real objects—and it would be impossible to hide from them the true purpose for which the Order existed. Assuming, for the sake of argument, the truth of the statements made by the enemies of Freemasonry, that it exists as a means of teaching disloyalty and lawlessness, how would it be possible to keep those unholy objects from the knowledge of the heads of the Order, and how would it be possible for its chiefs to continue their support—and even extend it, when they knew the society to be banded together for objects opposed to good citizenship?

The last few days have supplied us with evidence that, not only in this country but also abroad, Freemasonry still enjoys the highest place in the opinion of those at the head of the people. In the two instances we shall particularly refer to it is unreasonable to suppose that either ignorance exists, or that participation in anything illegal is possible; therefore we are justified in considering the events as further proof that Freemasonry meets with the approval of the authorities, while we fail to see how any other construction can be placed on the actions referred to.

It is announced that at the Installation meeting of the Savage Club Lodge, which will take place on the first Tuesday of next month, when Sir Somers Vine will be placed in the position of Worshipful Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will present to the Lodge the gavel used by Her Majesty the Queen when she laid the foundation stone of the Imperial Institute, and as we imagine the presentation could hardly be made without the knowledge and approval of Her Majesty, it will afford ample proof that the Sovereign of the British Empire is not only favourable to the practice of Freemasonry, but is willing to confer honour on its Lodges. We may now turn to the Continent of Europe, and there we find the Emperor of Germany expressing himself in terms of the highest approval in regard to Freemasonry. It cannot be argued that he is either ignorant of the true aims of the Craft, or that he is a party to disloyalty or villainy, and therefore we accept his actions as further proof of royal approval of Freemasonry. The event which called forth His Majesty's expression of opinion was the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Masonic Lodge at Rostock, Mecklenburg, and in a letter to that body the Emperor takes the opportunity of saying, "Freemasonry constitutes a true element of the religious sentiment, and works for the well-being of humanity."

In face of such approvals as are here displayed Freemasons can afford to take even less notice of outside attacks than they have been accustomed to do, while they will be justified in assuming for themselves a yet higher position than they have hitherto enjoyed, although they must not forget that this position has been won by the practice of good deeds in the past, or that it will require no small amount of self-sacrifice in the future to maintain. We have little fear that coming generations of Freemasons will do aught to place the present high reputation enjoyed by the Craft in jeopardy, or that anything will occur within the portals of Freemasonry to deprive its members of the good opinion they now enjoy, from those who occupy the proudest positions in the government of the world; on the contrary, as the teachings of Freemasonry become better known, and its principles more generally practised, the Craft will be more widely patronised, and its members will be universally honoured as living examples of the brightest ideas of Loyalty, Charity, and Good Fellowship.

PROTECTING THE SECRETS OF THE CRAFT.

THE rose, in all ages of the world, and wherever known, has been a favourite flower, but like the good and the beautiful in other created forms, few flowering plants have had so many enemies. While Freemasons, in common with others, admire the rose as a flower, it has a language for them deeper than its petals. Wordsworth said,

> To me the meanest flower that blooms can give
> Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears.

Brethren of the mystic tie admire the rose for the mystical lessons it teaches. Formerly three roses were placed on a Master's apron. Among the ancients the queen of flowers was held in high esteem for its esoteric teaching. In the middle ages it was placed by the Romish Church over its confessionals. There are some fine specimens of rose work in Heidelberg castle, and in the various cathedrals and abbeys of Great Britain and the Continent. Rose or wheel windows are distinguishing features of Gothic cathedrals. The island of Rhodes, made famous by the Knights of St. John, was named from the *rhodon* or rose. Bro. Fort tells us, in his admirable "Early History and Anquities of Freemasonry," "At the feasts of the Northern people, a garland of flowers, with a rose prominently in the centre, was suspended from the ceiling above the table, as a symbol that everything which might be said or spoken by the participants in the banquet should be held strictly secret. In the Gothic code the rose was an emblem of secrecy, and was thus considered by the mediæval operative Masons." Waite, in his "History of the Rosicrucians," says: "The white rose was especially sacred to silence. It was carved in the centre of the refectory of the ancients for the same reason, and the expression, *sub rosa*, which was equivalent among the Romans to an inviolable pledge, originated in the ancient dedication of the flower to Aphrodite, and its reconsecration by Cupid to Harpocrates, the tutelary deity of Silence." Some other fanciful applications have been made of the rose. Beneath the Rathhaus in Bremen, Germany, is a wine cask styled the Twelve Apostles, of which Henry Heine wrote:

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This is the rose of roses;
The older she grows, the sweeter she blossoms,
And her delightful perfume has made me happy.
It has inspired me—has made me tipsy;
And were I not held by the shoulder fast,
By the Town-Cellar Master of Bremen,
I had gone rolling over!

The loftiest application of the symbolism of the rose is found in the *Canticles*, where Our Saviour is called "The Rose of Sharon."

Freemasonry commends to its initiates that Leonine line of the Middle Ages, *Audi, vide, tace*, "Hear, see, be silent." The satirist, Rabelais, said, "Nothing is so oppressive as a secret; it is difficult for ladies to keep it long; and I know even in this matter a good number of men who are women." Ariosto, in his "Orlando," describes a Cave of Silence thus:

Silence plays the scout and walks his round
Equipped with shoes of felt and mantel brown,
And motions from a distance all who meet
Him on his circuit, from the dim retreat.

Every initiate in Freemasonry should remember that a Lodge-room is to him a "cave of silence," where everything is said *sub rosa*, and over all the walls are, as it were, the invisible words, "Hear, see, be silent."

One of the deteriorating effects of the reactionary influence of the profane world upon Masonry is the greater freedom now than formerly with which too much of Freemasonry is spoken of in public. The history and the main underlying principles of the Craft may be rightfully written about and spoken of, but the secrets of the Lodge-room should be inviolate. The important thing is to rightly discriminate between what is esoteric and exoteric. The former may not be lawfully alluded to, while the latter is more or less public property. But if we are to err, if error it can be called, let us err in saying too little. The profane have no right to know anything concerning Freemasonry. It exists for itself alone, for the pleasure and advantage of its initiates; but sometimes, we fear, its avowed and sworn friends are its unintentional enemies. Let us cry a halt in the ultra-publicity given to Masonic matters; let the profane prints drop it from their columns; let even the Masonic prints be more careful in their deliverances, and so let us conform to ancient usage in maintaining Silence concerning the secrets of Freemasonry.

—*Keystone.*

The annual meeting of the Adair Lodge, No. 936, was held on Friday, the 13th instant, at Aldeburgh. Bro. F. D. Bright was installed as Worshipful Master by his predecessor, Bro. Hall, and the Officers for the year were appointed. A banquet followed, after which the usual toasts were given.

Obituary.

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BRO. T. M. HUMPHRIES.

It is with profound regret we have to record the death of Bro. T. M. Humphries, which occurred on Friday, the 20th inst., under the most distressing circumstances. It appears our deceased brother, who was widely known both in London and in Provincial Masonry, had recently suffered considerable reverses in business, and this appears to have had such an effect upon an always excitable temperament as to bring on a fit of temporary insanity, during which Bro. Humphries shot himself, at the Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield. We feel sure all who knew Brother Humphries will share with us the deepest regret that so sad a fate should have befallen one so universally beloved; they will, moreover, with equal readiness tender their sincere sympathy to his widow and son, for whom we hope there is even yet a silver lining to the heavy cloud which at present overshadows them.

BRO. CHAPLIN HENRY.

Bro. Chaplin Henry, another well-known Mason, has also passed away. His funeral took place at Nunhead Cemetery, on the 23rd inst. A large number of prominent members of the musical profession attended the last rites for our deceased brother, who was universally respected in his especial circle as well as among his Masonic brethren.

The Old Westminsters Lodge, No. 2233, membership of which is restricted to those who have been educated at the ancient School of Westminster, was consecrated on the 20th instant, at the Café Royal, Regent Street, by the Grand Secretary Brother Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, assisted by Bro. Hyde Clarke P.G.M. of Columbia, General Randolph, Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope P.G. Chaplain, and Frank Richardson P.G.D.; Bro. H. D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, acted as Installing Master. Bros. Victor Williamson P.G.W., S. Pope, Q.C., P.G.D., and many other well-known Masons were present. Bro. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., was installed as the first Master. Bro. R. J. Mure and Bro. Thomas Wakley jun. were appointed respectively as Senior and Junior Wardens and Bro. H. H. Hyde Clarke as Secretary.

We hardly recognised the full extent to which Masonic Benevolence is extended to objects outside the Craft when we referred to the subject in our early issues of the present year. Hardly a day passes but we have an instance brought under notice where the best principles of Freemasonry are practised on behalf of those who, unconnected with the Order, are reduced to the lowest ebb of poverty or misfortune. Among the more recent events under this head which we have seen recorded is the donation, by a member of the Union Lodge, at Margate, of 20 tons of coals. These were distributed, through the medium of the Lodge, among the poor of the town. This may justly be termed a practical illustration of Freemasonry in its brightest aspect.

The Olive Union Lodge, No. 1304, gave its annual ball on Wednesday, the 18th instant, at the Corn Exchange, Horncastle, the proceeds being intended for the benefit of one of the Masonic Charities. The ball was well patronised, among those present being the Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, his Deputy, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and other brethren of distinction.

The installation of Worshipful Master, and investiture of Officers of Lodge Unity, at Ringwood, took place at the White Hart Hotel, on Thursday, the 12th inst., there being a large attendance, which included visitors from Bournemouth, Wimborne, Poole, Lyndhurst, Lymington, &c. Bro. John Webber, of Bournemouth, was installed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. J. Le Feuvre. A banquet followed, at the Corn Exchange, at which about eighty members and guests were present.

On Monday evening, the 23rd inst, Bro. George H. Kenning, assisted by a party of ladies and gentlemen, very kindly entertained the residents at the Institution, Croydon, by giving them a capital concert. When all laboured so well to entertain it would be invidious to particularise, but the singing of Miss Flo Kenning and the recitations of Mr. Herbert Grose merit particular notice. The entertainment, a most enjoyable one, was thoroughly appreciated by those for whom it was given. At the termination Bro. Terry, in the name of the residents, thanked Bro. George H. Kenning and his friends for their kindness in attending, and for the enjoyment afforded. This was acknowledged by Bro. Kenning, and after the National Anthem had been sung the Old Folks retired.

A Masonic charity ball, the second of its kind promoted by the Royal Wharfedale Lodge, No. 1108, to aid the Masonic Charities, took place in the Mechanics' Institute, Otley, on Monday, the 23rd instant, and passed off very successfully. There were upwards of two hundred guests, amongst whom were representatives from a number of Lodges in Harrogate, Ilkley, Leeds, Bradford, Shipley, &c., who, like the brethren of the home Lodge, were in Masonic regalia. There is likely to be a considerable balance available for the benevolent object which the Royal Wharfedale Lodge desires to further.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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EMULATION LODGE, No. 21.

ON Monday evening, the 16th instant, the Lord Mayor was installed Worshipful Master of this Lodge, which is one of the oldest Lodges on the Grand Lodge of England. The Lodge, which, in addition to its antiquity, is notorious for its admirable working of the ceremonies of the Order, meets at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C., where so many distinguished Lodges of the Order assemble. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Arthur Hills. A large and distinguished number of brethren, especially members of the Grand Lodge, were present to do honour to his Lordship. After the proceedings in Lodge, the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs, Sir J. B. Monckton, and many other prominent members of the Corporation left (greatly to the regret of the Lodge) in consequence of the death of Alderman Sir J. Staples, and out of respect to his memory. This fact was several times alluded to in the course of the evening by the Immediate Past Master (Bro. A. Hills) who, at the request of his lordship, presided at the banquet. The banquet, as usual at the Albion, was most admirably served, under the direction of Bro. Swayne, the popular manager. Bro. Arthur Hills gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, and Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., replying, said that under the roof in which they were he felt that much speaking under the circumstances in which they were met would be out of place. He congratulated the Emulation Lodge upon the marked success which had attended their present proceedings, and upon having elected so distinguished a brother as their Lord Mayor to be their Master. He specially referred to the exceedingly valuable Lodge of Instruction which was held under the auspices of the Emulation Lodge, which, he observed, had done so much to preserve the wonderful traditions of the Craft. In proposing the health of the Worshipful Master (the Lord Mayor), Bro. Arthur Hill said they all most deeply regretted the unfortunate circumstance which had prevented their newly-installed Worshipful Master from being present. But for this he felt that they should have had one of the most enjoyable and pleasant evenings which they had hitherto recorded in the Emulation Lodge. They all knew the reason which had prevented his remaining with them, but they all knew the great sense of honour and great feeling of brotherly love which existed between the Aldermen of the City. All very much regretted to hear of the death of an Alderman who was very well known within those walls, and especially within the Ward in which they were assembled. As to the Lord Mayor, they all felt that he had done the Lodge a great honour by accepting the office of Master of the Emulation Lodge. This was the highest honour which the Craft could confer upon him, and it was especially valuable because this Lodge had gone out of the ordinary run of selecting the Senior Warden in electing the Lord Mayor to the chair. The Lord Mayor in Lodge had told them of the manner in which he regarded this kindness of the Lodge, but he had again desired him to thank the Officers for allowing him to fill the office to which they had elected him. The Lord Mayor hoped that during his year of office he might be with them often, and he had half promised to be present at their next meeting, but they all knew the many calls there were upon the Lord Mayor's time, and he was quite sure also that they were all prepared to excuse his attendance. They all wished his Lordship health and happiness during his year of office. He thought that it was great credit to the Lodge that although their Lord Mayor was not born within the sound of Bow Bells, but far—very far—beyond, they had elected him to the Chief Magistracy. They could not have better qualifications for a Lord Mayor than in the words of their own ritual, "One whose hand was extended by justice, and whose heart was expanded by benevolence." This it might be faithfully said of the present Lord Mayor. Brother T. Taylor, a Past Master of the Lodge, gave, in eulogistic terms, the health of the Immediate Past Master, who had so kindly taken the chair on behalf of the Lord Mayor. They were all exceedingly well pleased with the admirable manner in which Bro. Arthur Hill had fulfilled the duties of his office during the year, and they all had seen the very excellent way in which he had installed the Lord Mayor that evening. No doubt during the year they would have the pleasure of seeing their good friend again in the chair, and they would still be able to appreciate his working. Bro. Hill, replying, again expressed regret for the absence of the Lord Mayor, and thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received him. He proposed the health of the Visitors, stating that owing to the death of Sir John Staples many of those who would have been present hardly considered it respectful to his memory that they should remain. This was especially so in the case of the Grand Officers. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Augustus Harris and A. M. Broadley, both of whom replied. The health of the Initiates was then given and drunk with cheers, and Bros. R. L. S. Badham and Sydney Willis responded. In proposing the health of the Past Masters Bro. Hill eulogised their services to the Lodge, stating with pleasure that they were fortunate in being particularly strong in their Past Masters. Bro. Geo. Singer replied. The health of the Treasurer, which was next given most cordially, was replied to by Bro. Thos. Taylor, who was very warmly received. Bro. Hill then proposed the health of the Officers, whose services he particularly eulogised, and Bro. G. J. Eady (the Senior Warden) responded, stating the great pleasure it gave him and the other Officers to stand on one side to allow the first citizen in the world to take the chair. It was not given to every Lodge to have as one of its Officers the Lord Mayor, and this he and the other Officers of the Lodge would greatly prize and highly value. The health of the Secretary (Brother S. Hill) was given, and that gentleman, who is most popular in the Lodge, suitably replied, stating the great interest which he always took in the proceedings of the Lodge. An admirable selection of music was performed under the direction of Bro. Tromin, assisted by Bros. Coates, F. Clive, and Schartau. The duties of toastmaster were well performed by Bro. Cooper.

SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 88.

ON Monday, the 9th instant, about 60 brethren attended the proceedings of this Lodge, when Bro. Oliver Papworth was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The duties of Installing Master were most efficiently discharged by Bro. B. Chennell. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Pashler I.P.M., Pryor S.W., Purchas J.W., Rev. J. C. Saunders Chaplain, Hunnybun Treasurer, Chaplin Secretary, Piggott S.D., Spalding J.D., Hills D.C., Ling Org., Redfarn I.G., Beales Steward, Charlton S.B., Ellis Tyler.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 156.

THE annual banquet of this Lodge was held on the 18th inst., at Routly's Farley Hotel, Plymouth. An excellent dinner was well served up under the direction of Bro. Westlake. Bro. John Little the W.M. presided. During the evening a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. John Parkhouse I.P.M., as a token of esteem and appreciation of his services during his Mastership. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

TRANQUILITY LODGE, No. 185.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday, the 16th instant, Bro. A. A. Marks was unanimously elected the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. On the motion of Bro. A. E. Sydney, the following members were appointed a Committee of the Benevolent Fund:—Bros. Saul Solomon, A. E. Sydney, Maurice Hart, R. Z. Bloomfield, N. Moss and J. H. Ross. Bros. S. Barnett and J. H. Ross were elected auditors. At the banquet which followed, the health of the W.M. elect was drunk with much cordiality.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 213.

ANNUAL installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 17th inst., at the Masonic Club, Norwich. A large number of brethren rallied round the old Perseverance banner, not only to welcome the new W.M. (Bro. J. W. Hide), but also to express their thanks to the retiring W.M. Bro. Baxter, who during his year of office was the recipient of a singular honour, for, by virtue of a precept from the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the Prov. G.M. had the privilege to confer upon three brethren of his Province a jubilee distinction, and he selected Bros. Baxter and Dunsford, P.M.'s of the Lodge Perseverance, as two of the three. On these hard-working brethren was conferred the rank of P.P.S.G.W., and the result has given general satisfaction. On Tuesday evening the Lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., assisted by his Officers. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the newly-elected W.M. appointed his officers, as under:—Bros. Baxter I.P.M., Smith S.W., Pond J.W., Carpenter Chaplain, King Treasurer, Kersey Secretary, Dunsford D.C., Madge Organist, Cole S.D., Durndell J.D., Rust I.G., Deuchar and Poock Stewards, Hollidge Tyler. The usual subscriptions for the Masonic Charities having been voted, and hearty good wishes given by the visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to a récherché banquet, provided by the Steward and Stewardess (Bro. and Mrs. Pretty). After the banquet the loyal and other toasts were duly honoured.

HARMONIC LODGE, No. 216.

THE installation meeting was held on the 12th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, the gathering being generally voted one of the most successful which has ever been held. Bro. Hawkins W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by a good complement of Provincial Officers and brethren. The new W.M. was presented by Bro. Hawkins, and was duly installed. He then invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Hawkins I.P.M., Bark S.W., Costine J.W., Brunt Secretary, Bannatyne S.D., Blair J.D., Camidge I.G., Lawton S.S., Westrup J.S., Dwerryhouse D.C., and Ewart Organist.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE installation banquet of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 18th instant, at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, and proved an unqualified success. About 150 in all sat down to a good spread, the brethren being accompanied by their wives or sweethearts. The Worshipful Master, Bro. J. J. Meadley, presided. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The toasts of the W.M. and Treasurer and Secretary were most cordially received. Bro. Hocking and Miss Kelynack sang an excellent duet, which was received with loud applause. Bro. Sylvester was in excellent voice, and sang well. He also accompanied on the piano in an able manner. Bro. Lavers gave a recitation, and other contributions were made by Brothers Leonard, J. Rendle, and others. A ball was afterwards held, a band, under the direction of Bro. A. Lidiard, supplying the music. Mr. B. H. Penberthy made a courteous and efficient M.C., and the success of the evening's entertainment is due to the admirable arrangements made by Bros. R. Cawsey and E. Littleton, who were deservedly complimented.

UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261.

THE Festival of St. John, in connection with this Lodge, was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, on the 18th inst., and the occasion was regarded by the Freemasons of the Province as one of unusual interest, this being the Centenary year of the Lodge. The brethren met at 1·30 p.m. for high twelve, and there was a large gathering from all parts of the county, nearly every Lodge in the Province being represented. Ordinary routine business having been transacted, Bro. Arthur Steevens, the Immediate Past Master, impressively installed the W.M. elect, Colonel A. W. Adair Past Provincial Grand Master of Somerset and a P.M. of Lodge 261, into the chair of K.S. The newly-elected Master then appointed and invested the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Brothers

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Steevens I.P.M., Saunders S.W., Rev. F. W. Aveling J.W., Rev. H. L. Barnwell Chaplain, A. Hammett Secretary, Showers Treasurer, Strawbridge S.D., Wake J.D., Lewis I.G., Chaffin O.G., Barrett S.S., Potter, Flower, and Loveday Stewards, Hartnell D.C., Tidbury Tyler. The Lodge having been closed according to ancient form, the brethren dined together, under the presidency of Bro. Colonel Adair, and there was a large company of brethren present.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 272.

THE annual installation of the W.M. and Officers of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, the 18th inst. Bro. Morton the W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Pickering, after which the following Officers were invested:—Padley I.P.M., Appleton S.W., Dickinson J.W., Rev. Lowe Chaplain, Eley Treasurer, Pocklington Secretary, Pickering D.C., Stephenson S.D., Winn J.D., Tyler I.G., Buck Organist, Atkin Steward, Ward Tyler. The annual banquet took place at the Peacock and Royal Hotel.

LION LODGE, No. 312.

INSTALLATION Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Whitby, on Tuesday, 16th inst., when Bro. J. T. Stewart was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Installing Master was Bro. J. Stevenson P.M. The following were appointed Officers: Bros. Attley S.W., Atkinson J.W., Elliott S.D., Oliver J.D., Smithson I.G., Stevenson Chaplain, Lawson P.M. Treasurer, Burton Newbold Secretary, Clarkson D.C., Rennison Organist, Edwards and Davis Stewards, Trueman Tyler. Bro. Stevenson announced the presentation to the Lodge (by Bro. John Corner, of London) of a valuable and beautiful portrait, in oils, by Mr. Waterhouse, R.A., of the late Earl of Zetland, formerly P.G.M. of the North-East Riding Province. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Crown Hotel.

DORIC LODGE, No. 362.

ON Thursday, the 5th inst., the members of this Lodge met at the Masonic Room, St. Peter's Hill, Grantham, when Bro. J. C. Basker was installed W.M. In the absence of Bro. Buckle, the present W.M., who is now abroad, the ceremony was performed by Bro. A. G. Gamble, and Bro. Capt. B. H. Russell. The following Officers were then invested by the W.M.:—Bros. Collingwood S.W., Beaumont J.W., Rev. C. Elsmere Chaplain, Gamble Secretary, Wigelsworth Treasurer, Dickenson Organist, Beeson S.D., Anderson J.D., Lyne I.G., and Jackson Tyler. At the conclusion of these proceedings, the company adjourned to the George Hotel, where a banquet was held, under the presidency of Bro. Basker. Host Fillingham catered in his usual admirable style, the dinner being of a most *récherché* description. The usual toast list was afterwards gone through.

SCIENCE LODGE, No. 437.

THE installation of Bro. S. W. Bewsey to the chair of W. Master of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Wincanton, on Monday, the 16th instant. A special dispensation had been granted from the Grand Lodge to hold the meeting on that day, as several brethren were otherwise engaged on the annual festival day. Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset, was the installing Officer. The W.M. appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. J. L. Bewsey S.W., Rev. T. J. Garniss J.W., Rev. J. Locke Chaplain, Hutchings Treasurer, Good Secretary, Lintern S.D., Tomkins J.D., Edwards Organist, Hill D.C., Goodfellow and Scallon Stewards, Hoare I.G., Alford Tyler. The ceremony being over, Bro. Else, on behalf of the Lodge, said it gave him much pleasure to present to their old friend and Brother, R. R. Hutchings, a Past Master's and Treasurer's gold jewel, with clasps, in recognition of his past services. Bro. Hutchings feelingly responded, and heartily thanked the brethren for the handsome present and unexpected honour conferred upon him. The business of the Lodge being concluded, the brethren, amongst whom were many P.G. Officers and friends, adjourned to the Greyhound, Hotel, where the banquet provided by Mrs. Sherring was all that could be desired.

ST. JAMES'S LODGE, No. 448.

A BALL in connection with this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Halifax, on Thursday evening, the 12th inst. Upwards of sixty brethren and friends were present, and the programme of twenty dances was gone through to the Halifax Quadrille Band. Dancing continued until after three in the morning. Brothers Richard Smithies and John Smith acted as M.C.'s. The place was suitably decorated by Mr. Bond. At an interval an excellent repast was served by Brother Webb. Afterwards the toast of the Queen was given by the Worshipful Master, Brother Charles Greenwood, and loyally honoured by the visitors. Then the health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Brother Shoebridge and cordially drunk, and the compliment was appropriately acknowledged from the chair. The only other toast was the Ladies, proposed by the W.M., and replied to by Brother John Smith.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 496.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Lodge room, St. Austell. The W.M. elect, Bro. William Isaac Watts, was duly installed by Bro. McTurk. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Bont S.W., Lake J.W., Guy Treasurer, the Rev. F. B. Paul Chaplain, Simon Truscott S.D., Richards J.D., Hugh Secretary, Whettes I.G., Williams D.C., Smith Org., Williams and Phillips Stewards, Read Tyler. The brethren subsequently adjourned to Bro. Lake's White Hart Hotel, where an excellent banquet was presided over by the W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and a pleasant evening was spent.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 561.

ON Friday, the 13th instant, the brethren of this Lodge held their annual Festival in the Masonic Hall, Gisborough. Bro. George Page jun. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Knowles. The newly-installed W.M. invested the following Officers, viz.:—Bros. Bramley S.W., Burgay J.W., Dale Treasurer, Newcombe Secretary, Rodham S.D., Wills J.D., Harrison D.C., Clarke Organist, Collier I.G., Best Steward, Byers Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at the Coulsoner Hotel.

DRUIDS LODGE, No. 589.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their annual meeting on Monday, the 9th inst., when Bro. Cock was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. T. A. Kistler, assisted by Bros. Joseph Sarah and Richard Rodda. Bro. Cock appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Wales S.W., Hichens J.W., Heath Treasurer, Kistler Secretary, Erskine Chaplain, Chegwidden S.D., Carkeek J.D., Rodda Organist, Opie I.G., Downing D.C., Treatrail, Mitchell, Blight, and Carkeek Stewards, Polkinghorne Tyler. At the conclusion of the Lodge about fifty brethren and visitors partook of the annual banquet, served as usual in their dining hall, and under the presidency of the W.M. a most enjoyable evening was spent. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Anderton, Chirgwin, and representatives from the Truro, Helston, Hayle, Cambourne, and St. Day Lodges.

WILTSHIRE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663.

INSTALLATION meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Friday, the 20th inst., when there was a large attendance both of members of the Lodge and Visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. A. Knight P.M. 1152 Singapore D.J.G.W. Eastern Archipelago, Jno. Chandler P.M. 355 P.P.S.G.W. and P.G.D.C. Wiltshire, W. J. Mann P.M. 1271 P.J.G.W. Wiltshire, Jas. Sparks P.M. 1271 P.P.G.R. Wiltshire, A. J. Beaven P.M. 1271 P.P.S.G.D. Wiltshire, H. Millington P.P.G.O., W. F. Gaby I.G. 1271. The outgoing W.M., Bro. T. C. Hopkins, opened the Lodge, and after the usual preliminaries installed his successor (the S.W., Bro. William Lambly Tucker), the whole of the ceremony being conducted in such an excellent manner as to call forth a very hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Hopkins. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year, as follows:—Hopkins I.P.M., Johnson S.W., Sloper J.W., Rev. W. Humphrys Chaplain, Nott P.M. Treasurer, Ward P.M. Secretary, Baldwin S.D., Cooper J.D., Howse P.M. D.C., Bush P.M. Organist, Crees I.G., Ingpen and Martin Stewards, Barnes Tyler. Bro. W. J. Mann reminded the brethren that he was Steward for the Province of Wiltshire for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and urged the claims of that Institution, to which he hoped to take up a good list at the forthcoming Centenary Festival. After the usual routine business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet at the Bear Hotel, to which Bro. Watson Taylor had, as usual, sent a supply of venison.

ROYAL BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 732.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 12th inst., in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The W.M. Brother Botting presided. The chief business was the installation of Bro. Willard as W.M. The ceremony was impressively performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Botting, the charges being delivered by Bros. Gerard Ford, Smith and Nye. The newly-installed Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Botting I.P.M., Denman S.W., Harker J.W., Clowser Secretary, Reeve jun. S.D., Ledger J.D., Nell D.C., Hollis I.G., Smith and Davey Stewards, Hughes Tyler. Bro. Botting was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of his services. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the various speeches being interspersed with some pleasing vocal selections, contributed by Miss Minnie Freeman, and Bros. R. Nicholson, Reeves, Slingsby Roberts, and Histed, and a pianoforte solo given in artistic style by Bro. Kuhe. The duties of accompanyist were ably carried out by Bro. W. Roe.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 852.

ON Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the annual meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, the Crescent, Salford, Bro. Thomas Pike was installed in the office of W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Nichols. A banquet was subsequently held, and amongst those present were Bro. J. H. P. Leresche (county stipendiary), who was elected the first W.M. of this Lodge in 1861, and Dr. Peter Royle, of Salford.

DOBIE LODGE, No. 889.

THE meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst. at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston, and was attended by about sixty members and visitors. Among the latter were Bro. Greenwood (Provincial Grand Secretary of Surrey), and several other distinguished members of the Craft. Brother William Drewett was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Chapman, in a manner that called forth the highest encomiums from the brethren who were privileged to be present. Brother John Drewett was appointed S.W. Colbran J.W. After the Lodge a banquet was held, followed by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with an exceptionally good selection of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. Honeywell Organist.

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SKIDDAW LODGE, No. 1002.

THE members of this Lodge, met in great force, supported by many visitors, on Thursday, the 5th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Cockermouth, for the purpose of installing the W.M. and investing the Officers for the year. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. Fidler W.M., at four p.m., when Brother George Dalrymple was invited to take the chair, and Brother F. A. Cooper W.M. elect was presented and duly installed Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. He appointed the following brethren as his Officers, viz.:—Brothers Fidler I.P.M., Smith S.W., Burn J.W., Mason Treasurer, Shawyer Secretary, Atkinson S.D., Taylor J.D., Entwistle I.G., Burns and Dr. Forsyth Stewards, and Hewson Tyler. With the general business disposed of, and the usual compliments from the visitors, who were from Lodges 119, 371, 872, 962, 1267, 1400, 1660, 1989, and 2217, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form, and the newly-installed Master (Brother Cooper) invited all to accompany him to the Globe Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, and reflected credit upon Brother and Mrs. Peacock, who are "aye ready." A long toast list was gone through, the loyal and patriotic being given from the chair. The Provincial Chief of the Province was proposed by the Past Grand Chaplain, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master by the Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, and both were heartily responded to. The Newly-installed Master was proposed by the installing Master, and responded to with musical honours. With other toasts, songs, and recitations a "night" was spent worthy of 1002.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1098.

ON Thursday, the 12th instant, the annual meeting was held, when Bro. Charles C. Phillips was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the Installing Officers were the retiring W.M., Bros. Shepard and Bradley. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Captain Shepard I.P.M., Fowles S.W., Jones J.W., Widdowson Treasurer, Williams Secretary, David Organist, Richards S.D., Phillips J.D., Willoutte D.C., North Superintendent of Works, Davies and Lewis Stewards, Don Levy Tyler and Barnard Assistant Tyler.

WEAR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1121.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on 12th instant, in the Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland, when Bro. Crawford was installed W.M.; Ostle I.P.M., Lloyd S.W., Edgar J.W., Rev. G. P. Wilkinson Chaplain, Jennings Treasurer, Wardle Secretary, Barker S.D., Banks J.D., Brown Organist, C. E. Brown Dir. of Cers., Flood I.G., Edmindson Almoner, Craig and Tolley Stewards, Bowman Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at the Commercial Hotel.

DEVON LODGE, No. 1138.

THE annual installation ceremony in connection with this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 10th inst., at Newton Abbot, when Bro. R. H. Grimbley was duly installed W.M. in a most able manner by Bro. Vicary, assisted by a large Board of Past Masters. The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. Dobell S.W., Lander J.W., Langly Pope, D.D., Chaplain, Martin Treasurer, Endacott Secretary, Rendell S.D., Reynolds J.D., Cull D.C., Hearder Organist, Foss I.G., Hambley S.S., Harvey J.S., Haywood Tyler. Bro. W. Vicary was re-elected the representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. Stevens Almoner. The brethren afterwards partook of their annual banquet, the W.M. presiding. The usual toasts were given.

RUTLAND LODGE No. 1179.

THE annual installation ceremony in connection with this Lodge was duly performed at the Rutland Hotel, Ilkeston, on the 18th inst., when Bro. Wm. Gaiby was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year in the place of Bro. H. F. Daykin, who has held that honourable position during the past year. In the evening the annual banquet was held.

ELMS LODGE, No. 1212.

AT a regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Home Park, Stoke, on the 18th inst., Bro Edward Cox S.W. was installed as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing, the ceremony being most ably performed. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the Officers were invested, as follows:—Bros. Watts I.P.M., Wigvan S.W., Bassett J.W., Whidden P.M. Treasurer, Bickle Secretary, Spear S.D., Sweet J.D., Berry I.G., Fergusson D.C., Coaze Organist, Goad S.S., Weare J.S., Taylor A.S., and Rashbrooke Tyler. Bro. Cox was appointed as the representative on Committee of Petitions, and Bro. Hooper as Charity Steward. On the proposition of Bro. Hooper, seconded by Bro. Fowler, the sum of ten guineas was voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Three candidates were proposed for initiation.

SCARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1214.

AT the regular meeting of this Lodge, Bro. Charles William Ward was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as Officers:—Bro. Oldroyd I.P.M., Hobart S.W., Coates J.W., Taylor S.D., Fawcett J.D., Hemingway I.G., Cantrill Secretary, Critchley D.C., Coates Treasurer, Ineson Tyler. The festival of St. John's was afterwards celebrated, the banquet being provided by Bro. Dean, at the Scarborough Hotel, Batley.

ST. KEW LODGE, No. 1222.

THIS Lodge held its annual festival on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, when a large number of brethren, including no less than 21 P.M.'s, assembled to witness the installation of Bro. G. H. Perrett the W.M. elect. The ceremony of installation was very impressively and ably performed by Bro. R. C. Else. The W.M. then installed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, viz:—Bros. Alford I.P.M., Farington S.W., Nunn J.W., Lewis Treasurer, Perrett Secretary, Wicksteed Chaplain, Perrett sen. S.D., Sellick J.D., Glass D.Cer., Board I.G., Lovell Organist, Cox Almoner, Cross and Butt Stewards. Feeling allusion was made to the sudden death of the Rev. R. Duckworth, and a vote of sympathy with his family in their bereavement was adopted. The balance sheet, submitted by Bro. Lewis, was considered to be highly satisfactory, showing as it did a balance in hand of £37 6s 10d. The business of the day being over the brethren adjourned to St. George's Hall, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared in the highest style by Mr. F. D. George. About 50 sat down, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Perrett, and the hall was exquisitely decorated. During the banquet Bro. Else decided to bestow upon Bro. Sidney Lewis one of the four collars entrusted to him in connection with the Jubilee honours. This collar will give Bro. Lewis the rank of P.P.G.S.W., and for his long and valued services to St. Kew Lodge the honour is well merited.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1247.

ON Friday, the 12th instant, this Lodge held its annual meeting at the Hayshe Temple, Plymouth. Bro. W. H. Hablyn was installed. The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Wyatt S.W., Major Tracy J.W., Lord Treasurer, Pearce Secretary, Eyre S.D., Nelson J.D., Lieutenant Jamieson D.C., Benfield Assist.D.C., Parkhouse Organist, Mayne I.G., Simmons, Gurney, Stanbury and Tucker Stewards, Phillips Tyler. A jewel was voted Bro. Pearce for his valuable services as Secretary of the Lodge. The banquet was appointed to be held on 14th February, at Bro. Routley's, Farley Hotel.

ANCHOR LODGE, No. 1337.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their annual festival on Tuesday, 10th instant. Bro. John Shepard Winn was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. Knowles. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. Warrior I.P.M., Russell S.W., Bell J.W., Waistell Treasurer, Robinson Secretary, Syree S.D., Ward J.D., Robinson D.C., Boddy Organist, Tweedy I.G., Russell and Alexander Stewards, Wilkinson Tyler. Bro. Southeran presented the Lodge with an antique and handsomely carved oak chair, which was used when the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings held a Provincial Lodge at Northallerton. The chair, which bears the date of 1637, would, he hoped, be used for the W.M. to sit in when he conducted the business of the Lodge. Bro. Winn, on behalf of the Officers and members of the Anchor Lodge, accepted the handsome gift, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Southeran, which was most heartily accorded. Numerous visitors were present from neighbouring Lodges. Afterwards the annual banquet was held at the Golden Lion Hotel.

ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1429.

ANNUAL Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Newport, on Thursday evening, the 12th inst. There was a large gathering, including representatives from the Provincial and District Lodges, Colonel Lyne P.G.M., and Captain Homfray D.P.G.M. After the routine business had been transacted, the W.M. Bro. Dix installed his successor, Bro. Cullum. As a token of the manner in which Brother Dix had performed the duties of W.M., he was presented with a Past Master's jewel. Brother Dix returned thanks. The newly-elected Master then proceeded to invest his Officers:—Bros. Dix I.P.M., Brooke S.W., Allen J.W., Saunders Treasurer, Rev. D. Wilks Chaplain, Hollingdale Secretary, Richards D.C., Davies I.G., Graham Driver and Williams Stewards, Fletcher Tyler. After the business of the Lodge had been concluded the brethren repaired to the Westgate Hotel, where a banquet had been laid by Bro. Dean; nearly 100 members sat down.

EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1847.

THE annual installation banquet of this Lodge was held on the 11th instant, at Bro. Routly's Farley Hotel, Plymouth. Over seventy sat down to a splendid repast, which was served up in Bro. Routly's best style, under the direction of Bro. Westlake. The W.M., Bro. H. Williams, presided, and was numerously supported. The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, the W.M. mentioned that he had received letters of apology with good wishes from Viscount Ebrington, Bros. Barrett, Bond, and others. In proposing the toast of the P.G.M. of Devon, Deputy P.G.M., and the Prov. Grand Officers present and past, the W.M. alluded to the excellent manner in which the Province was carried on under the rule of the P.G.M., and said the recent Masonic demonstration at the laying of the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall and Club would be a red letter day in the history of the Masonic Fraternity in the Three Towns. Bro. Derry, in reply, expressed the belief that the new Masonic Hall and Club would be a great success. Bro. H. J. Trethewy said that while he was pleased to receive the jubilee collar which the P.G.M. presented him, he valued still more highly the reception accorded him by the brethren when he went up to receive the collar. As a Mason of twenty-six years' standing, and who had been in harness almost from the first, he could say without fear of contradiction that there had been a good deal of heartburning at the way in which the Prov. collars had been distributed in Devonshire for many years; so much so that of late the honour had been regard more as a sham than a reality. He laid no blame on the P.G.M., who had a very difficult duty to perform, but he trusted in future more attention would be paid in giving collars to deserving brethren, and thus make the collars more prized by the recipients and appreciated by the brethren generally. The toast of

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the W.M. was enthusiastically received, as also was that of the I.P.M., Bro. Thomas Geach. Bro. A. R. Lethbridge then presented Bro. Geach with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, bearing the following inscription :—

"Presented to Bro. Thos. Geach P.M., by the brethren of Lodge Ebrington, 1847, in appreciation of his Masonic zeal. 1888."

Bro. Geach suitably acknowledged the gift. The toast of the P.M's of the Lodge having been given, Brother S. Jew, in proposing the Treasurer and Secretary, said no two better officers could be found. Bros. Nicholson and Lose replied. Later in the evening Bro. Jew presented Bro. Sutton with a splendid marble clock, with a cathedral gong, bearing the following inscription, on a silver plate :—

"Presented by the brethren of Lodge Ebrington, 1847, to Bro. C. P. Sutton, as a mark of esteem on his leaving the neighbourhood. 1888."

Bro. Jew said Bro. Sutton had rendered valuable services to the brethren, being most assiduous as a junior officer; he had often catered for the Lodge in an admirable manner. Bro. Sutton was most genial in manner, and ever ready to assist the W.M. or the Lodge in every way possible. Bro. Sutton suitably replied. Other Masonic toasts were given.

FERRUM LODGE, No. 1848.

THE annual festival was celebrated in the Masonic Hall, Middlesborough, on the 11th inst., when Bro. Henry Cochrane, the W.M. elect, was installed. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett D.P.G.M. of the North and East Ridings and Past Grand Warden of England, in the presence of a very large gathering of Provincial Grand Officers and Visiting brethren of neighbouring Lodges. The following Officers were invested :—Bros. Cooper I.P.M., Longbotham S.W., Ward J.W., Dales Chaplain, Winberschladen S.D., Glen J.D., Proudlock I.G., Cochrane Secretary, Cowper Treasurer, Malcolm D.C., Brewster and Jones Stewards, Ingram Tyler. After the investiture, a banquet was held at the Corporation Hall.

HERSCHELL LODGE, No. 1894.

ON Tuesday, the 17th inst., the members of this Lodge held their meeting in their new quarters at the Leopold Institute, Slough, which was recently opened by the Duchess of Albany. The Lodge has now the use of one of the finest rooms in the kingdom, its chief adornment being a portrait of the great astronomer after whom it is named, and which was presented to his grandson, Sir William Herschell. The ceremony was attended by the Rev. R. P. Bent, one of the founders and first Master of the Lodge, and other brethren.

SPENCER LODGE, No. 2197.

A meeting of this Temperance Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 9th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Douglas, Isle of Man. The business included the initiation of one candidate, the raising of another, and the proposal of two further candidates. Bro. T. H. Nesbitt W.M. conducted the labours of the Lodge, with his usual ability. Subsequently the brethren partook of an excellent supper, provided by Bro. G. J. Nattan, of the Granville Hotel. The W.M. presided. The visitors were in strong force, and a most harmonious evening was spent.

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

AN emergency meeting of this flourishing young Lodge was held on Saturday, the 14th instant, at the Welsh Harp, Hendon. There were present Brother W. A. Scurrah W.M., W. M. Stiles P.M. Treasurer, A. H. Scurrah Secretary, Thom S.W., Fraser J.W., Lewis S.D., Nottingham J.D., Hearn D.C., Langley I.G., Wheeler Organist, Whiting Tyler, and a goodly number of members and visitors; Bro. Mather being among the former. The visitors were Bros. H. Dickey W.M. 1613, Midgeley 1744, Mayes 179, A. W. Gerrard and Webb 2048. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and after the usual preliminaries the following F.C.'s were entrusted, and they retired :— W. B. and A. M. Parsons, C. H. Watts, and Mansell Powell. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the last named brethren were duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and Bro. F. W. Hearne, J. Hudson, J. H. Dobbs, and T. Eason were passed to the F.C. degree. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. G. H. Stansall, H. Elliott and Williams, and was found unanimous in their favour. All three candidates being present, they were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren subsequently dined together, the W.M. presiding. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were severally honoured, Bro. Mather responding for the Grand Lodge. The acting I.P.M., Bro. W. M. Stiles proposed the toast of the W.M., in very felicitous terms. The name of Bro. W. A. Scurrah was received with enthusiasm, the toast being heartily responded to by the brethren. In reply the W.M. said :—I beg to thank our Bro. Treasurer for the very kind way in which he has proposed the toast of my health, and you, brethren, for the manner in which you have responded to it. Most of you know the difficulties experienced in the foundation of this Lodge. I did think, at one time, that we should not be successful, but as you know the warrant was granted and our Lodge has been formed. We are progressing most favourably, and although our Lodge is only six months old we have around this festive Board 22 members, which bears out the statement I made to the Grand Secretary when I urged upon him the desirability of our forming this Lodge, that there were many thousand inhabitants in Hendon, but it had no Lodge. This seemed to have great weight with the Grand Secretary, and there is no doubt that to that fact we, in a great measure, owe the existence of our Lodge. I feel repaid for all the trouble I have taken by seeing so many worthy members around me; brethren whom I respect and esteem, and who are without doubt the right men to bring into Freemasonry, men who will uphold me and all Masters who follow me, and support and maintain the dignity of the Lodge. The Initiates was responded to by the newly-made brethren, each expressing the gratification he felt at becoming a member of the Craft, and his admiration of the solemn and beautiful ceremony of initiation. Brothers Dickey, Mayes, Midgeley, Gerrard and Webb responded for the Visitors. In proposing the toast of the Officers, the Worshipful Master spoke in very high terms of Brother Thom, adding that he knew the work thoroughly, and was quite able to take the chair of W.M. when elected to that position. The J.W. Brother Fraser was also well up in his work and took the greatest interest in the Lodge. Although he was detained by pressure of business from attending the meeting in the earlier part of the evening, he, the Worshipful Master, was quite sure that their worthy J.W. was on thorns until he reached the Lodge. The Lodge was fortunate, too, in its Junior Officers; the S.D. was an initiate of his in the Henry Levander Lodge, besides being the son of a very old friend. Both Brother Lewis and Brother Nottingham, their Deacons, knew the work thoroughly well. Brother Langley, their I.G., was coming on in a most efficient manner, and Brother Hearn D.C. had rendered most valuable assistance. Their Organist, Brother Wheeler, was deserving of great praise for the manner in which the musical part of the ceremonies had been performed. The thanks of the Lodge were also due to Bros. Hearn, Dobbs and Hudson for their assistance as a Choir, they had given the brethren much pleasure. The proceedings were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music by several brethren. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, the brethren separating at an early hour.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—At the meeting on Monday last, at Bro. Webb's, Railway Hotel, Putney, there were present Bros. Radcliffe W.M., Round S.W., Grant J.W., Vernon S.D., Spooner J.D., Alexander I.G., Brooks Secretary, and Bro. Verran; P.M.'s Webb, Featherstone, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brooks candidate. Bro. H. J. Verran, of Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, No. 1446, was unanimously elected a member. The Lodge was closed in due form until Monday the 30th inst., at 8 p.m.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—Meeting held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman Street, E.C., on Thursday, 12th January, at 6·30 p.m. Present Bros. R. Greening (W.M. of the Mother Lodge) W.M., D. Hills S.W., F. W. Potter P.M. J.W., J. L. Barrett S.D., J. K. Pitt J.D., T. Owens I.G., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, W. Paddle P.M. Treasurer W. J. Ball Secretary; also Past Masters Monday, Berry, Saul, Amsden, Surridge, and Rush, and Bros. Jolliffe, Bromhead, Tuck, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Bromhead acting as candidate, and was completed by instruction in proof of proficiency. Lodge was called off and on, and was then passed to F.C. degree, Bro. Monday taking the chair of K.S., as Installing Master. Bro. Rush was presented as W.M. elect, and the Lodge having been raised, the full ceremony of forming a Board of Installed Masters in antient form was rehearsed in perfect manner, Bros. Saul and Paddle occupying the Wardens' chairs. The ceremony of installation was worked throughout, with proclamations and addresses, in most able manner by Bro. Monday, the Board of Installed Masters being closed with full ritual. Lodge was then closed down, and Bros. Bromhead and Owens were admitted members. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes in favour of Bro. Monday for his excellent working of the installation ceremony. The Benevolent Association in connection with the Lodge received additional support from joining members, and the Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

On the 19th—Bros. D. Hills W.M., Berry S.W., J. L. Barrett J.W., J. Tattersall S.D., Surrage J.D., Gumme I.G., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, W. Paddle P.M. and Treasurer, J. K. Pitt P.M. Assistant Preceptor W. J. Ball Hon. Sec., H. Whitehouse, W. Baber P.M., Jolliffe, Eisenmann, Owens, B. Beharrell P.M., and others. Lodge opened and minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. In the F.C. degree Bro. Eisenmann, as candidate for raising, proved proficiency, and Lodge having opened in M.M. degree the W.M. Bro. Hills ably rehearsed the ceremony of raising, and completed the work by an admirable delivery of the traditional history. Lodge was lowered in due form, and Bro. Berry elected as W.M. for ensuing week. A committee was formed for carrying out the preliminary arrangements for a smoking concert to be given by the Lodge on the last Thursday in February. No further business offering the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Bro. J. Wavell was on Monday formally installed W.M. of the Albany Lodge, No. 151, in succession to Bro. G. R. King. In the evening the customary banquet took place at the Bugle Hotel, Newport, Isle of Wight.

On Wednesday evening, the 11th inst., a Masonic ball was given at the Drill Hall, Peterborough, there being a large assemblage, including the Earl Euston, the G.M. for Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.

A concert for the benefit of the poor of Stranraer was held in the new Town Hall on Friday night, the 13th inst., under the patronage of Bro. the Right Honourable the Earl of Stair. The concert was a success, and was followed by a dance, in which the Freemasons and their friends joined.

Bro. Emra Holmes, Provincial Prior of Canada, and Past Grand Provost of England, has resigned his office as Representative of the Great Priory of Canada.

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The First Masonic Festival of the Present Year

WILL BE THAT OF THE

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ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY 1888,

UPON WHICH OCCASION

SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P.,

R.W. PROV. G.M. SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION),

has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards 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 the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

JAMES TERRY, Vice-Patron, P.G.S.B.
Secretary.

OFFICE:—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of

The R.M. Benevolent Institution

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution.

Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years ago, has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic affliction he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

*A. BARFIELD P.M. 35 P.P.J.G.D. Hants and I. of Wight, 23 Great George Street, Westminster.
H. C. DAMANT P.M. 35, Cliff Road, West Cowes.
*T. W. FAULKNER P.M. 35, P.Z. 151, 175, P.P.J.G.W., York House, W. Cowes.
*GILES P.M. 65, P.P.G. Supt. W., Bridport, Dorset.
R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND P.M. 698, P.Z. 175, P.P.S.G.W., Hare Court, Temple.
MATHEWS P.M. 35, Collector of Customs, Falmouth.
*G. A. MUSSELL P.M. 35, P.Z. 175, P.P.G.S.D., Gloster Hotel, West Cowes.
F. NEWMAN P.M. 175, 561, 694, 1884, P.Z. 151, 175, P.P.S.G.W., Ryde.
G. PACK P.M. and P.Z. 175, P.P.G.J.D., Yelf's Hotel, Ryde.
*ROBERTON P.M. 35 and 2169, P.G.S., East Cowes, Isle of Wight.
*F. RUTLAND W.M. 35, P.G. Org., Ivy House, West Cowes.
*SADLER, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of

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are earnestly solicited on behalf of

ALICE VASEY,

WIDOW OF THE LATE BRO. SAMUEL VASEY.

Bro. Samuel Vasey was a ship's provision merchant, at Wapping, 1848-1880, where he was unsuccessful in business, and died shortly after, leaving his widow quite without means. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in 1854; W.M. 1860; subscribed 12 years. Joined Unity Lodge, No. 183, in 1866; W.M. 1869; subscribed 12 years. P.Z. of Yarborough Chapter. Self and wife Life Subscribers R.M.I.B.

Proxies thankfully received by the following Brethren:—

G. R. LANGLEY W.M. 183, 18 Gow'ett Road, Peckham Rye.
G. P. BRITTEN P.M. and Treas. 183, 11 Friday Street.
G. W. SPETH P.M. and Sec. 183, Streatham House, Margate.

Strongly recommended by the following Subscribers:—

Robert Gray, Past Grand Deacon, Pres. Board of Benevolence.
Richard Eve, Grand Treasurer.
Horace B. Marshall, Past G. Treas.
R. W. Stewart, Past Grand Deacon.
F. Richardson, Past Grand Deacon.
W. Roebuck, Past Grand Swd. Bearer.
Fred. Binckes, Past G. Sword Bearer.
E. Bowyer, Past Grand St. Bearer.
J. H. Matthews, Past G. St. Bearer.
C. F. Hogard, Past Grand St. Bearer.
C. E. Soppet, Past Grand Steward.
Thomas Cubitt, Past G. Pursuivant.
C. E. Cottebrune, Past G. Pursuivant.
Charles Belton, P.P.G.W. Surrey, V.-Pres. Board of Gen. Purposes.
W. J. Crutch, P.M. 1278, P.P.G.W. Herts.
T. C. Eager, P.M. 1393, P.P.G.S.W. Surrey.
J. Glass, P.M. 453, P.G.S.Wks. Essex.
G. Kenning, P.M. 52, P.P.G.W. Middx.
George Mickley, P.P.G.S.W. Herts.
Bro. George Motion, P.P.G.D. Essex.
T. W. Ockenden, P.M. 1512, P.P.G.D. Middlesex.
H. W. Roberts, P.M. 1293, P.G.W. Midx.
W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex
F. Adlard, P.M. 7
H. C. Archer, P.M. 183
W. P. Brown, P.M. 90
Thomas Griffith, P.M. 907
N. B. Headon, P.M. 1426
A. T. Hirsch, 183
H. Hooper, J.W. 183
H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928
David D. Mercer, P.M. 1611
Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D., P.M. 1185
G. W. Pinnock, P.M. 183
Thomas Poore, P.M. 720
Stephen Richardson, P.M. 183
F. R. Spaull, P.M. 1124 and 1769
R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144 and 1922
C. W. Todd, P.M. 193

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Prov. G.M. Lancashire Western Division.

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Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the above important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, W.C.

OLD or NEW SUMMONSES — CRAFT or ARCH.

A P.M. and P.Z., now forming a COLLECTION, would be greatly obliged if any brethren would kindly forward him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter Summons.

Address, C. E. FERRY, 55 Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.



ROYAL ARCH.

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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 1st 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 19th October 1887 to the 17th January 1888, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	514	11	10	Disbursements during the quarter	275	19	6
„ Unappropriated Account	203	10	7	Balance „ Unappropriated Account	603	10	4
Subsequent Receipts	373	2	6		206	15	1
	£1091	4	11		£1091	4	11

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 William Henry Tulloh as Z., Joseph Monday as H., John Thompson as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Leonard Samaritan Lodge, No. 1654, St. Leonard's North Shore, Sydney, New South Wales, to be called the "Samaritan Chapter of St. Leonard's," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, St. Leonard's, near Sydney, New South Wales.

2nd. From Companions Francis Frederick Giraud as Z., John Matthew Goldfinch as H., Frederick William Underdown as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Harmony, No. 131, Faversham, to be called the "Chapter of Harmony," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Faversham, in the County of Kent.

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

The Committee have also received a Petition from the Greymouth Chapter, No. 1233, Greymouth, Westland, New Zealand, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original having been burnt in the fire which destroyed all the Lodge and Chapter Property.

The Committee recommend that a Charter of Confirmation be

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granted for the above Chapter subject to the receipt of the names of the three present Principals for insertion in the Charter.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th January 1888.

SINCERITY CHAPTER, No. 189.

THE annual convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., in the Sincerity Lodge-room, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. Comp. Rae was Z., Comp. Croydon H., and Comp. White J. A candidate having been exalted, the following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Comps. White Z., Charles Croydon H., Hawken J., Bayly Treasurer, McCullen S.N., Dunsterville P.Soj., Haswell 1st A.S., Thomas 2nd A.S., Gidley Janitor. It was mentioned that Comp. Ollis, H. of the Chapter, had died that morning, at his residence, Victoria Place, Stoke, after a short illness. Comp. Rae proposed a vote of condolence with the family of their deceased Companion, who was of a retiring disposition, unobtrusive in character, but respected by all who knew him. Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., seconded, and Comp. Croydon supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously. The funeral of the deceased took place on Friday afternoon.

DEVONSHIRE CHAPTER, No. 594.

THE annual installation ceremony in connection with this Chapter took place on the 11th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool. The retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Caugley, opened the Chapter, after which Comp. Houghton performed the ceremony of installing Companions William H. Veevers Z., Pedersen H., and W. Evans J., in a most effective style. The other Officers appointed were Comps. Turner S.E., J. Matthews S.N., Spur P.S., Barnett D.C., and Malcolm Janitor. Comp. Houghton was elected Treasurer, for the sixth time.

Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, No. 19.—This old established Chapter of Instruction meets as heretofore, at the Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, W., under the able Preceptorship of Comp. Cottebrune, on Saturdays, at 8 p.m. On Saturday last the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in an able and instructive manner by the following Companions:—G. Gregory M.E.Z., J. Carter H., J. Docker J., T. C. Edmonds S.N., Dean P.S. Each of these Companions will resume these offices this day (Saturday). This will afford an excellent opportunity for those desirous of studying the ceremony.

MARK MASONRY.

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YORK LODGE (T.I.)

ON Tuesday, the 17th instant, Brother F. Smith installed into the chair Bro. John Blenkin, in the presence of a large assemblage of members. Brother Blenkin invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—Simpson I.P.M., Dyson S.W., Pickersgill J.W., Lackenby M.O., Lamb S.O., Brown J.O., MacGachen Registrar of Marks, Whytehead Treasurer, Chapman Secretary, Dalton S.D., Shonksmith J.D., Padel D.C., Balmford Organist, Sharp jun. I.G., Pearson Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 50.

AT a meeting of this Lodge, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Tuesday, the 17th instant, Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., presented to the Lodge a Tracing Board of the Mark Degree, the panels bearing the inscription:—

"Presented to Temple Lodge, No. 50, Mark Master Masons, by the Very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31st Degree, &c., P.M. and Chaplain No. 35 (64 and 75 Hon.) P.P.G.C. of Devon, Past Grand Chaplain of England. 17th January 1888."

A cordial vote of thanks was returned to Bro. Lemon for his handsome gift.

FEARNLEY LODGE, No. 58.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday evening, the 18th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Halifax, when Bro. Charles Greenwood was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably rendered by Bro. Holdsworth, assisted by Bro. Rhodes. The W.M. then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Green S.W., Shoebridge J.W., Woods M.O., Hanson S.O., Hodgson J.O., Rhodes Chaplain, Normanton Treasurer, Hollas Registrar, Morris Secretary, Wilson D.C., Mackie I.G., Milligan Steward, Hodson Tyler. The members of the Fearnley Lodge have every reason to be proud of the position they hold in the Province, No. 58 being one of the largest, as well as one of the most influential Lodges in West Yorkshire. After the close of the ceremonial the members and visiting brethren spent a most enjoyable evening.

UNANIMITY, SINCERITY, AND PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 291.

ON Thursday evening, the 19th instant, at a meeting of the brethren of this Lodge of Mark Master Masons, held at their headquarters, the Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, Bro. A. Duckett, the retiring S.W. of the Lodge, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. R. C. Else P.G.M. Somerset. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Burnett I.P.M., Fry Wade S.W., Dunsford J.W., Rev. C. Winter Chaplain, Laffan M.O., Strawbridge S.O., Floyd Norris J.O., Lucette Treasurer, Saunders Secretary, Kemmis D.C., Board Supt. of Works, Cottam G.D., Tamlyn I.G., Webber Tyler.

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ROYAL KEYSTONE LODGE No. 240.

THE Brethren of this Lodge of Mark Master Masons held their ninth anniversary installation and festival on the 29th December last, at their Lodge Rooms, in Kingston, Jamaica. The occasion was marked by the presentation of an address and testimonial, in the shape of a large silver cup to Bro. E. X. Leon P.M. the founder of the Lodge. The presentation records the services of Bro. Leon to Mark Masonry in this Province, also the esteem and regard in which he is held by the Brethren. The ceremony of presentation was ably performed by a committee of the Lodge, presided over by Bro. C. L. Campbell P.M. The address was read by Bro. J. M. Simpson as Secretary of the Committee, and to which Bro. Leon made a suitable reply. The next business of the meeting was the installation of the Wor. Master elect. The chair having been vacated to Bro. Leon, the Senior Warden Bro. C. M. Sherlock was presented by the Master of the Lodge and duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. C. L. Campbell assisting in the ceremony. The following form the administration for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. C. M. Sherlock W.M., McL. Kerr I.P.M., A. Tripe S.W., C. T. Burton J.W., A. E. Langley M.O., E. Morand S.O., G. E. Burke J.O., Thos. Briscoe jun. Treasurer, J. M. Simpson Secretary, E. X. Leon R. of M., A. C. Escoffery S.D., A. Hart J.D., J. M. Gordon D.C., F. A. Ritchie I.G., E. M. Monro and W. R. Campbell Stewards, J. Hoyes Tyler. At the close of the business, the brethren, who numbered over 50, including several from sister Lodges, adjourned to the banquet room. A very pleasant feature of the evening was the introduction of music during the ceremonies, the organ being ably presided over by the organist of the Lodge, Bro. J. M. Gordon.

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"UNDER THE BLACK FLAG."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My association with the "Craft" has not taken up all my spare time, and, as you know, I am something of a Chess player, and fancy I know something of Chess literature. I therefore send you the enclosed cutting, and leave you to make your own comments.—

"'Wormald's Chess Openings' is out of print; Mr. Lipschutz (of America) is now engaged upon a new edition."—Extracted from "Answers to Correspondents" in Wakefield paper.

Yours faithfully,

ONE WHO HAS PASSED THE CHAIR.

[We thank our correspondent; it is an old saying that if you want to know anything of a personal character, in reference to your business, you must seek "abroad" for the information. Wormald's "Chess Openings" is *not* out of print, and "Mr. Lipschutz (of America)" can have two or three hundred copies from us at something like half the cost he would be called upon to provide for reprinting the work. Our experience, unfortunately, has shown that "Chess" books, like "Masonic" ones, very seldom pay; but, then, "they do these things better" on the other side.—ED. F.C.]

A Masonic charity concert was held in Crowle Market Hall on the night of the 12th inst., and was in every sense of the word a success. The Isle of Axholme Lodge, under whose auspices the concert was held, were foremost in providing musical entertainments of very superior quality, and there is no wonder that the inhabitants of the district should look forward to this treat with an amount of interest and pleasure every year. The performances of all the artistes were greeted with enthusiasm, and encores were the order of the evening.

The annual invitation ball held under the auspices of the Wellington Lodge, No. 1966, came off at the Town Hall, Wellington, Somerset, on Tuesday evening the 17th inst. The dancing was kept up with spirit until half past five o'clock on Wednesday.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.—Continued.

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LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174.

THE 120th anniversary and installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday the 18th inst., at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham Street, City. In the unavoidable absence, through ill-health, of Bro. Charles Blain W.M., the gavel was assumed by Bro. C. H. Webb P.M. and Secretary, who was ably supported by members and visitors. After the usual formalities had been observed in regard to opening, Lodge was advanced to the third, and Bros. Norman and Kiskalt were raised to the sublime degree. The report of the Audit Committee was received, and then followed the installation of Bro. Dr. William Wiles, the J.W. of the past year. The following were appointed as the new Officers:—Higgs S.W., Richardson J.W., Lacey P.M. Treasurer, Webb P.M. Secretary, Magee S D., Jay J.D., Taynton I.G., Starnes D.C., Grout Organist, and Miller Steward. The address to the Worshipful Master was given by Bro. A. H. Brown P.M.; that to the Wardens by Bro. John Newton P.M., and that to the Lodge generally by Bro. C. H. Webb P.M. The next business on the agenda was the consideration of a notice of motion by the Secretary: "To add to bye-law No. 18.—'Income derived from Invested Funds, shall be paid to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in sums of ten guineas, when that amount shall have been received.'" Bro. Webb explained that his motive for making this proposition was to do as much good as possible with their funds. He did not propose to touch the principal, but only the income derived from their investments. He did not approve of storing up too much money in their Lodge as there was the risk of its becoming an inducement for conduct which might be considered by some as not quite consistent with their teachings. The proposition, on being seconded, was agreed to nem con. The name of one candidate for initiation was handed in, and matters of detail having been disposed of the Lodge was closed. During the meeting a letter was referred to which had been received from Bro. P.M. Jones, who was also absent through ill health, in which he had enclosed a cheque for five guineas for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. Charles Lacey, who will represent the Lodge at the coming Festival. The Past Masters present were Bros. C. H. Webb Secretary, C. Lacey Treasurer, F. J. W. Dellow, E. J. Moore, G. T. H. Seddon, A. H. Brown, John Balmer, W. E. Barlow; while among the visitors were W. Smith 228, E. H. Dines 1793, H. F. Bromhead 1662, W. Jones 1684, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, Samuel Knott 177, J. D. Gray 55, A. G. Pritchard Organist 9, W. Sexton Organist 1321, H. Prenton 1319, John Pracy 1662. The installation banquet followed, and at its conclusion the usual toasts were honoured. In proposing the Queen, the Worshipful Master said the past year had been essentially an eventful one with Her Majesty; she had necessarily had to undergo intense fatigue, happily, however, she had come through the ordeal triumphantly, and all her subjects now wished her a continuance of health and prosperity. In speaking of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Worshipful Master referred to the deep interest the Prince took in Freemasonry generally. Whenever his state and other duties warranted it, he was ready to do all he could for the Craft. Bro. Dellow proposed the health of the Master, who acknowledged the compliment paid him. He should do his best to discharge the duties of the chair, and hoped the members would never regret the trust they had reposed in him. The Past Masters, the Masonic Institutions, the Visitors and the Officers were severally honoured ere the Tyler's toast was given, and during the speeches made in proposing and acknowledging these sentiments various items of interest were mentioned which added not a little to the enjoyment experienced by the company. With the toast of the Masonic Institutions was associated the name of Bro. Charles Lacey, who particularised the vast amount of good each of the three Institutions was doing, and the claims each had on the Craft in order to maintain them in their present state of efficiency. Bro. Lacey said it was gratifying to know that, although the Lodge had exercised itself liberally, inasmuch as it had voted fifty guineas last year to the Benevolent Institution, it still desired to continue its support. He had undertaken the duties of Steward for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and felt he might rely on the co-operation of the members to enable him to take up a goodly amount. Bro. W. W. Morgan, responding for the Visitors, thanked the Worshipful Master for the hearty reception he had given the Visiting Brethren. Personally, he had had frequent opportunities of enjoying the hospitality so liberally tendered by the members of the Sincerity Lodge. He usually looked forward to meeting Bro. Terry at their annual gathering, and in his absence that day he felt inclined to supplement the remarks of Bro. Charles Lacey in reference to the Institutions. Allusion had been made to the support which the journal he had the honour of being associated with was ever ready to give to advance the best interests of Freemasonry. The Sincerity Lodge, he thought he was correct in saying, for the past twenty-five years had not omitted to send up a Steward to the annual Festival of the Benevolent Institution. It was a matter of deep regret that there were so many applicants for so few vacancies, but this was a matter that required serious consideration. Unfortunately, there were too many brethren about who showed just sufficient energy to get a candidate's name on the list, and then thought they had accomplished all that was necessary. He saw around brethren who knew how grievous was this mistake. Bros. Past Masters Newton, Lacey and Webb, in addition to many others around, would agree with him when he said that was where the actual pinch occurred. The labour really commenced after the candidate was approved and accepted. If this was more fully borne in mind the pitiful tales of hope deferred would not be so frequently heard, and possibly the lists of candidates would not be so heavy. It was gratifying to him to hear that Bro. Charles Lacey's list had already reached a three figure total, he hoped it might continue to increase. An interesting programme of music was provided, under the direction of Bro. Henry Prenton, the rising basso, who was in excellent voice, and did justice to the several songs entrusted to him. He was supported by Bros. Sexton and Pritchard, the latter contributing some very amusing items to the programme.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, and was of the usual interesting character. Bro. Abel Simner was the retiring Master, and was the recipient of most gratifying testimonials from his fellow members, in recognition of his services during the past year. Bro. H. J. Chapman was installed as Worshipful Master, and in the course of the meeting he presented to Bro. Simner the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. A. Simner P.M., by the Domatic Lodge (177), as a remark of respect and recognition of the efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of Worshipful Master during the Jubilee year of H.M. Queen Victoria. 1887."

Bro. Ferguson P.M. also made a presentation, on behalf of the Officers of the Lodge, who had had a most pleasing portrait of Bro. Simner beautifully executed in crayon for the occasion. The portrait was handsomely framed, and was inscribed as follows:—

"Presented by the Officers of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, to Brother Abel Simner W.M., as a mark of their respect and esteem for his invariable courtesy, and in appreciation of the manner in which he has maintained the prestige and best interests of the Lodge, as its 101st Master, during the eventful year of Her Majesty's Jubilee, 1887-88."

The customary banquet followed, among the company present being several Visitors.

ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Cannon Street Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Solomon Jacobs W.M., who was supported by the following Past Masters A. M. Cohen (Treasurer), C. F. Hogard (Secretary), A. Bassington, A. J. Henochsberg, H. M. Harris, E. H. Norden, I. P. Cohen, S. M. Harris, M. J. Emanuel, J. A. Gartley, H. J. Phillips, L. Norden, J. Da Silva, S. Landon, W. Littaur. The Agenda for the meeting comprised the confirmation of the Minutes of the last regular Lodge, of a Lodge of Emergency, and of the Audit Committee of the Lodge. These were regularly approved of. The report of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge was also received. Bro. Robert J. Paton was then presented as Wor. Master elect, and duly received the benefits of installation at the hands of his predecessor in the chair. Subsequently he appointed the following as the Officers of the Lodge for the year:—Bros. J. Bueno de Mesquita S.W., Marcus Bromet J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. P.G.Std.Br. Secretary, Schmerl S.D., Lichtenfeld J.D., Da Silva P.M. Dir. of Cers., Harris Assist. Dir. of Cers., Dancyger I.G., Ehrenberg and Bash Stewards, Morley Tyler. The ceremony was then completed, after which the Worshipful Master presented to his predecessor, Bro. Solomon Jacobs, the Past Master's jewel which had been voted by the Lodge, also a P.M.'s collar and jewel which had been subscribed for by the Officers of the past year, in testimony of the pleasant and happy term spent under his rule. Both gifts were briefly acknowledged, and the Lodge was closed, matters of routine business having first been disposed of. The brethren then repaired to banquet. On rising to propose the toasts the W.M. said it was needless to say anything about the Queen, the good feeling exhibited during the last year towards Her Majesty was an assurance of hearty sympathy between the people and herself. In speaking of the M.W. the Grand Master the W.M. said, all who were present at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 13th June, when the vote of congratulation to Her Majesty on her completing the 50th year of her reign was passed, must have appreciated the good feeling that existed between the Craft and the Grand Master. The next toast was the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the Grand Officers Present and Past; the brethren were aware of the deep interest taken by the Officers in the welfare of the Craft. He was sure the interest they took in the Craft was not only known to the brethren in London, but to the brethren throughout the length and breath of the land. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. R. Eve and Gould; the latter he might characterise as the greatest historian of Freemasonry. Bro. Eve said, that as one of the brethren expressing their pleasure at being present, he was pleased to find that the Lodge of Israel was not only a numerous but a strong one. It combined in its members men of different faiths, and of various modes of thought and action. It was a Lodge of a cosmopolitan character, and embodied various nationalities. But they took their seats together, and were united in peace and comfort. In his position he had only to speak of the present. Bro. Gould, as Masonic historian, represented the past. If he spoke fully in reference to the present state of things he should take up too much time, but he might say the Craft was never in better order than now, and England never had a better Grand Master than the Prince of Wales, or a better body of Grand Officers. The Order had done a great deal of good, and was extending its benign and beneficial influence over all classes. It was capable of even a greater amount of good, and it was gratifying to find that the London Masons were doing something for the poor. It was a great satisfaction to him to see that of the £500 voted by Grand Lodge to the distressed of the metropolis, the Grand Master had sent round cheques for the poor boxes of the Police Courts. This showed that the Freemasons were not selfish, but considered those outside their ranks. He believed Masonry was doing much good outside the Order, but he thought it

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might do more. Bro. R. F. Gould said he had been spoken of in connection with Masonic Literature; he could assure the brethren there was no subject which he could approach with greater veneration or respect. The subject was one that had been very little studied in times past, and so much was that the case that those who took it in hand now were those who, it was thought, had nothing else to do, and brought to the task a certain amount of genuine but misapplied enthusiasm. Until the present generation the very sight of a Masonic book was enough to sicken any student of Masonry. The movement which resulted in the work alluded to by the W.M., was commenced by brethren of the present generation. He need not mention them, but there were present that night some who had made a mark and done a great deal towards impressing the subject on the popular imagination. Of these Brother Binckes might be described as one of the foremost. Thirty years ago he was known as an enthusiastic Masonic student; he expressed himself in Masonic Journals of that time, and imbued him (Brother Gould) with a desire to follow his steps in Masonic research. If Brother Binckes had followed up his researches he might have been the brightest ornament of their body. He had the pleasure of seeing others present who had done a good deal for Masonic research and Masonic literature. Bro. Massey had done much in placing before the world matters that interested it in Masonry, that but for him would have been passed by altogether. Another worker in the same field was Bro. Morgan, who he was especially gratified at seeing present. For himself he had nothing to say, he did not wish to be as prolix as his volumes. But it was very kind of the brethren to recognise his services with regard to Masonic literature. Without Masonic literature, without an honest record of what was done, without an honest criticism of what was passing in the Masonic World, Masonry and the Masonic Institutions would be in a very poor way. The I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Wor. Master, said many of the brethren would be pleased to see him (Bro. Jacobs) rise once more, but they might not be pleased if he rose for himself. When, however, he said he rose for the W.M., he was sure they would be satisfied. It was a great pleasure indeed for him, so young a Past Master, to have the gratification of proposing the health of Bro. Paton. They were both young, but he could assure the brethren that he would endeavour to rank with the old P.M.'s of the Lodge of Israel, and he felt sure when his year of office had expired it would be said that the W.M. had fulfilled the duties of the chair in a manner that was satisfactory to all the brethren who had voted him to it. Since Bro. Paton's election he had volunteered to represent the Lodge as a Steward for one of the Charities, and that showed that he really had Masonry at heart. When the time came round for Bro. Paton to take his seat among the P.M.'s, no brother would regret the confidence they had placed in him. The Worshipful Master thanked the I.P.M. for the very kind way in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the hearty way in which they had responded. He should endeavour to do throughout his year of office everything for their interest. When he joined the Lodge it was his intention, if possible, to become its W.M. That day had arrived, and he should try to leave the chair with a certain amount of lustre, and he hoped no discredit. In giving the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said the Lodge of Israel was always pleased to see Visitors. The more there were the merrier; that night they had a large number. As it was impossible to read out the whole of the names, he would satisfy himself by giving all a hearty welcome, and call on Bros. Harry Tipper and Rev. Dr. Maguire to respond. After suitable responses had been made, the Installing Master Bro. Solomon Jacobs was complimented; a better Master it would be impossible to have had. Their late Master had been excelsior in all he had undertaken. He (the W.M.) trusted that now Bro. Jacobs had arrived at the position of P.M. he would for many years come among the brethren, and look after the Master in the chair. Bro. Jacobs said he wished to dispel any allusion the W.M. might have as to any lack of support during his year of office. He should be happy to render him any assistance; he was sure, however, it would not be needed. With respect to his rendering of the ceremony, Bros. Gartley and H. Phillips had taught him, for he had felt it was necessary to learn in order properly to complete his term of office. It was a difficult task, but he was happy to say he had accomplished it. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Sword Bearer, replied to the toast of the Masonic Charities. The present year was one of crucial anxiety; the Girls' School Centenary gave that Institution a claim upon the support of the brethren. He had no wish to interfere with it, for on the Committee of that Institution he first served; but he must claim assistance for the other Institutions. Subscriptions amounting to seven guineas were then announced as having been made to the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund, and Bro. I. Cohen (Treasurer) urged the members to further support it. Several other toasts were given. During the intervals a selection of music was performed, under the direction of Brother A. Cranch, who was assisted by Miss Annie Matthews, Miss White, Miss Annie Wilson, R.A.M., Mr. Henry Gauntey, and Bro. T. White. Visitors — Brothers W. Lestocq W.M. 1319, John L. Mather P.A.G.D.C., C. A. Grammer P.M. 27, F. Wallman S.D. 27, F. Hill S.W. 1563, F. Burgess S.D. 29, H. Bromet 1155, A. R. Cranch P.M. 1216, J. H. Tipper W.M. 185, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., E. E. Peacock A.D.C. 1923, J. D. Collins 193, W. Tomson 1524, J. R. Morford 569, Edgar Bowyer Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, A. Myers Secretary 185, D. M. Davis I.P.M. 1017, W. Maple P.M. 657, M. Cohen P.M. 185, L. Lyons 305, J. Beadon J.D. 1772, W. Towey (Denver 5), J. Hart 195, H. Friedlander 1446, W. Burridge I.G. 1922, G. M. Lion W.M. 188, J. Smith J.W. 933, W. J. Mason J.D. 1328, J. Chapman P.M. 194, J. H. Israel, R. Maguire Chaplain 1964, C. Hunt P.M. 194, J. Taylor 91, J. Manger W.M. 1017, E. Levy 1766, H. Cohen J.W. 1658, C. E. Suppot P.G.S., Edward Terry P.M. 29, I. Israel P.M. 188, A. M. Walker I.G. 1772, W. Hopekirk A.G.P., B. Nicholson 1766, J. Start W.S. Perseverance, C. S. Dinks 188, J. Davis, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, R. F. Gould P.G.Deacon, H. Clitham 1017, J. Williams 15, R. J. Harvey 197, R. Eve Grand Treasurer, Prod. Binckes P.G.S., J. Badkin, H. Massey P.M. 1928, &c., &c.

A ball in aid of the Masonic Charities was held at the Drill Hall, Cambridge, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., and proved a great success. About 250 were present, and the beautiful dresses of the ladies, the Masonic decorations of the gentlemen, together with the brilliancy of the adornments of the hall, made up an *ensemble* which was grand in the extreme.

The annual Masonic ball at St. Leonards took place at the Royal Concert Hall, on Wednesday, the 18th instant, under very favourable circumstances. The affair, which was inaugurated some few years ago, has increased in popularity, the company this year numbering about 200.

On Wednesday, the 18th instant, the annual ball of the Penge Lodge, No. 1815, was held at the Vestry Hall, Anerley. The company numbered about 130, the members of the Order being in regalia.

The brethren of the Castleberg Lodge, No. 2091, gave their first annual ball in the Assembly Rooms of the Ashfield Hotel, Settle, on Friday evening, the 20th instant. The guests were received on their arrival by Bro. Procter, the Worshipful Master, and Mrs. Procter. Bros. Atkinson, Brayshaws and Towler acted as M.C.'s

On Tuesday, 24th inst., an operatic concert in aid of the Cheshire Masonic Charities was given in the Town Hall, Birkenhead, by Mr. Josef Cantor's "Gems of the Opera" Company. The programme was an interesting one, and the concert a great success.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Vaudeville.—The improbable comedy, "Fascination," by Miss Harriet Jay and Mr. Robert Buchanan, was put into the evening bill at the above theatre on the 19th instant. This piece was produced at the Novelty some little time back, and we may say that it is rightly described as "improbable," some of the situations being decidedly so. The play itself in some parts is very good, but in others feeble, and taken altogether is a most peculiar work, as there seems a sort of "air of mystery" about it which cannot be explained. The different situations are well conceived and capitally depicted, while the acting, taken all round, is first class. Miss Harriet Jay, as Lady Madge Slashton, has decidedly improved since the first production, and may be congratulated on her performance. Miss Vane, as Mrs. Delamere, the adventuress, is certainly one of the best characters in the piece. This lady acts with all the force the character warrants, and scores an undoubted success. Mr. Thomas Thorne, as Rev. Mr. Colley, plays in his own inimitable style, which admirably suits the part. Mr. H. B. Conway, as Lord Islay, seemed a little undecided, while Mr. Royce Carlton is not up to his usual form as Count de Lagrange. Mr. Fred Thorne's Duke of Hurlingham was amusing, while Mr. Scott Buist, as Lord Jack Slashton, acted in a manly and straightforward manner. The piece is exceedingly well mounted, and we should not be surprised to see "Fascination" remain in the bill for some time to come. The other characters were represented by Mrs. Canninge, the Misses Bannister, Gertrude Warden, Grace Arnold, Messrs. F. Grove, J. Wheatman, and Frank Gilmore.

The fiftieth night of "The Woman Hater" was celebrated at Terry's Theatre last Tuesday. This piece, which has been judiciously cut since the first night, now goes merrily along, causing roars of laughter throughout. Mr. E. Righton is now in the caste, and as Mr. Dobbins is amusing. The farce is preceded by a comical operetta, entitled "A Shower of Blacks."

We are sorry to have to announce that Bro. George Conquest has met with another accident. At the Surrey Theatre, while impersonating the character of the Old Man of the Sea, Bro. Conquest had the misfortune to break a bone. Some say he has now few bones that have not been broken. Bro. Charles Cruikshanks comes to the fore, and is appearing nightly on Bro. Conquest's behalf.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 28th JANUARY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In.)
188—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1634—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
2013—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 9
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

MONDAY, 30th JANUARY.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1237—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1663—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
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. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
802—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
807—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
882—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 31st JANUARY.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, 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).
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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)
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. (In.)
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.)

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1379—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Surbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2116—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley

WEDNESDAY, 1st 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, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
72—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1821—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (In.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-rd. S.W
1691—Ravensbourne, George In, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1804—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
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)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
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
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Copper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 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, 2nd 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)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, South Park
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
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
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1569—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1[illegible]—[illegible], Farncombe Arms, [illegible], at 7.30.
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1612—Sir Hugh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8 (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 8. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Stamford Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1625—Footegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Enfield, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldwych, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, [illegible], at 8 (Inst.)
1724—Kandeish-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
1780—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Tabernacle Road
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (In.)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

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R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, 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.)

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
125—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Groavenor Hotel, Chester
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
508—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
530—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
537—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
793—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Ballring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
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—Aquity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
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. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
R.A. 496—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
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
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
860—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
963—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1328—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1365—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (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
1815—Fenge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 256—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)

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.
305—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
483—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Installation)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
650—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
905—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool
1080—Lord Warden, Worsborough Hall, Barnsley
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Athelstone, Warwick.
357—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
368—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, Sale-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
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-Lyne

SATURDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' 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)
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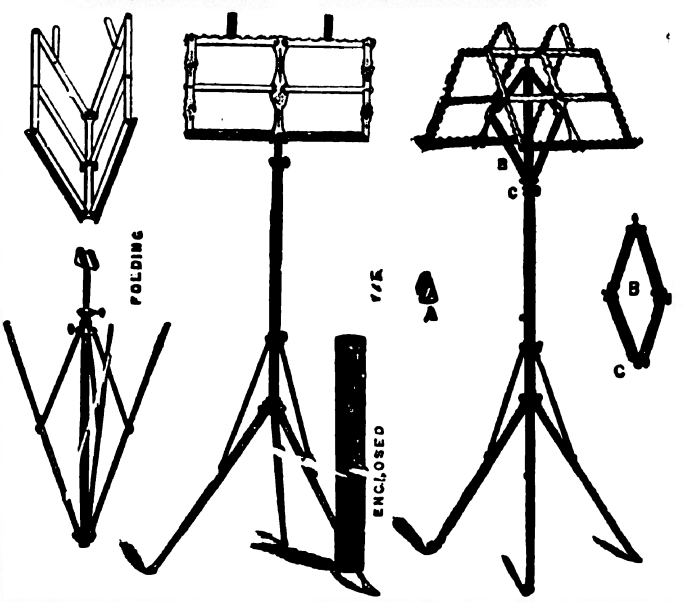
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UNSECTARIAN FREEMASONRY.

IT was undoubtedly a sound forethought on the part of those who founded the modern system of Freemasonry which induced them to exclude all discussions of a religious, political or controversial character from its gatherings; if it had not been so we question whether Speculative Masonry would have existed so long as it has done; while we are convinced it would never have attained its present high position as a power for good in the world. As Freemasonry is constituted it is possible for all creeds, all parties, all nationalities, and all classes of the community to meet on terms of equality under its banner, and nowhere can we find another Institution which confers so many privileges upon its members, or allows so much freedom of thought and action among those who pledge adherence to it; indeed, the world does not contain another so beneficent in its aims, or so cosmopolitan in character. Masons can, and do, enjoy themselves among themselves, and if they choose to place a barrier around their doings, so as to keep away those who have not regularly sought a participation in their mysteries, they are not wholly selfish in their actions. While they strive to help all who need it within their mystic circle, they do not forget there are others outside, who have claims equally pressing, if not equally deserving of recognition. It is but natural Freemasons should consider that those within the Order have the first claim on their sympathy, although, as far as possible, they practise charity to the world at large, and if the Order does not attempt the relief of all distress, and the redress of all grievances, it is because it is impossible for its members to do more than a share, although we are justified in saying it already accomplishes more than would fall to its lot, provided an equitable distribution were possible. We do not, however, wish it to be thought we begrudge what is done for those outside Freemasonry, or that we wish to boast of the little that has been accomplished; on the contrary, we regret it does not lie within the power of Freemasonry to do more, and such is the feeling of all who are associated with us by the ties of Brotherhood.

It will perhaps be considered we are wandering very wide of our subject in thus referring to the social side of Freemasonry, and to its benevolent action on behalf of those outside its ranks; but these are two points on which Freemasons are frequently assailed, and to which reference is often made by those who attempt to prove that they do not act up to their professions. There are some who see in every good deed or kindly action an unworthy motive; who will argue that any help rendered by Freemasonry to those outside its circle is done to secure either political, parochial, or other influence; and who will attempt to trace in every preferment or appointment the silent influence of Freemasonry. We ought perhaps to be proud of the power thus ascribed to the Order with which we are associated, but as a rule the power is only accredited with having worked for evil, for it does not concern our adversaries to discover how much of the good that takes place around them might with equal justice be ascribed to the power of Freemasonry. They can only see things in the light they desire them to appear in, and that light is not favourable either to Freemasonry or its adherents, and hence it is we hear so little of Freemasonry's work for the good of humanity, as compared with its propensity for evil, from those who find a pleasure in criticising the Order. They appear to think it only necessary to bring in the name of Freemasonry to at once account for anything which has not gone quite right, either in public or private affairs; the simple expression, "Oh, he was mixed up with the Freemasons," accompanied with a sly kind of look, being sufficient to account for almost anything that could happen to a man, or to any underhand transaction ascribed to a public body. That such criticism is both unjust and uncalled for those within the Order best know, and it also rests with them, to a very great extent, to prove its injustice and to check its continuance.

Freemasonry is wholly unsectarian; it is allied to no political or religious class, nor is it associated with any particular section of the community to the exclusion of others; and in the maintenance of this principle, and its practice throughout the Craft lies the best answer to the accusations of those who argue that its influence is used to benefit its members or advance the interest of those associated with them.

Members of the Order need to pay particular attention to this matter at the present time, for there seems to be a growing tendency, even within the Craft, to divide Freemasonry into sections or classes. We cannot believe the authorities are acting wisely in giving their approval to this system, and we do not think it will be long before they find out their mistake. We question the wisdom of granting warrants for Lodges which are to be exclusive, open only to men of a certain trade or profession, just as we do the formation of Lodges of a marked parochial or class tendency. It certainly is not acting up to the teachings of Freemasonry to say that no man shall become a member of a given Lodge unless he belong to some particular trade or profession; on the contrary, it is inviting criticism from those who do not agree with us, and the past has amply proved how severe such comments may become, and what really strong arguments may be used in support of them. Another very objectionable feature becomes manifest where a Lodge is wholly, or nearly so, comprised of the Vestrymen, or other officials of a town or parish. Here we would offer a word of advice to some who we consider err under this head. A Mason may be a Churchwarden, Town Councillor or Vestryman, but

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that does not make him entitled to be addressed in open Lodge or in the banquet-room as Bro. Churchwarden This, Bro. Town Councillor That, or Bro. Vestryman So-and-so. It may show that the speaker has a knowledge of matters outside of his Lodge, but it proves he has not yet made himself master of the lessons to be learnt within it, and it lays the whole Craft open to attacks from those who desire to assail its members. Only within the last few days has the evil of this laxity among Freemasons been again made manifest; a prominent man of the day considers the existence of a "parish official's Lodge" as sufficient evidence of cliquism and underhand dealing to merit particular attention at his hands. No doubt he is wrong in thus accusing Masonry, but if the brethren in question have been as unwise in their remarks as some with whom we have come into contact, we cannot say he has made a groundless charge. We do not know sufficient of the merits of this particular case to give an opinion, but we are inclined to say that the brethren assailed have laid themselves open to attack, otherwise it would never have been known how much this Lodge was actually associated with those at the head of parish affairs.

Similar arguments might be used in other directions, but they would all have one termination, and the climax cannot be too forcibly impressed on all around us: if Freemasonry is to maintain its dignity and its high position, it must be kept aloof from all matters outside its actual teachings. Freemasonry is good if kept within due bounds, but it can soon create ill feeling and distrust if its votaries go beyond. It is a splendid base on which to build up a system of business, political, or public ethics, but it must be used for foundation only; it must be kept out of sight, and only serve as a sound bottom on which to erect a superstructure which is open to view by the world. It has made a name as an unsectarian organisation, and to continue that good name it must stand aloof from class or faction.

EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP.

MASONRY is *sui generis*. Existing before any of the kindred associations which have sprung up around it, it does not look to them for examples, nor copy their customs and laws. It does nothing because some other organisation does it, and this is not because it arrogates to itself superior virtues, but for its own reasons and purposes it is what it is, and if it were otherwise it would not be Freemasonry. Other societies have many admirable customs, laws, and usages which serve their purposes, but no one of them exists for the sole purpose of cultivating the fraternal virtues. Men are not made Masons that they may benefit themselves, but others, while the mutual benefit idea dominates elsewhere. We invest a dollar in a mutual benefit organisation in order that we may have a right to certain privileges which it confers upon its members, as for instance a sick or a funeral benefit, but no one invests a dollar in Masonry with the expectation that it will return a dividend in kind. It is true that every initiate feels he is entering upon a new relation towards those who are taking him by the hand as a brother, and that the tie between them will become stronger and, perhaps, as an incident by that bond, he may desire personal benefits, but mercenary or selfish motives must not actuate him. On the contrary, he must be prepared to affirm that he seeks admission from no other motive than a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish of being serviceable to his fellow creatures.

As a necessary incident to every association which is compelled by the terms of the compact existing between the membership to compensate them in a certain contingency, the obligation to contribute the necessary funds exists, as a fundamental condition, upon which the whole structure is based. There is no such compact in Masonry. No one ever stood in such an attitude to it as to entitle him to make demand upon its funds for a stipulated sum of money or a benefit which has a fixed value. What it extends is simply a matter of grace and not demandable as a right. And it is for this reason that we approach, in our governing bodies, the whole subject of enforced financial contributions, with so much reluctance. To many the idea of enforced payments seems contrary to the whole spirit of Freemasonry, and no subject has been debated with so much anxious solicitude as this, lest though some misadventure in the enactment of a law Masonic injustice should be done to some one.

In every human organization there are some, as the English phrase it, who are fallen into decay. We all know that, with the exception of a very few who acquire wealth, the struggle for a bare maintenance grows harder as the years creep on and additional burdens are accumulated as our capacity to earn decreases. The young men who come in and replace the older brethren in the government of the Craft are not always considerate of the delinquent who fails to make his stated settlement with the Secretary, and because at their time of life, when they have but light loads to carry, they do not miss the "few dollars" required to meet the Lodge assessment, are scarcely inclined to stop and consider that other pockets are not so well lined as their own, or the greater number of claims to be satisfied out of a pocket whose outlet is as large as its inlet. There are but few men who care to admit, even to the most intimate of their associates, that they are beginning to feel that their sight is not so keen or their step as elastic as it once was, and still harder is it to make the admission that it is not so easy to replenish an empty wallet, and hence it is that men when the years begin to lay a heavy hand upon them shrink from confessing their embarrassment to the Lodge, and permit the first or second instalment of dues to go unpaid, with the hope that times will be better before the maturity of another, and the payment can then be made without taking it from more pressing demands upon their resources. Alas! it is a hope destined, in the vast majority of instances, never to be realised, for it is not the times which are out of joint, but the man himself. The truth has not yet dawned upon him that his ability to earn wages has diminished.

The writer has seen it stated somewhere, and it seems to coincide with his own experience, that less than ten years embraces the average term of active membership in the Lodge of Masons. There are probably more who actively participate in Lodge affairs less than five years than there are who continue longer than that period. After ten years but very little of the original material remains to do service, and so it is that our Lodges are constantly undergoing a renewing process. Many of our initiates slough off by a natural sort of process, just as a wound cleanses itself, and they are hopelessly lost, without however the Craft being the loser by their departure, the deposit of the fee being the only good thing they ever did, or ever were capable of doing for Masonry, simply because their hearts were not attuned to the Masonic song and per consequence they did not value it, and thus it happened that neither the Lodge nor themselves lost anything when they stepped down and out.

To do good for the mere sake of doing good is but a poor financial investment, and unless a man finds some other compensation in the act besides a return in money, he has, so far as he himself is concerned, thrown away his investment, but to the man who finds that all of life is not made up in adding to one's temporal possessions, and there are higher and more satisfying pleasures, and that amongst them comes a joy which no man knows but him who has experienced it—a joy akin to rapture, which comes and permeates a man all through, when he has done a kind act to one from whom he expects no reciprocation. Unless a man has the capacity for enjoying such pleasures, he has no capacity for Masonry, and it is to him simply a deceit, neither he nor it gains by his initiation, and it is well that he makes no long tarrying amongst us—five years is quite enough for mutual endurance.

And there is another class who find their way into our Lodges, in considerable numbers, who are not really bad fellows, in their way, for they open their own pockets and give liberally, and would vote more out of other people's pockets if they could. While they remain they are good company, but they soon get tired of well doing, and depart hence to be seen no more. Peace to their ashes!

But the backbone of Masonry is neither of the ephemeral or gushing quality. Look over the roll of any Lodge and see who are they who have worked, not played, in Masonry

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for a period of ten years. The per centage is not large compared with the whole number who have *passed through* the Lodge during that period, but the work they have done has been stamped indelibly upon the history of that Lodge; it is what they have made it, good, bad or indifferent, with the probabilities greatly in their favour that they are entitled to claim all of the first-named quality which the Lodge possesses. Now it is because of this last and best class of Masons that it becomes so difficult to justly frame our financial regulations. To the Craft at large it is a matter of indifference, so that it does not shock its own sense of justice in the matter, what regulations are established or how rigorously they are made to apply to members who do not esteem their Masonic obligations, for such men are going out by the usual route, which may be denominated the non-payment-of-dues line, with all reasonable despatch, regardless of any rule which may be put in force. The only thing to be considered is the mode of the operation. And this brings us to a consideration of the real problem of the dues question. How can we make a law which will facilitate the departure of an undesirable class, and which will not thrust out a meritorious one, for the same offence—that is, failure to pay dues?

There will be none found to deny that it is a sound principle of Masonic equity that the Craftsman who has wrought his task in the quarry is entitled to his reward, and there ought to be as little doubt that the drones in our hive should be as promptly and effectually stung out. In practice we reward each alike if they are so unfortunate as to be poor and proud. The effect of enforced contributions to the support of the Lodge is to place upon the shoulders of the old and infirm a weight equal to that which the young and vigorous sustain. The Craftsman who has wrought his full task gains no easement from toil, but must go on with a never ceasing round of labour, instead of receiving the reward due to a well-spent life in this as well as the Celestial Lodge. Our practices do not equal, we fear, our professions.

In making our laws we ought to seek to accomplish two radically opposite effects: 1. Those who cannot pay should be gotten rid of by the shortest and most effective methods, and, 2. We should exempt from the burden of Lodge taxation those who by reason of the impairments of age or other causes find the grasshopper (dues) a burden too grievous for them to bear. In advocating this we are met by a class of Masons who are always shouting, as if they believed it a very Shibboleth, "Ye shall have but one manner of law; ye shall not lean to the side of the poor, nor honour the person of the great, but shall impartially judge your neighbour," and who prate about privileged classes in Masonry, arguing that if I pay my dues every other member should pay his. It is not right he should enjoy all the benefits I do and not pay the same as I do. This is good society law, and where a system of mutual benefits exists it is strict equity, but it is not Masonry, for there is a command which runs through the entire woof and warp of Masonry: "If thy brother be waxen poor and fallen into decay with thee, then thou shalt relieve him, though he be a stranger and transient person, that he may live with thee."

In the consideration of the matter of Lodge support there seems too frequently to be overlooked the vast difference between ability to contribute and the neglect to do so, and willingness to contribute and inability to do so. "One manner of law" does not apply to both cases, for they are radically different. The first is a cause for discipline, while the latter is a misfortune to excite our sympathy.

In Mississippi the laws of the Grand Lodge and Chapter are substantially as follows: Every member pays an annual contribution of such amount as may from time to time be determined by a resolution to that effect, but when once fixed the amount of such contribution shall not be altered to take effect during the current Masonic year. The annual contribution of members shall be paid at the stated meeting at which the Officers are elected and prior to the election. The Secretary on or before the day of election must notify every member of the amount of his dues, and request payment; and should any member allow his dues to remain unpaid on the day of election, he shall not have the right to vote or hold office. The Secretary shall notify such delinquent to appear at a regular meeting, within ninety days after such notification, to show cause why his dues have not been paid, and if he still refuses or neglects to pay, he may be suspended. Such suspension is absolute, and while it continues all the Masonic rights and privileges of the member are abrogated, and no dues are charged against him. A member so suspended shall be reinstated upon payment of dues which had accrued at the time of his suspension. Any non-affiliated Mason who neglects or refuses to contribute annually an amount equal to the ordinary dues, is not entitled to, nor permitted to receive the rights, benefits and privileges of Masonry, that is to say: The right to visit and associate with the members; the right to ask and demand relief and pecuniary aid for himself or his family; the right to move or join in Masonic processions, and in the Lodge to Masonic burial. Any Mason unable to contribute may be released from so doing, and while bodies are strictly enjoined to exact payment from all whose circumstances do not excuse them from this duty, they are to remember that, "If thy brother be waxen poor and fallen into decay with thee, then thou shalt relieve him though he be a stranger and a transient person, that he may live with thee."

These regulations have been found in practice to work exceedingly well, with a single broad exception, and it is just upon this point that all like regulations fail. They require the brother delinquent to appear and "show cause." From this there is no exception, for there is "one manner of law" for all. It is true, if the brother is unable to contribute, he may be excused, and indeed it is the duty of the body to excuse him, still he must humble himself by appearing and showing "cause" why this should be done. The writer does not wish to be understood that in Mississippi this appearance is generally exacted in person, for on the contrary he believes this feature of the law is more honoured in the breach than in the observance, still it is the cold, unrelenting steel of the law which can be made to cut into the quick. For the hardened sinner who will not pay, it is capital punishment, and it is capital fun to the live members to carry it into execution, but in the case of those brethren "who have waxen old and are poor" Masonry wants a better law.

The question of life membership, while strenuously advocated by some, seems to have some strong objectors to it, and moreover meets only the case of the well-to-do brethren who can at one time pay in the one hundred or more dollars fee, and it is an aristocratic arrangement which does not harmonize entirely with the fraternal idea which places all Masons upon an equality in the Lodge. At any rate it does not meet with general favour and is not likely to become prevalent, and in some jurisdictions is forbidden.

There would seem to be no real objection to the adoption of Emeritus membership, by our Lodges and other bodies, which would exempt the brethren entitled thereto from the payment of further contributions, for surely there, as well as elsewhere, those who have served out their time as active workers ought to receive the honourable recognition to which their services entitle them. In the army and naval service of all countries honorary retirement is recognized by law, and churches and colleges thus reward those who have passed beyond the period of hard work. Instead of humiliating venerable brethren by compelling them to ask from year to year a remission of dues, as is now almost universally done, it would place them in the attitude of receiving wages for labour already performed, and doubtless many a brother who has fallen into decay would claim a place in the Lodge as a reward of merit, to which his rank as one of the Emeriti would entitle him, who now suffers his name to be stricken from the roll rather than present himself as a suppliant for clemency. Is there a valid objection to the establishment of an Emeriti in every Lodge, to whom we can proudly turn and say, these are the men who laid the foundations upon which this Lodge stands, firmly and surely planted by them upon the rock of Masonic truth. They are its fathers, and as such we venerate and honour them. Better so, even at the loss of a few dollars, than that we should call the blush of shame to our faces as we behold a venerable man carried to his grave unwept, unhonoured and unsung Masonically, because forsooth he had not the few paltry dollars with which to purchase a Masonic burial. Brethren, there are still some things practised by Masons which are not Masonry, and the suspension for the non-payment of dues of indigent brethren, in their old age, is one of them.—*Voice of Masonry.*

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LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT.

THE Labour of Freemasonry is actual, and so the Refreshment should be actual. Does any one doubt the actuality of the Labour? He might in an exceptional Lodge, where no one takes any interest in its progress or proceedings, where the Officers and a handful of members meet only to open and close; but that, fortunately, is not the condition of the average Lodge, where work, and often hard work, is the order of the evening. How often, Brethren, have you seen a W.M. at Labour, in entering, passing or raising a Mason! And have you not observed all of his powers of mind and body engaged in the work—perhaps the perspiration standing in beads on his forehead, his memory and power of expression taxed to their uttermost, and his anxiety to do his work correctly and forcibly evident to every beholder? And his Officers, do they not share in his Labour? Yet will any one say, this is not real Labour? If it be real, so should the Refreshment be real—if the Lodge can afford to have it so. Sometimes it cannot afford to have it anything else than real. At the same time it should be remembered, that every Lodge should conduct its finances upon business principles; and yet how often do we find that organised bodies of men conduct their monetary affairs upon principles the reverse of reasonable. It is always a sound rule of policy to earn your money before you spend it, and hence no Lodge has the right to run in debt, or trench on its permanent fund, for the purpose of supplementing Labour with Refreshment. Captain John Smith laid it down as a rule in the Government of his Virginia Colony, that those who would not work should not eat. In like manner every Masonic body is not only justified, but required, by the dictates of Masonic wisdom, to have Masonic Labour to precede Masonic Refreshment.

But what shall be the character of the Refreshment? There is a wide range of choice among eatables and potables. There are crackers and cheese on the one hand, and terrapin and quail-on-toast on the other. There is ice-water at one extreme, and champagne at the other. Which shall be chosen? It is not necessary to say to the Lodge which has but twenty dollars to expend not to indulge in terrapin and champagne, nor to the Lodge with two hundred dollars too much in its treasury that crackers and cheese are the Refreshment for it. But we may say to all, *be temperate.* A Lodge with but twenty dollars to spend might intemperately indulge in certain inexpensive potables, while the Lodge with two hundred dollars to spend might be constrained to be temperate in the employment of expensive wines. The golden rule of moderation is laid down by Freemasonry itself, in its authorized charges. We will quote from two of them. The W.M., in his charge at opening (see "Ahiman Rezon," p 99), says: "Let our recreations be innocent, and pursued with moderation; and never let us suffer irregular indulgences to expose our character to derision and contempt." Again, in the Wor. Master's charge to the Junior Warden, at installation, this language is used: "Carefully observe that none of the Craft be suffered to convert the purposes of Refreshment into intemperance and excess." It will thus be seen that Freemasonry, by its very genius, and expressly in its formal charges, seeks to conserve and promote the highest and best interests of all its members, and especially cautions them that they should govern themselves while at refreshment, no less than while at labour.

The Craft affords no excuse to, and offers none for, any Brother who trespasses against the plain teachings of the Fraternity. Just as it requires of every *Master* of a Lodge that before his installation he shall agree "strictly to obey the moral law," so it expects every individual *member* to obey the same moral law. Freemasonry is a system of morality, and the Mason who is not moral is recreant alike to his duty and his self-assumed obligations. So the Mason who indulges overmuch in eating or drinking, thereby undermining his constitution, sapping his powers of mind and body, and it may be eventually perilling his hopes for happiness hereafter, is not only a foolish Mason, but is a foresworn Mason. He has broken the law of the Craft, he has transgressed against the Masonic obligations he assumed and the charges he assented to.

Especially is it requisite that Masters of Lodges should be exemplars to their members, by their faithful performance of all Masonic duties, and hence it is important that the Brethren in their choice of Masters should select not only those who can demean themselves well at Labour, but also at Refreshment, never "converting the purposes of Refreshment into intemperance and excess."

In this connection it is appropriate to remark, that Labour and Refreshment, jointly, should not occupy so much time in any Masonic body as to keep a Brother from his family until "an early hour in the morning." And Brethren when they leave the Lodge should not then go elsewhere, and have the time thus spent "charged up" at home against the Lodge. It is not fair to the Lodge, and it is not fair to themselves. It brings reproach upon Masonry, and it alienates our wives and daughters from all possibility of sympathy with the Fraternity. If Lodges would devote more attention to the purposes of the *proper* observance of the laws of Refreshment, they would conserve their own best interests, advantage their individual members, and make Masonic precept and practice in this regard fully to agree.—*Keystone.*

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PETITIONS OF DEVONSHIRE.

A MEETING of the Committee of Petitions of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Devonshire was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Monday afternoon, the 30th ult. There was a goodly number of the representives of the Lodges in the Province. The Hon. Secretary (Bro. J. B. Gover) reported:—Since the last meeting of the Committee, in August, there have been two elections, viz., Boys' and Girls', and the number of votes received bear favourable comparison with former years, there being an increase of 81 Boys and 11 Girls, and this notwithstanding a loss of 40 votes by the death of Bro. Goedtschalk. The increase in Boys is largely owing to the kindness of W. Bro. H. Horton. From an error in the Secretary's Office, there was an accumulation of some forty votes, and having placed them in my hands your London representative was enabled to obtain the votes which were used for the Province. An increase in the Girls' votes was attributable to the exertions of W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, who lately acted as Steward for this Institution. The extra exertions being made in all parts of the Province for the annual meeting of the Boys' Institution, when our esteemed P.G.M. (Lord Ebrington, M.P.) will preside, will doubtless increase our voting powers in that direction, but much still remains to be done by the representatives of the Lodges, whose aim it should be to see that none of the votes in their Lodges and neighbourhood are lost, either by being given outside the Province or sent too late to be of service. The 739 votes received in October were used by your liberal representative in payment of debts. The Province now owe somewhat over a thousand votes, and it is confidently expected that after the April and May elections we shall not only be clear of debt but have a good balance in our favour. From circumstances, which need no allusion, the credit of the Province is not what it was some years since, but when we are clear from all liabilities, and have a balance in our favour, we hope to gain our former proud position, when the credit of Devon was second to no Province in England. The Secretary then read a letter which he had received from Bro. the Rev. Wm. Whittley P.M. P.P.G.S.W. P.G.D. England, the London representative for the Province, who regretted being unable to attend the meeting, on account of its being held on a Monday. Bro. Whittley reported that he used the votes received in October last towards paying off the debts of the Province, and expressed a hope that the Province would be quite free from debt after the elections in April and May next. He trusted that all the brethren in the Province would send him their votes to enable him to do this. The Committee then considered two petitions for relief, from brethren of Lodges 1099 and 1847, and granted £5 to each, with a recommendation for further relief to Provincial Grand Lodge. Bros. W. G. Rogers P.G.D. England D.P.G.M., the Rev. W. Whittley, and J. B. Gover were unanimously re-elected Chairman, London Representative, and Secretary respectively. A meeting of the General Purposes and Finance Committees of the Devon Educational Fund was afterwards held. It was reported that the amount of money received during the past year amounted to £302. The balance on the year's working was £128, bringing the total balance up to £730 11s. It was decided to hold the annual meeting, for the election of two candidates, at the Temple on Tuesday, 3rd April.

The Onslow Lodge, No. 2234, was consecrated on Tuesday, 24th ult., at the Constitutional Hall, Guildford, by the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, the R.W. Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B. After the ceremony of consecration, Bro. George Payne P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Surrey was installed by Bro. Frederick West D.P.G.M. of Surrey, as the first W.M. The following are the Officers for the year:—Bros. J. Ball P.M. 1564 S.W., S. George P.M. 813 J.W., E. Miles 2101 S.D., G. Burrell J.D., G. B. Cockredge I.G., Councillor E. H. Hitchcock Treasurer, and T. Dodd W.M. 2101 Secretary. At the conclusion of the Lodge business, the brethren dined at the White Hart Hotel.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. SUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 20.

THE annual meeting was held on the 18th ult., at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, when Bro. George Church was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following are the Officers appointed:—Bros. Clibbon S.W., Cobham J.W., Wiggins S.D., McDonnell J.D., Collins I.G., Price Dir. of Cers., Skinner Organist, Orum Tyler.

PROBITY LODGE, No. 61.

THE brethren celebrated their annual festival at the Freemasons Hall, Halifax, on the 22nd ult. The meeting possessed special interest, it being the commencement of the 150th or third jubilee year of the Lodge. The Lodge had the presence and support of the, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Thomas W. Tew, J.P., with his Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a goodly array of Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers. The installation ceremony was admirably conducted by Bro. George Buckley jun., assisted by Bros. Booth, Whiteley, and Balme. The following brethren were invested:—Bros. Major Conor I.P.M., Crossley S.W., William Cash J.W., Evans, B.A., LL.B., Chaplain, Davis Treasurer, Wright Secretary, Buckley S.D., Horton J.D., Patchett I.G., Emmott D.C., Binns Assistant Secretary, Charles Pole Almoner, Sykes Organist, Dobson, Smith and Kerr Stewards, Sagar Tyler. The W.M. then requested the Provincial Grand Master to present, in the name of the Lodge, a P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M., bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to W. Bro. Major Cecil Conor P.M., by the members of the Lodge of Probity, No. 61, as a mark of their respect and esteem. 23rd January 1888."

The brethren then celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. The sister Lodges of the town were largely represented. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the usual toasts were honoured.

FAITHFUL LODGE, No. 85.

THE annual festival was held at the Swan Hotel, Harleston, on the 23rd ult., when Bro. John Aldous jun. was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was well performed by Bro. F. A. Crisp. After the installation the Worshipful Master invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. Knights S.W., Durrant J.W., Calver Treasurer, Carman Secretary, Buckingham jun. S.D., Buckingham sen. J.D., Durrant I.G., Harper Tyler. Hearty good wishes having been tendered by the visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form. The banquet was subsequently served in the market-room of the hotel, Bro. T. E. Bond W.M. presiding.

MOUNT SINAI LODGE, No. 121.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated the festival of St. John, at Penzance, on the 18th ult. Bro. Wellington Dale (ex-Mayor of Penzance) was installed W.M. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Simpson I.P.M., Major Ross S.W., Mockridge J.W., Read Treasurer, Branwell jun. Secretary, Tregarthen jun. S.D., Shakerley J.D., Quick I.G., Dunn D.C., White jun. Org., Cornish and Dale Stewards, Reynolds Tyler.

ANTIENT UNION, No. 203.

THE annual installation in connection with the above Lodge, which is considerably over a hundred years old, took place on Tuesday, the 19th ult., in the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, in the presence of a goodly assemblage. The W.M., Bro. Galloway, who has filled the chair for two years, at the opening of the Lodge was well supported by the Past Master and Officers. The visitors included Bros. Lunt 1086, Bargery 1756, Smythe 2114, Bushell 1756, Brotherton 241, Guile 1325, Callow, Chatham 1356 Gow 823, Round 1609, Maddox 823, Rawsthorne Secretary 1182, Farghen 2042, &c. Bros. Rowson and James presented Bro. G. B. Ashton for installation, and the task was successfully performed by the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. Hounsell. Bro. Ashton afterwards invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Galloway I.P.M., Donnelly S.W., Wood J.W., Bromley Treasurer (by proxy), Baker Secretary, Clough S.D., Ashton J.D., Clarke I.G., M'Ewen and Tester Stewards, Alston D.C., Ball Tyler. A banquet followed.

HOPE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 214.

THE installation meeting was held at Brentwood on Thursday, 26th ult., when Bro. H. Gamble Hobson was installed as W.M., the ceremony being ably performed by the out-going W.M. Brother Page. The Officers of the year were invested, as follows:—Bros. Goodo S.W., Morant J.W., Rev. W. Quennell Chaplain, Cooper Treasurer, Frank Landon Secretary, Wallis S.D., Quennell J.D., Brown D.C., Sargent I.G., Mallett Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together, and during the evening a choice selection of music was performed by Bros. Brown, Morant, Schartau, Sargent, and Master Humm. It was hoped that the P.G.M. would have been present, but at the last moment Lord Brooke wired that he was unavoidably prevented.

TRUE LOVE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 248.

THE annual meeting took place at Brixham, on the 20th ult., when Bro. Alfred Kendrick was installed by his immediate predecessor, Bro. the Rev. R. B. Elrington, assisted by Bro. C. Atkins, and supported by a Board of Installed Masters. The W.M. invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Elrington I.P.M., Wheaton S.W., Janes J.W., Gregory Treasurer, Cranford Secretary, May S.D., Brown J.D., Havman I.G., Atkins D.C., Rev. E. P. Hood Chaplain, Maredon Steward, Day Organist. Bro. Atherton was re-elected as the representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions. In the evening the brethren dined together in the large hall of the Lodge.

AMPHIBIOUS LODGE, No. 258.

AT a meeting of the brethren, at Heckmondwike, Bro. A. Macaulay was presented with a Past Master's jewel and collar, in recognition of his having served the office of Worshipful Master for two years in succession. The presentation was made by Bro. Thomas Mitcheson W.M. The jewel bore the inscription:

"Presented to Bro. A. Macaulay by the members of the Amphibious Lodge of Freemasons, Heckmondwike, as a mark of their esteem, on his retiring from the Master's chair after occupying it two years in succession."

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 304.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge took place on the 25th ult., at Leeds, when there was a large muster of brethren from this and the adjacent Provinces. Bro. Brownfoot W.M., who assumed the gavel for the last time, was able to welcome not only a large number of brethren, but a goodly number of Past and Present Provincial Officers. Amongst those who signed the attendance book were Dr. Smyth Grand Chaplain of England, R. Hudson P.G.S.B. of England, H. Smith D.P.G.M. West Yorks, H. Green Prov. G. Sec., C. L. Mason P.P.G. Treasurer, W. F. Smithson P.P.G.D. and Chairman of the Charity Committee, Craig P.P.G.D., Bedford P.P.G.D., Oates P.P.G.A.D.C., Tudor Trevor W.M. 2069, Cheesman W.M. 516, Johnson W.M. 1001, W. T. Carter W.M. 1042, H. Columbine W.M. 1221, and about fifty others. Bro. José Rickard was presented for installation, and duly obligated, after which Bro. Chas. Blagbro, principal tenor of the Leeds Parish Church, sang, as he alone knows how, the appropriate excerpt from Mendelssohn's "St. Paul"—"Be thou faithful unto death." A Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, the ceremony of installation was continued and completed by Bro. Brownfoot, in a manner which provoked the admiration of all who heard him. It should also be mentioned that Bro. Hill P.M. rendered valuable and efficient aid as D.C. Brother Rickard, the newly-installed W.M., then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Brownfoot I.P.M., Hewson S.W., Cockerlyn J.W., Rev. T. Greenburg (Prov. G. Chap.) Chaplain, Mason (P.P.G. Treas.) Treasurer, Normington Secretary, Lawson S.D., Booth J.D., Townsend P.P.G.O. Organist, Tomlinson P.M. D.C., Croysdale I.G., Butler and Backhouse Stewards, Barrand Tyler. Bro. Mason was elected Charity Steward, and Bros. Craig and Hewson to represent the Lodge on the Committee of the Local Relief Fund. Bro. H. Smith D.P.G.M., in a few well-chosen sentences, expressed the gratification he felt at being present on this occasion, and his admiration at the admirable manner in which the work had been performed, alluding particularly to the share taken by Bros. Brownfoot and Hill. Hearty good wishes having been exchanged, an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall, where the Festival of St. John was celebrated with great *éclat*, Bro. Rickard presiding. In the course of the evening Bro. Blagbro and other musical brethren displayed their talent, to the great enjoyment of the large company present. It is satisfactory to state that this old and popular Lodge is in a most desirable condition, both financially and numerically.

SOUTH SAXON LODGE, No. 311.

THE annual installation took place at Lewes, on the 18th ult. The brethren met at the Masonic Hall, the attendance being very numerous. Bro. S. Peters (Brighton) was duly installed as W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. Holman, and the addresses were delivered by Bros. Tanner and Every. The Officers were invested, as follows:—Bros. Stone S.W., Broad J.W., Crosskey Treasurer, Lloyd Secretary, Russell jun. Dir. of Cers., W. Stone S.D., Bull J.D., Peters I.G., Hall Tyler. The retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Holman, was unanimously voted a Past Master's jewel, and in returning thanks presented the Lodge with a handsome new silk banner, for use at the Provincial gatherings, the gift of Mrs. G. Holman. The banquet took place at the White Hart Hotel, and was provided in an admirable style by Mrs. G. Holman.

BROTHERLY LOVE LODGE, No. 329.

THE annual festival took place on the 25th ult., at the Three Choughs Hotel, Yeovil, when there was a fair attendance of brethren, the visitors including Bros. Rev. W. Mortimer Heath Past Grand Chaplain of England, G. Masters 1168, Rowsey 437, Leach 437, and J. Bowsey 437. Bro. Gillard was installed in the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. R. C. Else. The following brethren were appointed Officers:—Bros. Baskett I.P.M., Stanton S.W., Raymond J.W., Edgar Treasurer, Whitby Secretary, Marsh S.D., Rodben J.D., Cox Chaplain, Damon D.C., Milborne Organist, Hook I.G., Gaylard and Brook Stewards, Edwards Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, provided in excellent style by Bro. Sharland.

PHOENIX LODGE OF HONOUR AND PRUDENCE, No. 331.

THE brethren mustered in strong force at the Masonic Hall, Truro on Thursday afternoon, the 19th ult., to instal Bro. J. Rogers as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Under ordinary circumstances the meeting would have been held on the previous Monday, but as the brethren this year decided to hold their banquet in the supper-room at the Public-buildings, an apartment adjoining the Lodge-room, a dispensation was obtained to alter the day, and the result was pre-eminently satisfactory. The work of installation was ably conducted by Bro. J. H. Ferris. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Julian I.P.M., Lake S.W., Teague J.W., Rev. F. E.

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Gardiner Chap., Hawken Treasurer, Ferris Secretary, Chilcott Assist. Secretary, Revell S.D., Whitley J.D., Hockin I.G., Newby D.C., Kilminster Org., Chellew and Lean Stds., Allen Tyler. Bro. Julian was appointed Steward of the C.M.A. and B.F. At the conclusion of the business the brethren abjourned to the banqueting-room.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 359.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their Festival on the 16th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, when Bro. C. S. Dusantoy was installed in the chair in succession to Bro. Edward Brown, the ceremony being performed by Bro. G. Cross, in a manner which gained for him warm commendation. Apologies for non-attendance were announced from Bros. Le Feuvre, J. Harris W.M. 76, and G. Tilling W.M. 894. The W.M. elect had the privilege of being presented for installation by his father, by whom he was also initiated about 17 years ago. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Brown I.P.M., Blackman S.W., Jenvey J.W., Weston Secretary, Baker S.D., Dacombe J.D., Cross D.C., Hardie Organist, Griffiths I.G., Rogers and Kingman Stewards, and Vare and Bigge Tylers. On the proposition of Bros. Adams and Dusantoy a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Brown for the efficient and hospitable manner in which he had fulfilled his duties during the year, this deserved compliment being coupled with a decision to present him at the next meeting with a Past Master's jewel. The installation banquet was supplied in first-class style by Bro. Dartnall, and both here and in open Lodge incidental allusion was made to the death of Bro. George Dunlop, by which event three Lodges in Southampton have been placed in mourning. The new Worshipful Master presided, and his health was cordially proposed by the I.P.M. The usual Masonic toasts were also honoured.

ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 384.

THE installation meeting took place at Bangor, on the 17th ult., when no fewer than forty of the brethren attended. This year the W.M. elect was Bro. T. E. Harris, one of the most popular Freemasons in Wales. The Rev. J. Morgan, M.A., W.M. of the Lodge, conducted the proceedings. The usual formal business having been transacted, Mr. W. Thornton Jones was balloted for, elected, and initiated. The report of the audit committee was read and approved. Bro. Colonel Henry Platt, the installing Master, entered the Lodge room, and was received with the customary honours. He proceeded to instal Bro. T. Harris as W.M., which he performed in a highly efficient manner. The newly-elected W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. the Rev. J. Morgan I.P.M., Mills S.W., Dougall J.W., Hughes Treasurer, Wynn Williams Secretary, Gotts S.D., Evans J.D., Thomas Organist, Langford Jones I.G., Griffith S.S., Stubbington Tyler. It may be mentioned that this is Bro. Wynn Williams's tenth year as Secretary. The banquet was held at the Castle Hotel, the W.M. presiding, and the vice-chair occupied by the S.W. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the D.P.G.M. responding to the toast of the P.G.M., Lord Harlech, and Officers of the Grand Lodge present and past. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. the Rev. J. Morgan, and acknowledged by the W.M., who proposed the health of the Installing Master. Bro. Pritchard (Mayor of Bangor) responded to the toast of the Past Masters, and the toast of the visiting brethren was coupled with the name of Bro. Hardman, W.M. of the Segontium Lodge. The S.W. (Bro. Mills) responded to the toast of the Officers of the Lodge. During the evening songs were rendered by Bros. Rowland, Mauro, Hughes, Mills, W. A. Hughes, Langford Jones, and George Owen; the accompanyist being Bro. Thomas.

SUTHERLAND LODGE OF UNITY, No. 460.

THE installation meeting took place on the 27th ult. at the Lodge room in the Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne. The following are the Officers:—Bros. Mountford W.M., Smith I.P.M., Skerrett S.W., Bodley J.W., Croydon Treasurer, Snape Secretary, Edwards Organist, Bonser S.D., Downing J.D., Viggars I.G., Harrison Steward, Hancock Tyler. The usual banquet followed.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 580.

THIS Lodge, one of the oldest in the Province, celebrated its anniversary on the 25th ult., at the Wheatsheaf, Burscough-street, Ormskirk, when Bro. Alfred Waterhouse was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Lodge of Harmony has had its present charter between thirty and forty years, but as No. 403 it dates back about eighty years ago. The Lodge has naturally passed through many vicissitudes, and although in point of numbers it may at one time have been stronger, there probably was never a period more favourable for working it up into a prominent position amongst its contemporaries than at present. For forty-five years the meetings of the Lodge have been held at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, where there is a handsome and spacious room, specially designed and erected for Masonic assemblies; and in this place, which was elaborately decorated and set out for the occasion, the proceedings took place. Bro. James Thomas, the retiring Worshipful Master, opened the Lodge. The visiting brethren included Bros. W. Goodacre Past Grand Sword Bearer of England and Prov. Grand Secretary, J. M. King P.M. 823, Edward Hartnell 1264, A. E. Smith 477, G. W. Jenkinson 1505, John Orritt 1407, and others. The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Waterhouse, was presented by Bros. W. Fisher P.M. and Richd. Walker P.M. Dir. of Cers., and the ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. James Thomas. Bro. Waterhouse invested his Officers, as follow:—James Thomas I.P.M., T. W. M. Horsburgh S.W., Henry Eccleshouse J.W., John Bolton Secretary, R. Walker P.M. Treasurer and Dir. of Cers., Arthur J. Brooks S.D., W. Ripley J.D., F. F. Young I.G., W. Martindale Tyler. Subsequently the brethren sat down to dinner, served under the supervision of the host, Bro. R. Taylor.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 632.

THE annual meeting was held at Trowbridge, on Tuesday, the 31st ult. The brethren and visitors assembled at 1·30 in goodly numbers, and a considerable amount of enthusiasm was manifested; this may be accounted for by the popularity of the W.M. elect, Bro. G. L. Palmer, and that this was the first regular meeting in the Masonic Hall since its enlargement, its proportions being now of a handsome character. The W.M. Bro. F. Kelland occupied the chair, and opened the proceedings, there being a numerous company present. Bro. W. J. Mann presented the annual report, which was of a satisfactory character, and in his capacity of Steward for Wiltshire for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, made an appeal on behalf of that Institution, which will celebrate its Centenary this year. The Lodge unanimously voted a sum of 30 guineas towards this excellent Charity. Assisted by a Board of Past Masters, Bro. F. Kelland then, in a very able and satisfactory manner, installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Palmer, into the chair for the ensuing year. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Pocock S.W., Applegate J.W., Mann Treasurer, Hill Permanent Secretary, Selfe Assistant Secretary, Brown S.D., Chaplain J.D., Bishop D.C., Cox Organist, White I.G., Bailey Tyler. The charge to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney D.P.G.M., in his usual impressive manner, and that to the Officers by Bro. Kelland. The musical portion of the ceremony was supplied by Bro. Millington, who presided at the musical organ. The brethren, to the number of 60 or 70, including Bro. Goldney, and most of the distinguished Visitors, afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, Miss Hewitt catering in a satisfactory manner. A very enjoyable time was spent, under the presidency of the new W.M. Bro. Palmer.

SCARSDADE LODGE, No. 684.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Saltergate, Chesterfield, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when Bro. T. Wilkinson was duly installed into the Master's chair by Bro. Jendwine. The following brethren were afterwards invested:—Bros. Thomas Shipton S.W., Windle J.W., Knowles S.D., Arthur Milner D.C., Norman Biggin Organist, Chamberlain I.G., Turner and Bennett Stewards, Smith Tyler. Past Masters Hewitt, Jendwine, Rooth, White, Jones, also Bros. Barnes, Armstrong, Rangeley, Boag, and Briggs. The attendance was smaller than usual, no doubt owing to the prevailing epidemic of illness in the neighbourhood, to recent bereavements in the families of some of the brethren, and to other entertainments on the same evening, but one of the most agreeable re-unions in the history of the Craft in Chesterfield was thoroughly enjoyed.

UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

THE monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., and there was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors, it having been understood that a testimonial (which had been subscribed for by the members) was to be presented to Bro. Thomas Rix in recognition of his long and valuable services to the Lodge as its Secretary. In making the presentation, the Worshipful Master (Bro. G. Pung Hazell) referred to the long and valuable services which Bro. Rix had rendered to the Lodge, and his love and zeal for Freemasonry in general. He alluded to the fact that Bro. Rix had twice passed the chair, and that for a space of nearly 20 years he had filled the office of Secretary, without receiving any fee or reward, beyond a mere verbal recognition of his services. During the whole of that long period he had only been absent twice, and it occurred to one of the oldest Past Masters (Bro. T. Eustace) that such devotion to Freemasonry, and such faithful service to the Lodge, was deserving of more than verbal acknowledgment, and a subscription was started for the purpose of presenting Bro. Rix with a substantial mark of their appreciation of his labours. The members of the Lodge most readily contributed towards the fund, and he now had the pleasure of asking Bro. Rix's acceptance of a marble time-piece and an illuminated address, "in grateful recognition of his long, valued, and efficient services as Secretary." Bro. Rix, in response, thanked the Worshipful Master for the way in which he had spoken of his services, which he said were rendered without the hope or expectation of reward. The duties of Secretary of such a Lodge as that, numbering as it did between 80 and 90 members, were no light matter; and had it not been for the valuable assistance he always received from his friend the P.G. Secretary, Bro. Ralling, he should never have been able to cope with the difficulties which often presented themselves. However, so long as he had health and strength, and so long as it was the wish of the brethren, he should be happy to continue in the office which he had filled, he hoped to the satisfaction of all, for so many years. He thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for their very handsome testimonial, which he should always prize very highly, and which would be handed as an heirloom to his children. The clock, a massive black marble time-piece, was supplied by Bro. Hildyard, of Colchester; and the address, which was very beautifully illuminated, was the work of Mr. O. Ralling, of Exeter, formerly of Colchester.

BOSCAWEN LODGE, No. 699.

ON Monday, the 23rd ult., the brethren celebrated their annual festival. The W.M. elect, Bro. N. Pascoe, was installed by Bro. Charles Kent. The Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Kent I.P.M., Grose S.W., Hall J.W., Rev. G. L. Church Chaplain, Bennett Treasurer, Rapson Secretary, Borlase S.D., Mannell J.D., Tyack I.G., Hocking and Rogers Stewards, Lean Tyler, Bray Assistant Tyler. Bro. Kent was elected Steward for the C.M.A. and B.F. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a first-class dinner was provided by Bro. Hocking.

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LINDSEY LODGE, No. 712.

THE installation meeting was held at Louth, on the 27th ultimo. The newly-installed Master, Brother John Norfolk, invested the following brethren:—Smith I.P.M., Rev. W. H. Mills S.W., Parker J.W., Munday Chaplain, Shephard S.D., Matthews J.D., Griffin D.C., Porter Organist, Mawer Secretary. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Masons' Arms Hotel.

CRAVEN LODGE, No. 810.

THE members celebrated the festival of St. John in their Lodge Room, at the Devonshire Hotel, Skipton, on Friday, 27th ult. Bro. Throup was the Installing Master, assisted by Bros. Davis and Lee. Brother Thomas Varley was installed W.M., and afterwards invested the following Officers:—Bros. Anderton S.W., Henry Waddington J.W., Major Robinson Treasurer, Ackernley Secretary, Peden S.D., Clayton J.D., and Exton I.G. The banquet was held in the Devonshire Hotel, where there were present several members from the neighbouring Lodges, including the Royal Yorkshire (Keighley) and the Castlebergh (Settle).

LEWIS LODGE, No. 872.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual meeting in the Freemasons' Hall, Duke Street, Whitehaven, on Monday, the 16th ultimo. There was a good attendance; the Lodge was opened by Brother T. Brakenridge W.M., when, on the confirmation of the minutes of the former Lodge, Brother Field was presented and installed. He invested the following Officers:—Brothers Moffat S.W., Muir J.W., Anderson Chaplain, Spittall Treasurer (for the seventeenth time), Atkinson Secretary, B. Taylor S.D., D. Taylor J.D., Storey Organist, Shepherd D.C., Pattinson I.G., J. Kerr Farquharson and Johnston Stewards, Sewell Tyler. The ceremony of installation was performed in a very perfect manner by the retiring W.M., Brother Brakenridge, who was ably assisted by Brothers T. Glessel and H. Burns P.P.G.O., and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to them for their services, to be recorded. The following Past Masters and brethren signed:—Thomas Atkinson, Hogdson, Clarke, Fisher, Dr. J. Pirie, Studholme, Thompson, Starkey, Meageen, Mitchell, Eden, Saunders, Wilson, Bromley, Roll, Matthews, Ward, R. Ward, Hartley, and others. The usual business of the Lodge having been disposed of, the newly-Installed Master invited all present to adjourn with him to Brother Roll's, Black Lion Hotel, King Street, where an excellent banquet was served.

PRIORY LODGE, No. 1000.

ON Thursday, the 26th ult., the installation meeting was held, at the Middleton Hotel, Southend. The Worshipful Master (Bro. J. F. Harrington) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of brethren. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect (Bro. C. Floyd) was impressively performed by Bro. Merritt, and the W.M. afterwards invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Glasscock S.W., Bridgeland J.W., Rev. T. W. Herbert Chaplain, Wood Treasurer, Lucking Secretary, Hood S.D., Thomas J.D., Vanderford I.G., Barrett D.C., Bowmaker Organist, Cook and Heath Stewards, Martin Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master; twenty guineas were voted to the Charities; and a Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. After Lodge the brethren sat down to a récherché banquet, served by Brother Pritchard.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A MEETING was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on the 11th ult. Bros. Creed W.M., Ravenscroft I.P.M., Slaughter S.W., Greenaway J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Ridley Secretary, Hukins S.D., Sparrow J.D., Margrett P.M. acting as D.C., Sherwin Organist, Brown I.G., Stewart, Smallwood and Hadder Stewards, P.M's Welch, Blackwell, and Hawkes. Visitors:—Clifton Davy J.D. 1566, Martin W.M. 414, Colebrook 727 Melbourne (Australia), Margrett 493, Gadd 1247. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for the following candidates for initiation:—Messrs. Frederick Clitherow, Margrett, James Dymore Brown jun., William Byron Biddles, Edward Henry Salmon, and Edwin John Lewis; all were approved. Messrs. Margrett and Brown were then admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Antient Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed in each case by the W.M., while the charge was given by the I.P.M. On Bro. Ravenscroft taking his seat at the opening of the Lodge, he was invested by the W.M. with a handsome I.P.M.'s collar, of the revised pattern, a gift from the W.M. to the Lodge. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed according to antient form, and adjourned.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 1114.

THE members of this Lodge met in the Lodge-room, at the Corn Hall, Tottenham, on the 18th ult., when the installation of Bro. Oliver Hudson as W.M. for the ensuing year took place. The ceremony was performed by Bro. M. B. Bircham, who was assisted by Brother Grommett. The newly-elected W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Curson S.W., George Smith J.W., Watson Treasurer, Atkinson Secretary, Goddard S.D., Bowles J.D., Curson I.G., Sheringham and Overman Stewards, Waterson Tyler. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where the annual banquet had been provided by Bro. William Harvey, the chair being taken by the newly-elected W.M., and the vice-chair by the S.W. The company included Visitors from the following Lodges, viz:—Sincerity, Norwich; Sondes, East Dereham; Philanthropic, King's Lynn; and Suffield, North Walsham. The usual Masonic and other toasts were given.

LANGTHORNE LODGE, No. 1421.

THE installation meeting was held on Thursday evening, the 26th ult., at the Angel Hotel, Ilford, and was followed by the customary banquet.

ALEXANDRA LODGE, No. 1511.

THE installation meeting took place on the 16th ult., at Hornsea; it went off successfully, and an unusual number of prominent members of the Craft attended to witness the interesting ceremony. The installation ceremony was admirably performed by Bros. George Milner and G. D. Shackles. The following are the new Officers:—Bros. Wells W.M., Allen I.P.M., Gaskell S.W., Haigh J.W., Elsom Chaplain, Shackles Treasurer, Laking Secretary, Milner Organist, Tripp S.D., Carter J.D., Webb D.C., Heslop Almoner, Holme Steward, Miskin I.G., Garton Tyler. A banquet was held subsequently at the Mere Hotel.

EARL OF SHREWSBURY LODGE, No. 1520.

ON Wednesday, the 25th ult., the members celebrated the feast of St. John, at the Lodge Room, Local Board Offices, Cannock. Bro. J. L. Gibbons duly installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Evans, who afterwards invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Peter Sharp I.P.M., Bros. Simpson S.W., Heape J.W., Green Treasurer, Stead Secretary, Smith S.D., Gilroy J.D., Cope D.C., Foxton Organist, Blower I.G., Brownell and Ryle Stewards, Edward Coombes Tyler.

CENTURION LODGE, No. 1718.

AT a Lodge held at the Inns of Court Hotel, W.C., on Wednesday, the 25th ult., Bro. Major M. Hancock W.M., the Rev. A. D. Clarke was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and he subsequently appointed Bros. Major T. Tully S.W., Lieut. T. S. Jay J.W., Lieut. Colonel Wilde S.D., Captain G. E. Hammond J.D., Captain W. B. Baggallay I.G.

ST. OSYTH'S PRIORY LODGE, No. 2068.

AT the supper which followed the usual meeting on Friday evening, the 20th ultimo, at the Royal Hotel, Clacton-on-Sea, the sum of £3 3s was collected and given to the widow of the man Addis, whose death took place so suddenly on the Thursday preceding.

CASTLEBERG LODGE, No. 2091.

ON the 26th ult., the brethren of this Lodge assembled to instal the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and also to celebrate the festival of St. John. At the Lodge, which was attended by a goodly muster of the members, reinforced by visitors from Skipton, Keighley, Haworth, &c. Brother Thomas Braysbaw was installed as Worshipful Master, the ceremony being impressively performed by Brother Procter I.P.M., assisted by Brothers Throup and Lee.

PRINCE EDWARD LODGE, No. 2109.

THE installation festival took place on Thursday, 19th instant, at the Conservative Club, Heaton Moor. Bro. J. H. Wells was installed W.M. by Bro. Goodacre, assisted by Bro. T. F. Hopewell. A large number of Past Masters and brethren were present. At the banquet which followed about one hundred ladies and brethren attended, and after the Loyal and customary toasts had been drunk, the W.M., in the name of the brethren presented the Immediate Past Master (Bro. Webster) with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

BROWNLOW LODGE, No. 2131.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated at Ellesmere, by the members, on Monday, 23rd ult., when Bro. Walter John Ogg was installed Worshipful Master. The brethren met in the handsome Lodge-room at the Town Hall, at 4·15 p.m., when there was a goodly array of brethren present. Several letters of apology for non-attendance were read. The Worshipful Master elect was presented by Bro. Townsend, and the ceremony of installation was performed in a very impressive manner by Bro. Akeroyd, the retiring W.M., assisted by P.M.'s Crump, Parsons and Townsend. After the ceremony the Worshipful Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Akeroyd I.P.M., Salter S.W., Giles J.W., Lawrence Treasurer, Rev. H. K. Southwell Secretary, Sheraton S.D., Child J.D., Captain Armitage I.G., Swann Tyler. Routine business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the Bridgwater Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Mrs. Lawrence.

STAR LODGE, No. 219 S.C.

THE annual visitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow to this Lodge was made on Monday, the 23rd ult. The Provincial Grand deputation was headed by Brother W. J. Easton D.P.G.M. The R.W.M., Brother George D. Miller, was supported on the dais by the following R.W.M.'s, who were accompanied by deputations from their respective Lodges, viz.:—Brothers Latimer 116, R. M'Donald 128, S. Macleri 275, D. Crofts P.M. 413, W. Campbell 441, Brown 592, M. Anderson 465, G. C. H. M'Naught 536, W. Sivewright 571, &c. A pleasant evening was afterwards spent in harmony, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts being given and honoured.

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FOR

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WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT

FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON, ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY 1888,

UPON WHICH OCCASION

SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, Bart., M.P.,

R.W. PROV. G.M. SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION),

has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards 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 the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

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The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of

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are earnestly solicited on behalf of

OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution.

Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic afflictions he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

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*F. RUTLAND W.M. 35, P.G. Org., Ivy House, West Cowes.
*SADLER, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *.

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ALICE VASEY,

WIDOW OF THE LATE BRO. SAMUEL VASEY.

Bro. Samuel Vasey was a ship's provision merchant, at Wapping, 1848-1880, where he was unsuccessful in business, and died shortly after, leaving his widow quite without means. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in 1854; W.M. 1860; subscribed 13 years. Joined Unity Lodge, No. 183, in 1866; W.M. 1869; subscribed 12 years. P.Z. of Yarborough Chapter. Self and wife Life Subscribers R.M.I.B.

Proxies thankfully received by the following Brethren:—

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H. Hooper, J.W. 183
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G. W. Pinnock, P.M. 183
Thomas Poore, P.M. 720
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C. W. Todd, P.M. 183

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Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the above important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

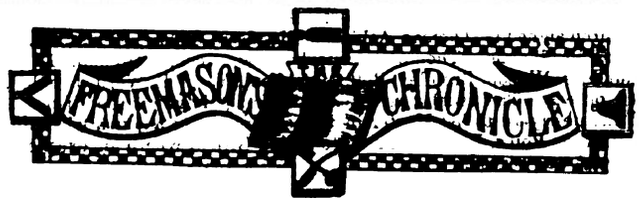
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A P.M. and P.Z., now forming a COLLECTION, would be greatly obliged if any brethren would kindly forward him a spare copy of their Lodge or Chapter Summons.

Address, C. E. FERRY, 55 Tregunter Road, South Kensington, S.W.



AN "OPEN" MASONIC BANQUET AND INSTALLATION.

[BY AGRICKLER.]

NO. I have not joined the Freemasons, and you need not sign yourselves mine "fraternally" when you write. Neither am I going to divulge any of the secrets of that ancient and honourable Craft, for the simple reason that I know of none that are not patent to all the world on this side of the Atlantic. But I have (by invitation) partaken of a Masonic banquet, and afterwards honoured with my presence the installation of the "Worshipful Master," and a number of minor officers down to the "Tyler." They reverse the order of things in this country, for I am told that in England they proceed to the installation first, and afterwards have the banquet. This is in accordance with the English marriage law, which enacts that the "solemn service" shall take place before the wedding feast, humourously called "breakfast" at noon. But bless you! every man present was as sober as a judge after the banquet; indeed I felt rather more so. For it was not a "banquet of wine." There were oysters without Chablis, chicken without champagne, cheese without crusted port, and coffee without Cognac. The venerable editor of the local paper, by birth an Englishman, but long since naturalised in this country, told me next morning that he had been unable to sleep all night. Perhaps he was troubled how to compress the fearful amount of copy required to describe all the events of the evening into half a column or thereabouts, being all the room he could spare; but he said it was indigestion! I do not wonder at it. Perhaps I should have suffered the same myself, but that I took care to put a good stiff glass of grog on top of the Masonic banquet before I went to rest.

The banquet took place at the Town Hall, and the installation at the Masonic Lodge, which was close at hand. The time appointed, seven p.m., found between two and three hundred persons assembled at the Town Hall, and as the Freemasons belonging to the Lodge number but sixty odd, there must have been a great many outsiders, like myself. Of these the greater part were ladies, and when we sat down to table there were not only enough of the fair sex to form a sandwich for every man, but there were some over and above that might have been utilised as wall flowers or ornaments—only, of course, they were not. The amateur waiters were all members of the Fraternity, but I noticed that they did not put on their aprons until their work was done, which was a pity, as they might have found them useful, the aprons being composed of linen glass cloth, such as is used for rubbing and polishing glasses—but I forgot, there were no glasses used!

"Anything in reason," said the Lord Mayor's butler (in *Punch*) to the guest who asked for a glass of beer, "but *beer* at the Mansion House!!" Anything in reason, say I, but coffee (or tea), and nothing else, at a Masonic banquet! Well, the longer we live the more we have to learn, and so you will find when you come to my years. I need not further describe the banquet, the fare being

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similar to what I have already described in the wedding feasts, only there were no Japanese napkins provided for the purpose of wrapping up and carrying away what we could not eat. Supper being ended we all adjourned to the Masonic Lodge, which was fitted up, I presume, in the usual manner. Close to the entrance, and immediately facing the throne of the Worshipful Master, was a small dais with a seat for the Senior Warden, on each side of which was a massive-looking pillar or pedestal. Putting my hand lightly on one of these when passing through a somewhat narrow space, I came very near enacting the part of Samson at Gaza. The pillar, poised on the very edge of the platform, reeled from its base, and would have fallen, bringing destruction as it fell, but for my admirable presence of mind. I seized the tottering column and held it in my firm embrace, as I would have supported a nice young lady in a fainting fit, and so prevented the threatened catastrophe. Placing it back in position, and somewhat farther from the edge, I took my seat, with Masons to right of me, Masons to left of me, Masons in front of me, and so on—but ladies (bless their dear hearts), who were *not* Masons, everywhere besides. For I (as an outsider) was the guest of the evening, and down on the programme for a speech! The Worshipful Master, who alone wore his hat, then opened the proceedings by striking a blow with the mallet to call for silence and attention. He then read what he had to say, slowly and deliberately, from a book, and the installation of Officers was carried out, I presume in the usual way, each one being invested with a collar and conducted to his place. And then followed the speech-making, inappropriately called "toasts" on the programme. Of these there were six, and mine fortunately came the last. If I had not witnessed the fearful bungling of those who preceded me, I should hardly have had courage to make an extempore speech, and had written down all I intended to say, a great portion of which was inappropriate to the novel aspect which Masonry presented to me when the time for reading it arrived, my subject being "Masonry, as seen from the outside." The Episcopalian and Methodist clergymen, both brothers of the Order, preceded me. The Methodist had to show the "Relation of Masonry to Christianity," and managed it better than I expected, his argument being based on the assumption that the same upright and level conduct was required to make a good Mason and make a good Christian. The Episcopalian's subject was "Charities of Masonry," and he candidly confessed that "Charities," in the ordinary sense of the term, the local Masons had none, but (said he), "Here are the Methodist and Episcopalian ministers at loggerheads in the pulpit, and seldom agreeing in anything outside of it, but as Freemasons we are sworn brothers." This was very neatly put, and said more in favour of Masonry than anything else I heard during the evening. "The Lights of Masonry" was the subject entrusted to a venerable layman, old enough to know better than make such an absurd exhibition of himself. A man of first-class position, inhabiting the grandest house, driving the finest horses, and probably enjoying the largest income in Willoughby. I was curious to know what he would say about the "lights" of Masonry, and fully expected that he would quote John Ruskin, whose works, by the bye, I have never read. But, alas! the speaker left us still more than ever in the dark. The greater part of his speech, which was insufferably long and tedious, was made up of preface and apology, and he wound up by telling us that the Bible was the only true light of Masonry, without showing what possible connection there can be between the two. The oratory of a Methodist class leader is not, one would think, calculated to make any favourable impression on an audience composed of men of the world and philosophers. But it had a capital effect on me. When it came to my turn I arose to my feet like a giant refreshed with new wine, and not waiting to draw the carefully prepared MS. from my pocket, plunged at once into the marrow of my subject, as if temporarily gifted with the spontaneity of the Grand Old Man. "Worshipful Master, ladies, and gentlemen," I began, "not liking to trust my untried powers of public speaking to the inspiration of the moment, I had prepared a written answer to the question proposed to me, intending to read it to you this evening, but have found since I have been in your company that the aspect of Freemasonry, as it appears to outsiders in England, does not apply to this country at all. I feel something like the cabman in *Punch*, when discharging his passenger, who handed him the legal fare and not a sixpence over. The cabman grumbled, of course. 'And what do you think your fare is?' inquired the gentleman, pompously. 'Well,' said Cabby, 'I should not have ventured the observation if you had not asked me, but I think him a mean humbug—there!' and away he drove. I should not have ventured to give you my opinion of Freemasonry if you had not asked me, but having been asked, shall give it without fear, favour, or affection. After enjoying your hospitality, and after the very eloquent addresses and lucid explanation we have heard this evening, it would be extremely rude of me to tell you that you are a parcel of mean humbugs. From my point of view certainly not—indeed, the very reverse. But you ask me for the opinion of the public, and I am bound to give it you truly and honestly. In England, where the lights of Masonry are hidden under a bushel, and jealously guarded—where wives and daughters are always excluded, not only from its mysteries, but from its social gatherings—where a Masonic banquet, with its accompanying wines, sometimes costs the neophyte in Masonry enough to buy a new dress or bonnet for his wife, there is a general impression that the rites of Masonry are used merely as a stalking-horse for conviviality and dissipation. We do not hesitate to say that Masonry is nothing but humbug. I should not have ventured to tell you so, if you had not asked me." An American audience is not usually a very demonstrative one, but my impudent sallies were received with roars of laughter. If I had read the prepared speech it would have fallen flat, for its principal argument was based on the supposed exclusion of the fair sex. An American Mrs. Candle goes to the banquet with her husband, partakes of the same beverage, and is satisfied that he gets nothing else on the sly. She is present at the solemn ceremony of his installation, sees her favourite minister seated beside the Worshipful Master, and might easily fancy herself seated in her favourite church, but for a comic glee which immediately succeeded the prosing of the venerable class leader, and a comic song by one of the Fraternity which immediately preceded the benediction. And then she goes home snugly tucked under Mr. Candle's arm, and probably helps him to a glass of whisky hot before retiring behind the curtain. On the liquor question, these people are the most outrageous hypocrites I ever met with or heard of. Most of them keep the "accursed thing" in house, and although they seldom, if ever, offer it to a guest, if the guest knows the proper sign and password he can generally get it if he wants it!

WILLOUGHBY OHIO. *From the Bristol Mercury.*

MARK MASONRY.

SUSSEX LODGE, No. 75.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 26th ult., in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The W.M., Bro. R. B. Y. Powell presided. The distinguished visitors included Bros. C. F. Matier P.G.W. Assistant Grand Secretary, R. Berridge P.G.M.O. G.D.C.; and G. P. Festa P.A.G.D.C. Two brethren having been advanced, the balance sheet was read and passed, the latter showing the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition. Bro. Abell was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Powell I.P.M., Ridge S.W., Henderson J.W., Harrison M.O., Downard S.O., Parsons J.O., Rev. W. A. Tooth Chaplain, Lockyer Treasurer, Hill Registrar of Marks, Backwell Secretary, Solomon S.D., Higham J.D., Belcher D.C., Willard Organist, Bullock I.G., Lamette and Histed Stewards, Hughes Tyler. The Lodge having been duly closed the brethren adjourned to the Pavilion Hotel, where they sat down to a banquet, served up in admirable style by Bro. Daniel, whose catering gave universal satisfaction. Bro. Abell presided. The customary Loyal toasts and those of the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge having been given from the chair, Bro. Lockyer proposed the Worshipful Master. Bro. Abell had displayed such zeal in Masonry that he felt the Royal Sussex Lodge was fortunate in securing him as their W.M., and he heartily wished him a prosperous year of office. The W.M., in responding, gave a brief résumé of the history of the Lodge, and its resuscitation by the kindly efforts of Bro. Lockyer. The Lodge was now the largest in the Province, and was financially strong. He, however, expressed regret that the various Lodges in the Province received such scant courtesy and attention to business details from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. He thanked the brethren for their confidence in electing him as their W.M., and said he would spare no pains to make the Lodge a thorough success. He appealed to them to support him as their Steward to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and gave interesting particulars as to the disposal of the annual sums collected. The Visitors, the Past Masters, and the Officers having been given from the chair, the programme was closed with the Tyler's toast. The various speeches were agreeably interspersed with songs, rendered by Bros. Willard, Cole, and Alsted, and a recitation by Bro. Buckwell.

CORNUBIAN LODGE, No. 87.

THE annual meeting was held on the 17th ult., at Hayle, when Bro. J. C. Burrow was installed W.M. by Bro. Baker. Brother Williams was invested as I.P.M., and the W.M. appointed as his Officers Bros. George Williams S.W., Thomas J.W., Rowe M.O., Read S.O., Rowe J.O., Baker Chaplain, Osborn Treasurer, Veal S.D., Boase J.D., Rowe Registrar of Marks, Weller Organist, Jackson I.G., Bray Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined in the new dining-rooms.

HENRY LODGE, No. 216.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 18th ultimo. The Lodge was opened by Bro. George Dalrymple, supported by the Officers and members, when the minutes were read and confirmed, and three candidates were balloted for, and advanced to the degree. Bro. Dr. James I. Lace was presented by Bro. Craig, and duly installed in the chair. The following were invested as Officers:—Bros. James Harper I.P.M., Routledge S.W., Dickson J.W., Craig M.O., Lowden S.O., Harvey J.O., William Swain Registrar, Dalrymple Secretary, Cross S.D., Hartley J.D., Wakefield I.G., Gordon Tyler. With the other general business transacted, the Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren dined together.

During the Mastership of Brother James March considerable improvements have been effected, both as regards ventilation and the general comfort of the brethren, in the interior of the commodious Lodge-room in connection with the Masonic Hall, at Richmond, Yorkshire, so generously presented to the Freemasons by the late Earl of Zetland. A well-executed device has been artistically arranged at the eastern end of the Hall, and the work has been executed in a meritorious manner, at once stamping it as a first-class work of art. Brother Thomas Chapman Denham is the Worshipful Master of 123 for the ensuing year.

At the monthly meeting of the members of the Parrett and Axe Lodge, No. 814, held at the Town Hall, Crewkerne, on Tuesday evening, the 24th ult., Bro. A. Hart S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Tompsett Treasurer.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of Comp. Lt.-Col. R. Townley Caldwell, M.A., Grand Superintendent Cambridgeshire, as Grand Z. Thos. Fenn, P. Pres. Com. General Purposes as H., James Glaisher as J., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Ralph Gooding, M.D., as S.N., Major John Sampson Peirce as Prin. Soj., Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., 1st Assist. Soj., George Cooper 2nd Assist. Soj., Frank Richardson D. of C., Felix Sumner Knyvett Sword Br., Edgar Baylis 2nd Standard Br., John Lawrence Mather 3rd Std. Br., Witham M. Bywater 4th Standard Br., Edwin Matthew Lott (Mus. Doc.) as Org., A. A. Pendlebury Assist. Scribe E., &c. The minutes of the last Convocation having been comfirmed, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was received, and the various recommendations contained in the report were duly brought before the Companions, who signified their approval of them. After other business had been transacted, the Grand Chapter was closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE SIR GEORGE ELLIOT CHAPTER.

ON Tuesday afternoon, the 24th ultimo, the consecration of the Sir George Elliot Chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, Working Street, Cardiff. The Most Excellent the Prov. Grand Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Walters, presided, and amongst those present were—Captain Homfray J., S. Cooper H., Whittington S.E., G. Thomas M.E.Z. 36, John Hazel, Davies, Key, Naunton Davies, Fabian, Isaac Thomas, Carey Thomas, David Williams, J. H. Taylor, J. Munday, Pickford, T. Jones, H. P. Roberts, S. D. Churchill, Richards, J. Saunders, R. Williams and J. R. Wood. The ceremony of consecration was performed by the M.E. Grand Superintendent, assisted by Companion Captain G. Homfray, Companion S. Cooper, and Companion the Rev. Dr. Walters, after which the installation of the Principals of the Sir George Elliot Chapter took place, as follows: T. Matthews M.E.Z., W. Shackell H., and H. White J. The other Officers were invested and appointed, as follows:—Hussey S.E., Williams S.N., Munday Treasurer, Varzopolo P.S., Evans 1st A.S., Carey Thomas 2nd A.S., Williams Steward, Rees Steward, and Jenkins Janitor. The Companions adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where the installation banquet was held.

ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 236.

THE regular Convocation of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, when there were present Companions Rymer M.E.Z. (Lord Mayor of York), Kirby H., Garbutt J., Todd P.Z. Treasurer, Rooke P.Z., Buckle, B.A., P.Z., Rogerson M.E.Z. 1435, Purnell S.E., McGachen S.N., Border P.S. (Sheriff of York), Carter 1st A.S., Brogden 2nd A.S., Hodgson Organist, Hopton D.C., Watkinson Steward, Calvett Janitor, Fairburn, Grimshaw, Cattell, Palliser, Waistell, Ward, Linley, Livesey, Lee, Draper, Wilson, Biscomb, Hey and Brysom.

GROVE CHAPTER, No. 410.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held on the 28th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Leatherhead. Comp. Lister M.E.Z. was unavoidably absent, but he had provided a most efficient substitute in the person of Comp. Withers P.Z., Prov. Asst. G.S.E. Middx., who greatly gratified the members of the Chapter by his obliging assistance in the work before them. Bros. H. J. F. Dumas and H. C. S. Dumas, sons of Comp. Dumas P.Z. P.P.G.S.B. England, and Provincial Grand J. Surrey, having been duly elected by ballot, were exalted in a most impressive manner. Comp. Haydon P.Z. was again installed as 1st Principal. The installation of H. was deferred, in consequence of the absence of Comp. Williams P.A.G.S. Eng., and P.G.J. Surrey. Comp. Andrews was installed as J. The investment of Officers followed. A sum of two guineas was voted to the Greenwood Memorial Fund. Comp. Chapeaurouge, of the Prince of Wales Chapter, was present as a visitor, and notice was given that he would be proposed as a joining member of this Chapter at the next meeting. The Companions afterwards dined together, under the genial presidency of Comp. Dumas P.Z.

TENBY LODGE, No. 1117.

ON Monday last the annual meeting was held at the Masonic-rooms, South Parade, Tenby. Bro. Joseph Henry Thomas, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. He invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Lewis P.M., Brookham S.W., Allen J.W., Lock P.M. Treasurer, Morgan Chaplain, Leach Secretary, Wade S.D., Bancroft J.D., Wood I.G., Hughes D.C., Rees Steward, Bentley Steward, Sales Organist, and Pratt Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Gate House Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared, under the direction of Mrs. Bright, the manageress.

Obituary.

BRO. GRIFFITHS SMITH, P.G.A.D.C.

THE death of Brother Griffiths Smith was announced last week. Brother Smith was initiated in the Emulation Lodge, No. 21, in which Lodge he filled the chair, and represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards. He joined the Fitzroy Lodge in 1870, and filled the chair there in 1875. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, on 28th January 1868, and acted as First Principal in 1875. In 1884 he received the collar of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and a few days later was appointed 3rd Grand Standard Bearer of Supreme Grand Chapter. He was a member of the Board of General Purposes, and one of its Finance Committee from 1872 to 1875; he was a Vice-President of the Colonial Board for several years, and was also elected member of the Board of Benevolence. He was a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School, and had served ten Stewardships on its behalf; a Life Governor of the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution. Brother Griffiths Smith had also done excellent service on the Committees of the respective Institutions.

BRO. WILLIAM OLLIS.

THE funeral of the late Bro. William Ollis, of Stoke, took place at the Plymouth Cemetery, on 27th ult., and was attended by a number of friends and acquaintances of the deceased. The coffin bore the inscription:—"William Ollis, died 23rd January 1888. Aged 62 years." There were some handsome wreaths. The deceased gentleman was a P.M. of Sincerity Craft Lodge, 189; P.P.G.S.D.; P.M. of Sincerity Mark; P.W.C.N. in the Ark Mariners; and at the time of his decease held the office of H. in Sincerity Royal Arch Chapter.

BRO. JAMES SMITH.

On the 31st ult., the remains of the late Bro. James Smith, Kirkdale Lodge, 1756, were interred at Anfield Cemetery. Deceased, who had been for several years a member, was very highly respected. The service was conducted by Bro. Dr. Hyde, Chaplain 1086. A number of wreaths were placed on the coffin, supplemented by one of exquisite beauty from the brethren of the Kirkdale Lodge.

MASONIC RECEPTION TO THE EARL OF CARNARVON.

THE Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 2124 (E.C.), accorded their name-father an enthusiastic reception at the Collingwood Town Hall, Victoria, on Saturday, the 11th December. The Worshipful Master, Bro. James Page, summoned his Lodge to meet at noon. A large number of visitors from other Lodges were present by invitation. The Grand Lodge of Victoria was represented by its principal Officers in full regalia, although Bro. Sir. W. J. Clarke, Bart., the Provincial Grand Master, was unavoidably absent. The Past Masters of the Lodge conducted their illustrious visitor, the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. of England, to the body of the Lodge, and to a seat of honour at the right of the W.M., who on behalf of his Lodge accorded their distinguished guest a hearty greeting. Past Master Bro. Bailey delivered an able and appropriate address, at the same time presenting the Earl, on behalf of the Lodge, with a superbly finished album as a souvenir of his visit. The album contained a beautifully engrossed address, views of the Collingwood Town Hall, and of other subjects of interest in the city and colony, together with photos of the Master, Officers, and Members of the Lodge. The Earl of Carnarvon expressed his very high gratification at the splendid reception and appropriate presentation. The brethren adjourned "from labour to refreshment" in a larger Hall. The banquet not being restricted to Masons, the Mayor and a large number of representative men sat down to a sumptuous repast. After the usual loyal toasts and the singing of the National Anthem, the health of the distinguished guest was proposed by the W.M. in a short but hearty speech, and drunk with much enthusiasm. The Earl of Carnarvon responded in a terse, measured, statesmanlike speech. He spoke of the wonderful progress their city had made. If "fifty years of Europe were better than a cycle of Cathay," then, said the Earl, ten years of Victoria were equal to fifty years of Europe. But, besides the interest of a general kind which he took in this great country, there was to him a still more agreeable feature of his visit, namely, the many old friendships revived and the new ones formed. When he returned to England, he would tell how Masonry flourished in this new land. The lesson of Masonry was a very high and noble one. Knowledge, however deep or recondite, was to be translated into practical helpfulness and beneficence, and he was glad to see the lesson was understood and acted upon in this city and colony. He would return deeply grateful for the kindness he received. Other speakers were Sir Henry Wrenfordsley, the Hon. W. B. Roberts, M.L.C., Mr. W. G. Field, M.L.A., the Rev. E. A. Thomas, and representatives of other Lodges. While the Earl of Carnarvon was withdrawing, before the close of the banquet, "Auld Lang Syne" was sung by the company, all standing up, and thus the gratifying affair came to an end.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Olympic.—That most stirring drama "The Ticket of Leave Man" has once more been presented, this time at the theatre where it was originally produced, and where it secured such golden opinions. The present revival would add fresh laurels to the writer of this excellent piece were he here to receive them, but, alas, Tom Taylor has passed away. The reception accorded the present revival was most hearty, people laughing over the queer sayings of good old Mrs. Willoughby, and wondering at the rascality of James Dalton. With a finished actor for Dalton we are sure to have an exciting time in the principal scene of the piece—the Bill Broker's office; and in the present case the representative of the part was, perhaps, the best that has ever taken it in hand. The management were lucky in securing the services of Mr. E. S. Willard to impersonate the Tiger. This gentleman's make up in "the scene" was a masterpiece, while his acting was both powerful and grand. Mr. Willard's disguise as the old city gentleman was most complete, and we no longer wonder how the detective was hoodwinked. Mr. Yorke Stevens, as Hawkshaw, gave us another piece of good acting, his disguise being perfect. Mr. Henry Neville once more impersonates the Lancashire lad—Bob Brierley—and fully maintains his usual lightheartedness. Clever Mrs. Stevens was if anything more amusing than ever as Mrs. Willoughby. Mr. Julian Cross made an acceptable Melter Moss, while Mr. S. Calhaem was equally well fitted for Mr. Gibson. A sympathetic heroine was found in Miss Florence West as May Edwards, and we congratulate this young lady on the rapid progress she is making in her profession. Miss Helen Leyton was a vivacious Sam, while the comic element was fairly sustained by Mr. E. Smedly Yates and Miss Bealy. We may add that everything augurs well for another successful run.

Alhambra.—The latest effort in the way of spectacular ballet at this popular place of amusement, "Enchantment," which was produced in December last, may be recognised as having fairly "caught on." The four tableaux into which the work is sub-divided are worked out in such a spirited manner that even the proverbial grumbler is silenced, and his stereotyped exclamation of "Give me the old days of Her Majesty's" goes for nothing. Signorina Bessone never appeared to us to better advantage than on the night of our last visit, while her supporters, Mdlles. Cormani, Gneroschi, Marie, and Miss M. Thurgate displayed a vigorous, but honourable, rivalry that could have but one result, and that eminently a successful one. The scenery represents some of the most artistic work ever undertaken by the talented gentlemen the management have secured, viz.: Messrs. Julian Hicks and Henry Watkin. Alias have supplied the dresses, and the arrangement of colours has been most happily worked out. No ballet in the present day is considered complete without electric and lime-light effects, and here again the management have shown no stinted hand. We congratulate Signor Casati on the ability he has displayed in the general arrangements; while M. Jacobi's music surpasses, if anything, his most successful previous efforts. The evening's programme throughout was quite up to the standard of this attractive centre of amusement.

Over one hundred performances of "The Old Guard" have now been given, and judging from the way in which the piece is nightly received the work will for some time yet to come be popular. The piece is one of the best that has been seen at the Avenue for some long time; this the artists have not been slow to recognise. All work well and earnestly, and with a result that the house is crowded nightly. We trust this state of things may continue. On Thursday, in consequence of the indisposition of Miss Phyllis Broughton, the part of Follow-the-Drum was carefully played by Miss Nelly Woodford.

Saturday, the 11th inst., has been appointed for the Private View of the Spring Exhibition of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries, and the Exhibition will open to the public on Monday, the 13th inst.

Holloway's Almanac and Family Friend. Published by Thomas Holloway, 78 New Oxford Street, London, W.

This handy little work, published by the well-known patent medicine vendor, contains much useful information that is likely to prove interesting and instructive to its readers. A special feature is the language of flowers. There are, in addition, full particulars for gardening for each month; valuable facts and lists of winners of the principal races for years past. At the end is a short account of the Holloway Sanatorium, with illustrations. The description of the building is perfect, and from it we learn that there is accommodation for one hundred and fifty males and one hundred and fifty females. Illustrations of the Holloway College are also given; one shows Her Majesty the Queen in the Chapel, at the opening ceremony, in 1886. Apart from a really useful almanac, Mr. Holloway has supplied some interesting reading for his patrons.

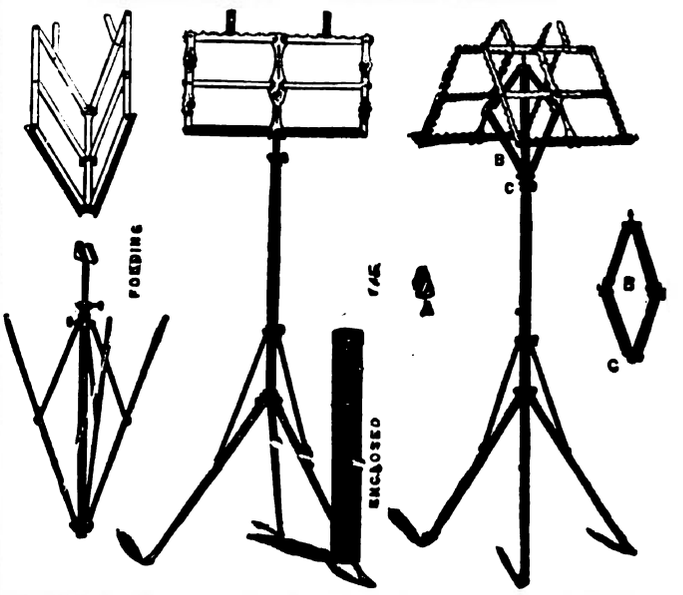
West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—On Thursday, the 19th ult., at the Public Hall, Ealing Dean, W. Present:—Bros. Wright W.M., Kasner P.M. S.W., Simpson J.W., Gabb Secretary, Gasson S.D., Herbert J.D., Parsons I.G., Acworth P.M., Squire, Wells, Quinnion, Reynolds, and Gray. Visitors—Bros. Harper, Johnson, Field, and Cocks 2163. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Squire candidate. Lodge was called off; on resuming Bro. Kasner was elected to the chair for next meeting, officers in rotation. Bro. Acworth P.M. was elected Treasurer, Bro. Gabb was re-elected Secretary, and was thanked for past services. Bros. Harper and Parsons were appointed to audit accounts for past session. No further Masonic business offering, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' 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
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.)
Ripal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1486—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden 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)
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)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, 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.)
1482—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)
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)
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1443—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1789—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 312—Britannia, Masonic Hall, John Street, West Cliff, Whitby
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Danger Lane, Hull
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—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
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Horsesy Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1838—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 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. 1641—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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
228—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, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastl
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Lindale, Brighton 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
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1214—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1332—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1348—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1488—St. Elets, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1638—Browarigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
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
2134—Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
R.A. 939—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, 8th 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, 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)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College Street, Lambeth
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
225—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
536—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett Road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1365—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 549 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1534—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1614—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1664—Wandle, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1682—Leconfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1941—London Spanish, Bertram's Inn, John Street, Mile End, at 8. (Inst.)
1995—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
Installation, Imperial Hotel, Russell Square
Emulation, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chingford, New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 155 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

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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. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M. (T.L.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
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225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
[illegible]15—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
[illegible]66—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
[illegible]63—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
975—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1208—Lewisca, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1343—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1396—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2046—Robinson, Masonic Room, Maidstone, Kent
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 313—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
67—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)
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., at 8. (Instruct)
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)
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)
1571—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, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1804—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. 765—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. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Cecil-st. Strand, Langton, Salford
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
764—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks

991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1094—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
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1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 461—Hwlffordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
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.
907—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)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1145—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1225—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2009—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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)
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
454—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
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1091—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 11th 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
199—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
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1554—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Ecclesion, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2008—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

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A DESPERATE CASE.

THERE now remain but a few days ere the first anniversary meeting of the year in connection with the Central Masonic Charities will be numbered with the events of the past, the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons having been fixed for Wednesday, the 29th instant, when it will be celebrated at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the Chairmanship of Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master South Wales (Eastern Division).

We assure our readers the outlook in connection with this celebration is far from being as cheerful as it might be; indeed, we are more than ever convinced this year's contributions on behalf of the Benevolent Institution will produce a result bordering on failure, as viewed in connection with the experience of the last few years. It is not, however, too late for something to be attempted, in order to lessen the disaster which appears so imminent, and we take the opportunity of once more impressing on our readers the urgency of the case, and the actual necessity which exists both for united and personal activity. At the present time the Board of Stewards for this month's Festival is far short in point of numbers to what it has been at similar periods in recent years, and although we believe that all who have undertaken the office of Steward are desirous of doing their very best on behalf of the Old Folks, there is no gainsaying the fact that there is such a strong counter attraction at present before the Craft as to all but nullify the efforts which are being put forward. So far, we believe, there is no "premier" list even dreamt of from a London Steward, and the Provinces this year present an all but complete absence of "grand" totals; the one absorbing topic among charitable Craftsmen being the Centenary Celebration of the Girls' School, and until that event is passed, and honoured as we feel sure it will be, there seems to be little hope for anything else being thought of which may require the exercise of that most excellent Masonic attribute—Charity.

We have headed these remarks with the title "A Desperate Case," and our present purpose is to make a "desperate" appeal for help on behalf of the aged of both sexes, who are unfortunately compelled to crave assistance from their brother Masons. The number of brethren who have already given their names as Stewards, and who are working on behalf of the Festival, forms but an insignificant proportion of those who are eligible for the office. Still the Institution is thankful to them, and they will reap a reward. We will not ask these brethren to do as much as lies in their power—that they have done, and will continue to do; but we ask them to go further. Their number, as we have already said, is smaller than has been the case in years gone by, but if each one will endeavour to secure a sum of ten guineas at least beyond what he had hitherto considered the limit of his list, they might make up in quality for what they lack in quantity. This is bold advice, and having realised the difficulty there is in securing donations for our Charities we are prepared to hear that its general adoption is an impossibility, but under such circumstances as at present exist nothing should be impossible, and we hope there are many who will prove that our suggestion is far from being an impossibility. There is but one matter to which we need refer, to impress on our readers the necessity which exists for the adoption of such a plan as that we now propose—there are over one hundred and thirty approved applicants for the next election, and the number of vacancies at present available will not allow of even one in seven of these applicants being elected to the benefits of the annuity they seek, and, in the opinion of experienced Craftsmen, fully deserve. On the efforts of the Stewards for the forthcoming Festival depend to a very considerable extent the extension of the benefits which these figures prove to be so desirable.

To the large majority of English Craftsmen, brethren who have not yet enrolled themselves among the Stewards, we also make a "desperate" appeal. It is true there are now but two clear weeks in which to make up a list, but what might be accomplished in that brief period provided a band of enthusiastic workers could be induced to undertake the work? We will not repeat the many arguments which are used to induce brethren to enter upon an advocacy of the cause; this year they have not realised as good a return as is desired, and therefore we must adopt other methods, although we think the figures given above,—of the number of approved candidates and the number of available vacancies,—should be sufficient for the purpose. The grounds on which we base our special appeal is that the needs of the Institution and of the Craft require increased support year by year, whereas, on the present occasion—in consequence of the great efforts being made on behalf of the Girls' School—there is every appearance of a tremendous falling off in the returns of the Festival. To lessen this, and to strive to remove it altogether, should be the desire of all who read these lines, while to assist in doing so they should enrol themselves among the Stewards for the Festival. They may not be able to do much during the few days yet left for them to work in, but every contribution secured—be it an annual subscription of only five shillings, a Life Governorship, or a three-figure list—will all go towards securing the desired end, which we sincerely trust is not so far off as many would have us believe; indeed, we can never imagine the Masons of to-day will forget the claims of those who have borne the heat and burden in years gone by, or that they will leave a stone unturned to render them all the assistance their present necessities require.

If we have not succeeded in accomplishing the task

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we set ourselves when we commenced these remarks, we must ask our readers to supply for themselves the necessary colouring—we assure them they have "A Desperate Case" before them, and no amount of influence which they can bring to bear in relief of it will be too much, neither will it be bestowed on an unworthy cause. A more just or sincere outlet for the gifts of those charitably disposed it would be impossible to discover, the aim of the Institution being to help those who have not been unmindful of the wants of the distressed in days long past.

LODGE HISTORIES.

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THE LODGE OF ECONOMY, No. 76.

WE cordially thank Bro. T. Stopher P.M. and I.P.M. 76, P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, P.Z. of Chapter 52, for the volume of extracts, compiled from the minute books of his Lodge, he has forwarded to us. But we hope he will excuse us if we express an opinion that he has somewhat marred his work by the brevity he has exercised. True, we may be criticising him unjustly; he has had the documents before him, and perhaps can tell us he has extracted every item of interest, whereas we can only express the opinion that the books of a Lodge ranging from 1802 to the present time should be more prolific than he has shown these to be, although the volume he has prepared abounds with items of interest to those who make a study of the doings of bygone days. We have tried, on more occasions than one, to compile the history of a Lodge from its minute books, and have been surprised to find how little was recorded therein which might be deemed of general interest, while, on the other hand, we have been struck with the portly volumes some historians have been able to produce from similar details. Perhaps we have chanced to drop upon almost barren ground; undoubtedly it appears that Bro. Stopher, in dealing with the Lodge of Economy, of Winchester, has not found one of the most prolific sources of information.

Bro. Stopher starts with a dedication, which we fully endorse, and which we think might be wisely extended to the Craft in general. He addresses the Past Masters, Officers and Brethren of his Lodge, and hopes that the information contained in the extracts "will increase the interest of the members in the old Lodge, and will add to its popularity and prosperity." Undoubtedly this must be the case, for no Mason can look back on the past career of a Lodge which has existed upwards of one hundred and twenty-seven years without feeling a pride in its doings, or making an effort to promote its welfare on every possible occasion; we love new friends, but revere the dear, dear friends of old.

The Warrant of the Lodge, which is transcribed in the extracts before us, presents one particular feature of interest to the general body of Masonic students, it being the only known instance under the Grand Lodge of "The Ancients" of a renewal or confirmation of a Warrant, the confirmation in this case having been rendered necessary through the destruction by fire of the original document. The Warrant is not of the usual "confirmation" character, but appears to be a copy of the one first granted, the original dates and names being inserted, with a note at the end to the following effect: "This Warrant is renewed, the Original having been burnt, this 7th April 1801."

The first Minute Book of the Lodge seems to have met an even worse fate than the original Charter, for it appears to have been lost some thirty years ago, without a copy being available for purposes of renewal, as was the case with the Warrant. Our Brother Stopher is therefore compelled to start his extracts on the 27th December 1802, that being the first entry in the Book, which he tells us has on its cover a stamped label, marked "No. 111, Lodge of Economy." This first entry, and others later on, are curious, as recording a proposition that "all the members who had not passed the chair should pass this evening," by that ceremony, we learn from a later minute, "becoming prepared to pass the super-excellent degree of the Holy Royal Arch," the brethren referred to being "installed in form." The second minute, under date 13th of January 1803, refers to the Lodge as No. 88, and records a decision that a petition be presented *to the* Lodge at Southampton, praying that a member be made a Royal Arch Mason. From this point we do not think we can do better than reproduce the summary of Bro. Stopher's work which recently appeared in a local paper, the *Hampshire Independent*. This is as follows:—The chair was filled in 1802 by Bro. Earle. The records show that in the scanty population of that day a second Lodge (195) existed in Winchester, and there is an account of a squabble between a brother of each. The walking to church in honour of the Holy St. John the Baptist was a custom then and since. For a few years the Officers were appointed for six months. There are various notices of relief to prisoners for debt in gaol who are Masons. The Lodge in 1806 met on Sunday Eve, and two prisoners of war were initiated. The King's German Legion contributed several initiates, and thirteen French officers (prisoners), *en route* to Portsmouth, visited the Lodge in 1810. False certificates were used by mendicant brethren. The effects of the conviviality of those times is curiously marked in the minutes thus:—"Nearly the whole of the brethren were "*indisposed*." This was in 1812, whilst in 1813 Lord Wellington's victory and the patriotism of Englishmen resulted in a "trifling inconvenience to the intellectual capacity of some of the brethren," but they closed in "perfect harmony." A gastronomic humour in 1813 pervades an entry:—"There was some other business, but Bro. Wilkinson, having provided *an* hot supper, and there being a doubt that it might be *overdone*, it was thought proper by the Master to close the Lodge at 10 past nine in an harmonious manner." The union of the two Grand Lodges in 1814 is recorded in a full minute as a new era." The first record of the title Lodge of Economy is 1816, and it is the first mention then of a Provincial Grand Master. A brother's child was christened St. John, after the patron saint. Eight members of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, Southampton, and five from the Peace and Harmony Lodge, Romsey, attended the Masonic funeral of Bro. Inggs, in October 1819. In the same year a letter was "read from several Romsey brethren, who propose opening a Lodge there." As touching music in the ritual, a hand organ was purchased for £10 in 1826, and, after much neglect and a resolution "to dispose of the organ on the first opportunity, it was balloted for at a five shilling lottery in 1833, by which time its barrel was much worn." The foundation stone laying of St. John's Hospital, 1833, and St. Maurice Church in 1840, are recorded in the briefest terms for such notable functions. On 12th October 1838, it is recorded that "the brethren of our Lodge visited the Provincial meeting at Southampton, and joined the procession and ceremony of laying the first stone of Southampton Docks, which was performed by our worthy Brother Sir Lucius Curtis, and an excellent sermon preached at St. Mary's Church on the occasion by our Rev. Bro. Brookfield." The minutes were confirmed on the 18th June 1840 by Joseph Lobb P.G.S. by command of the D.P.G.M. An address was presented to Sir Lucius on his appointment as Provincial Grand Master in 1840, and next year a letter of condolence was sent to the gallant Admiral—who lived at Anspach House, Southampton—on the death of his wife, "to which a most kind reply was sent to the W.M. Bro. Captain Neville." The minutes of this day conclude as follow:—"Harmony reigned, brotherly love prevailed, and the shouts of Israel were heard afar." In 1840 an honourable brother is thus recorded:—"Bro. F. Knosyorkis returned the 10s which he had received as an alms." Such an act has not yet been experienced by the present Masonic Almoners. Attached to the book are copious details and dates of the brethren and Officers for the past eighty-seven years, and the oldest brother mentioned is Brother Jacob Jacob, who was installed in 1824, and has just answered the last summons to "Grand Lodge." He was, we believe, the oldest Mason in the Province. The Centenary Festival was celebrated on the 29th January 1861. The record shows that the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing obtained recognition of the Economy by Grand Lodge as a "Centenary Lodge."

Passing now from the days of long ago we come upon one of the most recent events in Masonry, this year's installation meeting of the Economy Lodge, of which the following is a brief account:—

ECONOMY LODGE, No. 76.

THE installation of Bro. James Harris as W.M., being the third time he has filled that honourable position, took place on Wed-

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nesday, the 25th ult. in a full Lodge, the ceremony being ably performed by the P.G.M. Bro. Beach, M.P. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Stopher I.P.M., Carter S.W., Sharland J.W., Jacob Treasurer, Gamon Secretary, Brockley S.D., Pickstock J.D., Searle Organist, Stopher and Marks D.C., Colson I.G., Matthews and Tebbutt Stewards, Sims Tyler. In the course of the closing formalities, the W.M. expressed his and his brethren's deep regret at the absence, from illness, of Bro. T. Stopher, to whom it was intended to present an illuminated address, expressive of the deep regard of the Lodge, to be followed shortly by a jewel of honour as P.P.G.S.W., and he desired Bro. W. Stopher to convey to his brother their regret and their regards, and the illuminated address, with seventy-two names attached thereto, on which address, beautifully written and decorated by Mr. John Smith, are these dedicatory words:—

"In recognition of his untiring zeal and energy in the cause of Freemasonry in general, and in the old Lodge of Economy in particular, during the twenty-three years in which he has held office in it."

The various symbols and jewels of the Craft are artistically depicted in the margin of the vellum. Hearty good wishes were offered from the various Lodges represented. After a cordial vote of thanks to the P.G. Master for his attendance and welcome visit, the Lodge, after an awkward delay, sat down to an excellent banquet, served by Bro. Clowser.

A ROYAL PRESENTATION.

SIR J. R. SOMERS VINE was installed as Worshipful Master of the Savage Club Lodge, on Tuesday, in the presence of the Earl of Lathom (Deputy Grand Master of England), the Earl of Londesborough Past Grand Warden, with other Grand Officers and a large number of Masonic friends, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, was the Installing Master. The ceremony having been duly and impressively performed, Sir Somers Vine invested the following Officers:—Bros. Catling S.W., Chapman J.W., Burnside S.D., Ebbetts J.D., Fisher I.G., Edward Terry P.M. P.Z. P.G.S. Treasurer, Duffy Secretary, Beveridge Director of Ceremonies, Henry Nicholls Organist, Terrott, Northcott, Soman and Walsham Stewards, and Swan Tyler. Bro. Edward Terry ably discharged the duties of Director of Ceremonies during the installation. Sir Somers Vine said that he had a most gratifying announcement to make to the Lodge, viz., that they had received a special mark of favour from his Royal Highness the Grand Master, who had presented them with a Master's gavel, which was used by Her Majesty the Queen in laying the foundation-stone of the Imperial Institute. This gavel is solid ivory, and bears a silver plate, with the following inscription:—"This Master's Gavel, used by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, in laying the foundation-stone of the Imperial Institute, the Jubilee memorial of the Queen's reign, on July 4th 1887, was presented to the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order and Honorary Member of the Lodge, 1888, Bro. Sir J. R. Somers Vine W.M., Bro. Thomas Catling S.W., Bro. W. E. Chapman J.W." Subsequently the installation banquet took place at the Freemasons' Tavern. The Worshipful Master Sir Somers Vine was supported by the following Grand Officers:—The Duke of Abercorn, C.B., Grand Master of Ireland, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master of England, Lord Herschell Past Grand Warden, Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., Past Grand Warden, Augustus Harris W.M. Drury Lane Lodge, Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Thomas Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes. The W.M., in proposing the Grand Master and other Grand Officers said, that twelve months ago the Grand Master graciously allowed them to enrol his name as an honorary member of the Lodge, and that day his Royal Highness had handed to their reverent care a highly interesting and historical emblem of the Craft. The Earl of Lathom, in replying, said that as regarded his Royal Highness the Grand Master, they all knew well he had done his duty, Masonically as in every other way. Sir Somers Vine next proposed the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Ireland. The Duke of Abercorn, in responding said, that the Deputy Grand Master had just said that it was criminal to make long speeches, and as he, the speaker happened to be an Irishman, they could well understand that he did not wish to come under the criminal law. He was sure that if any of them visited Dublin they would receive a hearty welcome from their Irish brethren. He was especially glad to be present to do honour to his friend Sir Somers Vine. He understood that they had been entertaining a king and queen, Messrs. Herbert Campbell and Harry Nichols, that night who had had to leave to take their position on their thrones in another place. Nothing which he had recently read in the papers had filled him with more interest and sympathy than the sad story which had deprived them of a member of the Lodge who was beloved and respected by them all. Sir Somers Vine, in proposing success to the Savage Club Lodge, said that twelve months ago they commenced their career by resolving, not without some misgiving and with all due deference to the rules of the Order, that they would restrict the membership of the Lodge to members of the Savage Club. The result had far exceeded their most sanguine expectation. If they excluded the joining members announced that day they had a roll of sixty members. Charity, the foremost principle of the Order, had not been forgotten by them. They had established, and he hoped on a permanent basis, a benefit fund for the relief of distressed brethren, and they had contributed to the National Memorial of the Queen's Jubilee and other objects. They had been able to clear off their liabilities, and were in the happy position of having a balance at their bankers. They had had a period of cloud and depression through the mysterious disappearance and tragic fate of their beloved brother and Secretary. In Archibald McNeill the world lost a good man and the Craft a bright example, and his most enduring monument would be the Savage Club Lodge. The next toast given by the Worshipful Master was the Visiting Brethren, and Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., responded in a humorous speech. Lord Herschell gave the Worshipful Master, and spoke in highest terms of the qualities of Sir Somers Vine, remarking that he exhibited marvellous zeal, industry, and energy in everything he undertook, combining with those active qualities geniality, kindliness, and promptness, which rendered him eminently well fitted for the position of Master of a Lodge of Freemasons—Sir Somers Vine in reply, expressed his gratitude to the members of the Savage Club for the kindness which he had always received from them. In giving the next toast, that of the Installing Master, he referred to the great services rendered to their Lodge by Col. Shadwell Clerke. The Grand Secretary having replied, Sir Somers Vine proposed Our American Brethren, and Bro. Benjamin Folsom, in acknowledging the toast, said that Masonry had produced some of the best men in the United States, but never an anarchist or a dynamitard. The health of the Officers of the Lodge having been given, and responded to by Bros. T. Catlin and W. E. Chapman, the proceedings closed in the usual manner. The band of the Grenadier Guards performed during the banquet, and in the course of the evening, a capital entertainment was given, to which the following contributed:—Henry Bracy, Harry Nicholls, Herbert Campbell, Frederick Mervin, Richard Temple, Edward Terry, Henry Pyatt, William L. Barrett, E. Bending, Charles Bertram, Arthur Coombes, Theodore Drew, Charles Du Val, G. Jacobi, E. J. Odell, Louis Paul, and William Rignold. Bros. Edwd. Plater, R. Hilton, Albert James and Henry Lester sang several glees, the entertainment being under the direction of Bro. Charles Townley (Geoffrey Thorn), who also rendered some of his popular compositions.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—Meeting held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Thursday, 2nd inst., at 6.30 p.m. Bros. Barrett W.M., Owens S.W., Tattersall J.W., Smith S.D., Gomme J.D., Lazarus I.G., Stevens P.M. Preceptor, Paddle P.M. Treasurer, Pitt P.M. Assistant Preceptor, Ball Secretary, Belchamber, Berry, Rush, May, and others. Lodge having been opened and minutes read and confirmed, the Worshipful Master very ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Belchamber acting as candidate and answering as to proficiency. On the second time of rising Bro. Owens was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the members present resolved themselves into a full Committee for the purpose of completing the necessary arrangements for the Smoking Concert to be given by the Lodge on the 23rd instant, and which promises to be a most successful entertainment. Lodge having been closed, the Benevolent Association in connection therewith held a meeting, at which two ballots for Life Subscriberships to the Masonic Institutions were taken. These were declared in favour respectively of Bros. Lazarus and Tattersall. The brethren then separated, in peace and harmony.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer presided, and there were present Bros. W. H. Perryman, S. Brooks, W. B. Daniell, W. J. Murlis, F. Adlard, J. L. Mather, G. Ward Verry, A. H. Tattershall, James Brett, G. Bolton, Hugh Cotter, E. West, Dr. Jabez Hogg, C. H. Webb, T. Cubitt, C. H. Driver, W. Hilton, J. J. Berry, C. Kimpton, W. Belchambers, Joseph Clever, A. Forsyth, and James Terry (Secretary). After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of two male annuitants. Then the Warden's report was read. The lists of candidates were agreed to, and the vacancies for the election in May declared, the number as regards the Male Fund being 67, with 16 vacancies (13 immediate and 3 deferred), and on the Widows' Fund, 64 candidates and 7 vacancies (4 immediate and 3 deferred). A notice of motion by Brother Birch having been handed in, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the Committee adjourned.

A grand Masonic ball was given on Friday, the 27th ult., at the Athenæum, Limerick, by the members of Eden Lodge No. 73 (I.C.). The attendance numbered over two hundred ladies and gentlemen. The hall was decorated with much taste, and when dancing commenced it presented a brilliant appearance. The fine band of the Sherwood Foresters performed a choice programme of music.

At Terry's theatre this afternoon (Saturday) Mr. Edward Terry will produce for the first time in London, the one act play "Darby and Joan," by Messrs. Bellingham and Best. Mr. Terry will sustain the dual parts of a young naval officer of twenty and an admiral of seventy. Miss Clara Cowper will undertake the two other characters in the piece. We may add that the play in question has met with considerable success in the country.

One of the best pantomimes of the season, viz.: "Jack and the Beanstalk," at Covent Garden, will terminate a successful career on Saturday evening next. This pantomime has created endless amusement, and we advise our readers to pay the theatre a visit before the season terminates.

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OUTSIDE TITLES IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your last issue contains some remarks on a subject whereon I differ from those around me, but I appear to have your support, and I hope the insertion of my letter following your own observations may have the effect of setting matters right between the older brethren of my Lodge and some of its younger members—at the head of whom I, the Inner Guard, appear to stand.

I must first tell you we are frequently honoured with visits from brethren of distinction, that is to say distinction outside Masonry, more particularly than Masonic, for some of our visitors were initiated years after me, and I am only a "youngster," as our Past Masters have it. Well, I have to announce these visitors, and here comes the rub. I, as a Mason, have been taught the lesson of equality, and I try to practise it. When Captain So-and-So, or Major This or Colonel That desires admittance I drop the "Captain," "Major," "Colonel," or what not, and simply use that dear term of equality—Brother. This is sacrilege I may tell you, and I could hardly describe all the evils that are predicted as coming fast upon me were it not that I treat the matter somewhat in the form of a joke. As a youngster I like talking and arguing with my elders, and this has hitherto supplied me and them with a "subject for discussion?"

Now, Brother Editor, I want to know what is right for me to do? I do not wish to act contrary to what is proper, nor do I wish to be advised to give in to my elders; indeed, I do not believe they wish that, only they cannot ask any one's opinion—they are all so capable of forming one for themselves. If it is right to bring naval or military titles into Masonry, I cannot see why you should object to the Churchwardens, Town Councillors or Vestrymen being so described, and if neither of us are right I fail to see where the equality comes in we hear so much about. "Rank is but the guinea stamp, the man himself's the gold," is my idea of the basis on which equality should be preached. The nobleman outside is a nobleman in Masonry only so long as he acts up to the noble principles of the Craft, and, although it may be the practice with some to show their knowledge of mundane affairs within the Lodge, I consider they prove by doing so, as you say, that they have not made themselves masters of the lesson to be learned within.

If it is right to use the titles to which you and I have referred I would go further, and say it would be correct to call a Mason Bro. Tallow-Chandler Brown, Bro. Cheesemonger Jones, or Bro. Butcher Robinson; and if not, why not?

Trusting you will excuse the frivolity of my remarks, and that your readers will also be charitable to a Junior.

I remain, yours, &c.

I.G.

P.S.—I have refrained from referring to the title "Reverend." Here, I confess, I give in, and in thus showing my inconsistency I may perhaps prove I am wholly wrong.

THE POPE AND THE FREEMASONS.

AN Encyclical letter from the Pope to the Bavarian Bishops, in which His Holiness bans Freemasonry, has called forth, from the *Cologne Gazette*, a leading paper in Germany, the following rejoinder, which we reproduce, as being interesting to members of the Mystic Craft:—

The present Pope has already, on several occasions, in imitation of his predecessor, given expression to most outspoken and denunciatory opinions on the subject of Freemasonry. Like Pio Nono, he believes that Masonry is inimical to all religion, and, in particular, that it seduces young men into impious ways. Such a condemnation, in the very face of what is actually the case, is to be explained only from a confusion with Freemasonry of other secret Brotherhoods that have sprung up exclusively on Italian soil, and which are possible only there. To represent Freemasonry as hostile to all religion and civil order is both illusory and nonsensical, and the Pope, in his recent letter to the Bishops of Bavaria, was misled into the spreading abroad of this delusion. This is how he characterises Freemasonry:—

"Further, worthy brothers, set much stress upon carefully guarding your flocks from the danger that threatens from the side of Freemasonry. The insidious wiles and artifices of this Society, which works in darkness, *which is full of all guile, and extremely dangerous to the State*, were fully laid before you on another occasion in a special Encyclical, when the ways and means of combating its influence successfully were pointed out. However, it can never be vain to exhort *Christians to abstain from any connection with this mass of crime*, for, though the Society from the first conceived a deep hatred against the Catholic Church, has hardened itself in this respect, and kept the flame of its spite burning, yet it does not always practise its hostility openly, but more frequently acts with underhand cunning. Above all it may, in most regrettable fashion, lead astray inexperienced and untutored youth, under the guise of pious and benevolent intention."

Such utterances should not be taken seriously. Inexperienced youth in Germany has no sort of admission to Freemasonry, and to represent a brotherhood that has the German Emperor, his son the Crown Prince, and pretty much all the heads of noble houses in the number of its adherents, as especially dangerous to the State, can impose on no one. It is, besides, well known that in the first decades of the present century the best part of the Catholic clergy was numerously represented in the Craft, which is notoriously of pronouncedly Christian origin, and has the chief saint of the Catholic Church, John the Baptist, for patron saint. Even after Masonry incurred the hatred of Popes, and that because it incurred the hatred of the Jesuit Order, an endeavour was put forth—and that not unattended with success—to raise Christ's foster father to the place of the Baptist, while, in the oldest and most important Church prayers, for example in the Confiteor, St. John occupies the place of honour next after the Virgin Mary and the Archangel Michael, and Joseph is not even mentioned, whose recently-acquired precedence indicates a noteworthy success of the "Redemptionists," who, in the mouth of the people are often called "Joseph's Brethren." To the best of our belief there does not exist, even to the present day, any formal binding prohibition against joining Freemasonry, and it is very questionable whether in Catholic opinion (in the strict sense of the term) to be a Freemason is in itself sinful, although it is undoubtedly looked upon as dangerous. It can hardly then be regarded as mere accident, in view of the repeated calumniations of which the Craft has recently been the butt, that Emperor William, in a recent communication to the Rostock Lodge, declared that "Freemasonry is particularly fitted, not only to educate its members to true religious feelings, to the joyful performance of the duties laid upon them towards their family, their profession, and their other public and social relationships, really to benefit them by sustained self-improvement; but also to assist very materially the collective interests of humanity." Every educated man knows that our Emperor and his son fill the highest positions in the Craft, and we think it would have been becoming if, in view of this, in the as a whole somewhat enigmatical communication to the Bavarian Bishops, the insipidity—to use the mildest term—had been avoided of describing Freemasonry as dangerous to the State. Such nonsense cannot possibly have much prospect of attaining its end.

A MASONIC ALPHABET.

XIX.—"SECRECY."

The thoughtful housewife in her thrifty cares,
To keep supplied with bread her household need;
Briskly and deftly for the task prepares,
And takes of flour and water perfect meed.
Down in the silky depths the yeast is laid,
To work in silence, and unseen, its way,
Till by its power the snowy mass is made
Of airy lightness 'gainst the coming day.
And so should Masons do the good they can,
Without parade, and ostentatious show;
But, like the leaven, bless their fellow man
In "Secrecy," which but recipients know.

XX.—"TEMPERANCE."

The noble horse prefers the spring
Of pure and wholesome water
To any sparkling wine you bring
Though from renowned quarter.
And e'en from that, when thirst is o'er
It loses all its sweetness,
He turns aside—will drink no more,
"Enough!" ensures completeness.

Our appetites should be controll'd,
No matter what their founding;
The body's health we should uphold,
Not by excess confounding.
The tongue and heart should be restrained,
Lest they may bring disaster;
Ambition curbed—the passions chained
And "Temperance" will master.

WM. H. ORR, G.B.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 4th instant. Bro. Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer occupied the chair. He was supported by Bros. S. Richardson, Rev. R. Morris, M.A., LL.D., J. Larkin, Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., J. L. Mather Assist. G. Dir. of Cers., George Motion, F. Adlard, F. W. Ramsay, Dudley Rolls, G. Corble, H. Venn, J. Moon, T. Griffiths, R. J. Tucker, A. R. Motion, James Motion, W. Maple, J. Lee Dale, H. J. Giller, J. S. Cumberland, Geo. P. Gillard, F. Binckes P.G.S.B. (Secretary), &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, those of the House Committee were read for information, while the report of the Audit Committee was read and approved. Petitions on behalf of two boys were considered and approved, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in October. Three applications for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained. Some discussion arose in reference to the action of the House Committee in dealing with a pupil who had misconducted himself, and as a result a series of notices of motion was handed in for future consideration. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman the Committee adjourned.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 309.

THE installation of Bro: Henry Cooke as the W.M. for the ensuing year took place on Thursday, 2nd instant, at the Lodge Room, Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, in presence of a large number of the Craft, including Bro. Goble Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Holbrook Provincial Grand Registrar, Rev. A. A. Headley Provincial Grand Assistant Secretary, and the following Installed Masters:—Bros. Lancaster P.P.G.R. 56, Goldsmith P.P.G.J.W., R. Barnes P.P.G.S., Gieve P.P.G.D.C., Cawte P.P.G.J.W., J. Mason (Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), Niven P.P.G.S.B., Gilmour P.P.G.S.; Bros. Benttell, Hewett, Mumby, Buckle, Mitchell, Willlims, Bond P.P.G.S.B., Powell P.P.G.D.C., Hill and Gieve. There were also present Bros. Birch, Levy, Crouch, Love, Haydon, C. O. Smith, E. Smith, Bolitho, Cooper, Bate, Robins, Broughall, Lyon, Heath, Reader, Homan, Penton, Dr. Scott, Arnold, &c. The ceremony of installation was conducted in an efficient and impressive manner by the retiring W.M. (Bro. Hill), to whom a vote of thanks was passed, after which he was presented by Bro. Cooke, on behalf of the Lodge, with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his services during his year of office. The W.M. appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Hill I.P.M., Williams S.W., Crouch J.W., Rev. A. C. Hervey Chaplain, Goldsmith Treasurer, Rev. A. A. Headley Secretary, Love S.D., Smith J.D., Haydon I.G., Cooper Org., Bolitho D.C., Bate and Broughall Stewards, Eames Tyler. During the ceremony Bro. Love sang the anthem, "Be thou faithful unto death" ("Elijah") in finished style. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a récherché banquet was served by Bro. Bond. Bro. Cooke presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the proceedings being interspersed with a capital programme of vocal music.

ST. CYBI LODGE, No. 597.

THERE was an exceptionally large number of members and visiting brethren present on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at the annual meeting, held at Holyhead. The Lodge was opened shortly after two o'clock, when the ceremony of passing Bros. G. Smith and G. H. Taylor was proceeded with, after which Bro. Platt, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, entered the Lodge-room, and was saluted with the customary Masonic honours. The installation of the W.M. subsequently took place, the Installing Master being the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who was assisted by the retiring W.M. Bro. Dr. O. T. Williams. Bro. E M. Jones (the W.M. elect) was presented by Bros. Jones and Evens. The ceremony of installing the W.M. was most efficiently performed. He appointed his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Williams I.P.M., Hall S.W., Martin J.W., Rev. O. W. Jones Chaplain, Jones Treasurer, Lloyd Secretary, Hughes Dir. of Cer., Griffith Organist, Owen S.D., Jones J.D., Wells I.G. Gray S.S., Seaborn Williams J.S. On the motion of Bro. J. Lloyd Griffith, seconded by Bro. Williams, it was decided to contribute 25 guineas towards the fund for procuring a Life Presentation for the Province of North Wales in connection with the Girls' Masonic Institution. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master thanked the members of the Lodge for their munificence, and expressed a hope that the Province of North Wales would not be backward in contributing the amount required to secure a Life Presentation to that commendable Charity. It was unanimously decided to present Bro. Dr. O. T. Williams with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his services to the Lodge during the past year. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren banqueted at the Prince of Wales (L. and N.W.R. Co.) Hotel.

ST. EDWARD'S LODGE, No. 966.

THE members celebrated the Festival of St. John, on the 26th ult., the event being made special by the presence of Bro. Col. Foster Gough D.P.G.M. Meeting at 2 45, at the Mechanics' Institute, the installation of Bro. W. E. Challinor was proceeded with by Bro. W. Davenport, after which the Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Davenport I.P.M., Burton S.W., Flanagan J.W., Ward Chaplain, Gibson Treasurer, Davenport Secretary, Clemesha S.D., Phillips J.D., Allen D.C., Wardle Organist, Gailey I.G., Milner Steward, Gaunt Tyler. The brethren then adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, and partook of a banquet, prepared and served in Bro. Swift's best style. The after proceedings included the usual Loyal and Craft toasts, which were duly proposed and responded to in a series of appropriate speeches. A number of capital songs enlivened and diversified a very pleasant evening.

EQUITY LODGE, No. 1384.

THE members celebrated the festival of St. John on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic-rooms, Central Hotel, Widnes, Bro. John Patten W.M. in the chair, when Bro. Dr. Cooper was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, according to ancient custom. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. James White. There was a good attendance of brethren. The newly-installed W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing twelve months:—Bros. Patten I.P.M., Williams S.W., Claye J.W., Kyle Treasurer, Goff Secretary, White S.D., Walker J.D., Shepherd I.G., Saye Steward, Jas. White Dir. of Cers., Holt Tyler. The ceremony of installation being over, the brethren dined together at Bro. Parkes', under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to. During the evening a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. John Patten, from the brethren of the Lodge, in appreciation of his services as W.M. Bro. Patten suitably responded, thanking the brethren for their kindness, and stating that his services had been a pleasure to him, and he hoped the Lodge would have a prosperous future. A special Jubilee jewel, subscribed by members of the Lodge, was presented to Bro. James White P.M. for his services to the Lodge during the last fifteen years. Bro. White thanked the brethren for so marked an appreciation of his services. Much as he prized his P.M.'s jewel, he valued much more the one presented to him by the initiates during his year of office as W.M., but both had been eclipsed by the beautiful jewel now presented. He felt how little he deserved it, but hoped to merit it by future service to his Lodge.

FRIENDLY LODGE, No. 1513.

ON Thursday evening the 2nd instant, the festival of St. John was celebrated by the brethren, at their Lodge-room, Masonic Hall, East Gate, Barnsley. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. T. W. Tew Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Ensor Drury, Green Provincial Grand Sec., John Barker, S. Slack, T. Newton. Bro. W. R. Massie was the Installing Master. The Rev W. S. Turnbull officiated as Chaplain. Previous to the installation of Bro. C. F. Seward, Bro. Massie moved a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. W. T. Embleton for his kindness in beautifying the Lodge-room. The W.M. also, on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro. Senior with a copy of "Gould's History of Freemasonry," in three volumes handsomely bound, in recognition of the services rendered during the alteration of the Lodge premises. Bro. Seward appointed his Officers, as under:—Bros. Massie I.P.M., Finkin S.W., Senior J.W., Embleton Treasurer, Frankland Secretary, Cheatter S.D., Ingall J.D., Smith D.C., Fountain Organist, Lingard I.G., Smith and Browne Stewards, Rogers Tyler.

ST. CECILIA LODGE, No. 1636.

A LARGE gathering took place in the Masonic Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 31st ult. on the occasion of the installation meeting. The Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, the W.M., Bro. W. Balchin jun., presiding, supported by his Officers. The important business of the afternoon was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. C. J. Heald. The ceremony was admirably and impressively performed by Bro. Balchin; the charges being given by Bros. Hawkes and Broadbridge, and the address to the brethren delivered by the Deputy Prov. G. Master Bro. Gerard Ford. The W.M. then appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Edwards S.W., Isworth J.W., Bostel Secretary, Broadbridge Treasurer, Morris S.D., Sawyer J.D., Wood D.C., Cole Organist, Collins I.G., Stride and Tester Stewards, Wood jun. Charity Steward, Hawkes P.M. to serve on the Masonic Rooms Committee, Hollands, Hurst, and Guyon the General Purposes Committee. The retiring W.M., Bro. Balchin, was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel, which had been voted to him by the brethren in appreciation of the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Bro. Sayers. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The D.P.G.M., in responding to the toast given from the chair, of the R.W. Provincial grand Master the Duke of Connaught, the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge Present and Past, testified to the interest H.R.H the Duke of Connaught took in the prosperity of the Province. So large a gathering that evening—one of the largest he had ever seen in the room—testified to the vitality of Freemasonry in Sussex. The toast of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, proposed by Bro. Balchin, was received with enthusiasm, and Bro. Heald, on rising to respond, met with the heartiest of receptions. The Visitors, proposed by brother Kube in a humorous speech, was acknowledged by Bros. Tweed, Laynter, and Pierpoint. Bros. Billing and Burrows responded for the Worshipful Masters of the Province, and Bro. Balchin for the Past Masters of the Lodge. The toast of the Initiates was acknowledged by Bros. Clark, Thorton, and Griffiths, and that of the Officers of the Lodge by Bros Edwards, Isworth, and Sawyer. During the evening an excellent programme of vocal music, arranged by Bro. Cole, Organist, was ably sustained by Miss Maud Bond, Miss Minnie Freeman, Bro. R. Clowes, Bro. R. Nicholson, Bro. E. Broadbridge, and Bro. Cole; a pianoforte solo by Bro. Kube proved an enjoyable item. A humorous recitation was also given by Bro. Bull.

APOLLO LODGE, No. 2042.

THE annual meeting took place on Wednesday, 1st instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool. This Lodge was formed some four years since, under the presidency of the late Bro. J. Skeaf, for the purpose of gathering together the musical brethren under one warrant, and to raise, if possible, the standard of musical work in Masonry. The success in this and other ways has been very great, and the assembly, including nearly 40 Past Masters and P.G.O.'s, was a recognition of the efforts put forth during the past year, under the able Mastership of the retiring W.M. Bro. J. Queen. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. A. Muir S.W., was presented by Bros. Sergeant and Martin, and the manner in which Bro. Queen performed the installation ceremony was so highly commended that a vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be recorded. The following are the Officers appointed for the year:—Bros. Queen I.P.M., Nichols S.W., Lewis J.W, Rev. H. G. Vernon Chaplain, Smith Treasurer, Lowten Secretary, Fargher S.D., Burrows J.D., Bamford I.G., Ewart Organist, Moir S.S., Evans J.S., Williams A.S., Martin D.C., Williamson Tyler.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Convulsions, Fits, Epilepsy.—These attacks, common to all ages and all seasons, cannot be neglected without danger to intellect or life. Epilepsy especially requires prompt treatment, as it springs from a scrofulous state of the habit or from some unnatural pressure on the brain, which can only with certainty be removed in an early stage. For curing this terrible class of diseases Holloway's remedies have obtained an enviable notoriety for more than a quarter of a century. The Ointment should be rubbed twice daily over the stomach and spine as per even as salt is rubbed into meat. At the same time Holloway's Pills should be freely taken in doses to act energetically on the bowels.

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SWAN OF AVON LODGE, No. 2133.

WERE we asked to account for the success which attends some Lodges, and the failure of others, under apparently similar circumstances, we confess a task would present itself which we should find it very difficult to deal with. There are some things in Freemasonry, as well as outside it, which baffle explanation, and which cannot be satisfactorily accounted for on any general principles, and this subject, on that account, becomes one of the most difficult we are called upon to deal with. With equal justice we might point to the prosperity or the apathy in regard to Freemasonry in certain districts. In some quarters one or more Lodges flourish in the most satisfactory manner, while in others, which seem to present exactly similar features, Freemasonry languishes, or at best only carries on a kind of precarious existence; never rising to any position, or making any impression on the surrounding district. On this principle we may perhaps account for the fact that the town of Stratford-on-Avon was for many years during the last decade unrepresented on the Roll of Grand Lodge, in spite of its being one of the best known places throughout the world. As the birthplace of Shakespeare, it has perhaps received more attention from students and others than any place of similar dimensions, while the number of inquiries which have taken place with the view of proving whether Shakespeare was a Freemason or not would, we should have thought, have given it a Masonic tendency strong enough to maintain at least one good Lodge. But past events prove the contrary. On the 28th June 1859 a Lodge was warranted for the town, and was consecrated there under the title of the Bard of Avon, with the number 1080 on the Register of Grand Lodge. When the revision of numbers took place in 1863, this Lodge became No. 778, and about this time it appears to have sunk to a very low ebb; indeed, it hardly existed, its membership being only just sufficient to keep its name on the Roll. In 1872 a dispensation was granted, authorising the removal of the Lodge, and that year it found a new home—as Bro. Lane tells us in his "Masonic Records"—at the Angel Hotel, Staines; it was subsequently removed, in 1873, to the Greyhound, Hampton Court, and in 1884 to the Mitre Hotel at the same place, and there it has since continued to meet. From the time that Stratford lost the "Bard of Avon," in 1872, until two years since, it was without a Masonic Lodge, a fact which, as we have said, is to be wondered at, when we consider the numerous attempts which have been made to associate Shakespeare, and through him the place of his birth, with the Craft. The Lodge which two years back filled the void at Stratford-on-Avon, is known as the Swan of Avon, No. 2133, and its members celebrated, on Tuesday, their third installation, on which occasion Bro. George Boyden was duly inducted into the chair of King Solomon. The meeting of Tuesday took place at the headquarters of the Union Club, and was presided over by Bro. C. R. Garnett W.M. Prov.G.D., who was supported by a goodly array of members and visiting brethren. The business of the meeting comprised the confirmation of the rules of the Masonic Club, an institution which has sprung up in connection with the Lodge, and these having been considered by the brethren, the third degree was conferred on Bro. Everard, after which the W.M.-elect was presented and installed. In both these ceremonies the work was carried out with a strict regard to detail; and in a manner we seldom witness either in London or the Provinces. The Worshipful Master appointed the Lodge Officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. C. Justins S.W., J. F. Burke J.W., A. C. Pickering Treasurer, J. Smith Secretary, E Birch S.D., J. Downing J.D., J. H. Caseley Organist, G. M. Bird D.C., T. C. New I.G., E. Deer Steward, R. Lunn Charity Steward, J. Wilmore Tyler. Brother Garnett now delivered the addresses, and on the completion of the ceremony was warmly complimented on the satisfactory termination of his labours; these had extended over the two years since the consecration of the Lodge. A Life Governorship was then drawn for from the funds of the Charitable Association which has been established in connection with the Lodge, and other matters having been disposed of the Lodge was closed. The following Visitors were present:—Bros. E. J. Seymour P.G.S.W. P.M. 301, F. Binckes P.G.S.B., G. M. Fayerman P.M. 395, Jas. Collins I.P.M. 567, W. H. S. Pinner I.P.M. 395, H. D. Morin S.W. 395, A. B. Holte P.M. 1041, J. Boddington P.P.G.A.D.C. P.M. 567, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, C. J. Collins W.M. 74, M. J. Rowley 1507, W. Martin 567, S. A. L. Swann 51 (I.C.), H. Haynes P.M. 284, &c. The annual banquet followed, the catering being in the hands of Brother E. Deer, under whose direction the tables had been most artistically laid out. A great portion of the success under this head was due to the profusion of flowers which had been provided by Mrs. Hill, the wife of an esteemed member of the Lodge, and to whom a special compliment was paid for her kindly help. At the conclusion of the banquet, the customary list was honoured. Speaking to the first toast, the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master referred to the gigantic strides Freemasonry had made since Her Majesty had been seated on the throne of England. The Senior Warden gave the second toast, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., which was heartily received. The third toast—the Pro Grand Master and the Grand Officers generally—was proposed by Bro. Past Master Alderman Bird, and with it was associated the name of Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer. Our popular brother, in reply, fully recognised the importance and comprehensiveness of the toast entrusted to him. Bro. Pickering proposed the fourth toast, and made happy allusion to the popularity which Lord Leigh had gained for himself as Provincial Grand Master. He had given a vast impetus to Freemasonry in Warwickshire, and was well and favourable known to every Freemason in the Province. Bro. Everard proposed the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Officers, present and past, of Prov. Grand Lodge, and in the absence of the Deputy associated with it the name of Bro. Lord Edward Seymour, who, in responding, regretted the absence of Bro. Collins. For himself he was proud to be a guest at the Swan of Avon Lodge. Two years back he had assisted at the consecration, and was highly gratified at the way in which the Lodge had progressed since. The health of the Worshipful Master was next given by Bro. Garnett I.P.M., and in reply, Bro. Boyden stated it had been remarked he must be a brave man to follow so capable a Master as Bro. Garnett. Well, he thought so, but he hoped to prove, by his actions, that he had not been rash in taking the office. He should strive to fulfil his duties satisfactorily, and hoped the brethren would not have occasion to exercise the quotation, "Oh, what a falling off was there." When the Master next rose he referred to the establishment of the Lodge, two years previously. He spoke of the energy and zeal shown by the Immediate Past Master, who had been a constant attendant at the Lodge of Instruction, and had spared no exertion to advance the cause of Freemasonry in Stratford-on-Avon. He had now the pleasure of presenting to Bro. Garnett a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the members, as a mark of their appreciation. In reply, Bro. Garnett said he felt at a loss how to express himself. Of one thing, however, he was assured,—the brethren knew how to keep a secret; this had been fully borne out by the surprise which had come upon him when their Master presented the jewel he had just received. He had never anticipated anything of the sort, and, perhaps, had he been consulted in the matter, he should have said—No. He assured them he appreciated the many compliments that had been paid him. The toast of the Visitors was entrusted to the Junior Warden, and was responded to by Bro. Collins, who spoke of the estimable manner in which the work of the Lodge had been carried out. Brother Morgan also responded, and thanked the brethren generally for the hospitality they had shown, and the general desire every one in the Lodge had evinced to minister to the comfort of their guests. For the Past Masters Bro. Bird replied. Brother Lunn, the Charity Steward, submitted the toast of the Masonic Charities, and in the course of an excellent and well-considered speech sketched in outline the establishment of the Masonic Institutions and the progress they had severally made. Brother Binckes replied; he referred to the unique and eloquent manner in which the toast had been introduced by Brother Lunn. The element of charity evidently pervaded the Lodge. As had frequently been remarked Freemasonry must not be looked upon, in any shape or form, as a benefit society. Bro. Binckes spoke in the most appreciative terms of the services rendered by their Provincial Grand Master to the Institutions, more particularly the one which he had the honour of being associated with. The Festival of the year 1862 was the first one with which he was most directly associated in his then new capacity of Secretary, and on that occasion Lord Leigh did them the honour to preside. At that Festival the Stewards collected a total of £3,600. Since then Lord Leigh had repeated that kindness, and had presided on more than one occasion, and the Institutions fully recognised what he and his Province had done for them. The brethren of Warwickshire had invariably supported the Charities, and five years back nobly contributed their share towards securing that Grand total which, even up to now, stands an unbeaten record as regards charitable contributions. He especially acknowledged his indebtedness to Bro. Pearce, who had kindly promised to place at his disposal the amount he had secured that evening. He appreciated the efforts which were being made on behalf of the Central Institutions, notwithstanding the counter claims of Local Funds. Brother Binckes's remarks throughout were received with much favour, and the happy allusions he made to local surroundings were heartily applauded. The other toasts comprised the Officers of the Lodge, and that of the Tyler, which latter brought the business to a conclusion. The proceedings of the evening were diversified by songs and recitations, while on the following day several prominent members of the Lodge did their best to make the visit a memorable one for their guests. The many features of interest with which the borough abounds were visited, and their special association with the Immortal Bard was fully brought home to those entertained.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 1st instant. Bros. Collings W.M., Williams S.W., Wing J.W., Watkins Treasurer, Robinson P.M. Sec., Harding S.D., Sandalls J.D., Oliver I.G., Walkeley Tyler, Collick I.P.M., Pardoe P.M., Boehr P.M., Mansell P.M., and sixteen other brethren. Before opening the Lodge Brother Collings, alluding to the death of Brother Strong, the W.M., stated that before his illness had reached its fatal termination, their Brother had written, asking him to take the chair that evening, and Brother Collick having gracefully acquiesced he thought the Lodge could not do better than carry out the wishes of their late Master. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Grover, Hunt and Green were raised to the third degree. Bros. Desmond and Organ were passed to the degree of F.C. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Arthur Tite, who was originally proposed by the late W.M., seconded by Bro. Robinson; also for Mr. George Arthur Knight, proposed by Brother Grundy and seconded by Bro. Harding. The ballot proved in favour of these candidates. Mr. Tite was not present, but Mr. Knight was duly initiated by Bro. Collick, Bro. Collings having temporarily vacated the chair. On the W.M. rising, the Secretary read letters from two members, tendering their resignations. These were accepted, with regret. Brother Tildesley proposed and Brother Robinson seconded Mr. F. W. Foord for initiation at next meeting. Brother Wing, as an old friend, proposed a vote of condolence from the Lodge to the widow and family of the late Brother Strong, and that a wreath from the Lodge be sent to the funeral. This was seconded by Brother Collings, and, supported by several other brethren, was carried unanimously. After hearty good wishes, Lodge was closed in due form. Owing to the bereavement the Lodge had sustained the usual banquet was deferred.

At the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, 6th inst., Bro. H. H. Wells was installed as Worshipful Master of the St. Botolph's Lodge.

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BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards 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 the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,000.

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OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution. Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic afflictions he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

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ALICE VASEY,

WIDOW OF THE LATE BRO. SAMUEL VASEY.

Bro. Samuel Vasey was a ship's provision merchant, at Wapping, 1848-1880, where he was unsuccessful in business, and died shortly after, leaving his widow quite without means. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in 1854; W.M. 1860; subscribed 12 years. Joined Unity Lodge, No. 183, in 1866; W.M. 1869; subscribed 12 years. P.Z. of Yarborough Chapter. Self and wife Life Subscribers R.M.I.B.

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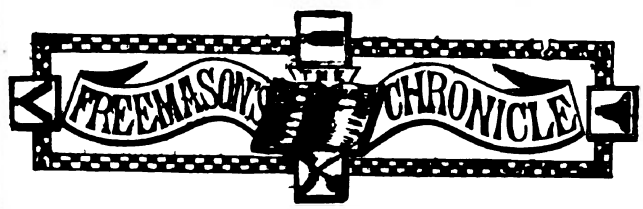
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Brethren willing to act as Stewards on the above important occasion will greatly oblige by sending in their names as early as convenient.

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SCOTLAND.

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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 2nd inst., Past Grand Master the Earl of Mar and Kellie on the throne. There was a large attendance, upwards of 300 Masons from all parts of the country being present. The Senior Grand Warden's chair was occupied by Bro. James T. S. Elliot of Wolfelle, and that of the Junior Grand Warden by Bro. Lord Saltoun. Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Argyll and the Islands, acted as Grand Master-Depute, and Bro. F. E. Villiers Provincial Grand Master of Dumfrieshire as Substitute Grand Master. The following letter from the Grand Master had been printed, and was circulated among the brethren, after being read from the throne by the Acting Grand Master:—

Villa Bella Vista, Cannes,
28th January 1888.

DEAR MR. MURRAY LYON,—I really cannot say how much it pains me to have once more, and I trust for the last time, to ask for the generous indulgence of Grand Lodge, whose kindness has already deeply touched me. I very much regret that I must be absent on 2nd February. Every day I feel I am consolidating the recovery of my health; and in view of the hard work which I know the next months will bring, I wish to be able to do my duty as well as I can. In a fortnight I propose to leave for England, and to be then at the disposal of those who have been so very kind to me up to this. May I ask you to communicate my regards to Grand Lodge?

Yours very truly,

A. C. C. CAMPBELL, Grand Master.

On recommendation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow City, Grand Committee had resolved to recommend to Grand Lodge to grant a Charter to Lodge Montefiore, Glasgow. This was agreed to. Grand Committee reported that Grand Secretary had read an application by Brother Dalrymple Duncan, in name of the Committee of the Archæological and Historical Section of the International Exhibition to be held in Glasgow during the present year, for the loan of any interesting Masonic documents or paraphernalia in the possession of Grand Lodge. It was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of Grand Secretary, with authority to comply with the request as far as possible. This was approved of by G. Lodge. A statement of funds was submitted, with the auditors' report thereon,

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for the year ending 30th November. It showed the income for the year to have been £4,013, that there had been £4,569 entrants, and 13 new Charters granted to Lodges. The expenditure had amounted to £2,815. The funds on 30th November 1886 amounted to £27,230, and this year to £27,872—an increase of £544. The accounts of the fund of Masonic benevolence for the same period showed an income of £472 from Masonic fees and £219 from interest. The sum of £516 had been voted as charity, and £24 given as casual charity. The funds at the close of the year stood at £6,597, as compared with £6,466 last year—an increase of £131. A vidimus by the Grand Cashier showed that during the quarter ending 21st January the income had been £1,373, or £550 over the expenditure, and that there had been £1,200 entrants. £95 had been voted to needy Masons or to widows of Masons. A report was submitted from Grand Committee, which stated that by direction of Grand Lodge they had appointed a sub-committee to visit the Aberdeen City Province, and exercise therein all the powers of Grand Lodge. That Committee had spent two days in Aberdeen, and had had the books of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the several Lodges in the Province submitted to them. They reported that the system of account-keeping in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge was incompatible with a satisfactory administration of its general and benevolent funds; but that the books of the various Lodges were correctly kept, and the Committee believed that all the Lodges were actuated by a desire to comply with every requirement of Grand Lodge. In their intercourse with the representatives of the Lodges the Committee were very much impressed with the loyalty of feeling towards Grand Lodge existing among the Craft in Aberdeen City Province. Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of thirteen brethren to fill vacancies in the Grand Committee caused by retirements by rotation. There were 19 candidates for these vacancies, and the following was the result of the voting:—Brothers James Crichton 295, Allen Mackenzie 285, Dr. John Falconer 257, Colonel P. Stirling 244, Dalrymple Duncan 228, Major F. W. Allen 216, George Fisher 214, Charles Harding 190, William Black 189, Robert J. Jamieson 134, Robert Davidson 170, John Jackson 161, Dr. James Carmichael 148. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

A REGULAR Quarterly Communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 31st ult., in St. Mark's Hall, 213 Buchanan Street, Glasgow, where there was a large attendance. The chair was occupied by Brother J. M. Oliver, acting R.W.P.G. Master, who was assisted by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Brothers Robert Blyth R.W.M. 102 acting S.W., G. C. H. M'Naught J.W., David Reid Secretary, Colin Galletly Treasurer, William J. Paterson Junior Deacon, David Chalmers Architect, John Clark Jeweller, Samuel Maclerie Bible Bearer, Andrew M. Smith Director of Ceremonies, David Gill Sword Bearer, John B. M'Naught Director of Music, James B. Dunbar Organist, William Phillips Marshal, David Draper President of Stewards, Thomas Halket Treasurer of Benevolent Fund. Apologies for absence were received from several brethren. The P.G. Secretary submitted his quarterly report, in which reference was made to some matters of interest concerning the Lodge-rooms of two of the Lodges in the Province. It was further stated that the annual sermon to Provincial Grand Lodge will be preached in the Cathedral on an early Sunday in May. Brother Thomas Halket P.G. Treasurer submitted his financial statement, from which it appeared that the sum of £37 14s had been granted to widows and families of deceased members of the Craft, and to brethren in poor and necessitous circumstances. The acting P.G. Master congratulated the brethren on the satisfactory state of the benevolent fund, alluding to the increased grants, and expressing a hope that P.G. Lodge might long be in a position to give handsome grants. A bowling match committee, consisting of eight brethren, was then appointed to take charge of the competition for the "Pearce" cup and other prizes. Attention having been called to the fact that, according to present regulations for the competitions, no Lodge can be represented unless by contributing two rinks, remit was made to the Committee to reconsider this point, with the suggestion that any Lodge in the Province contributing one rink should be allowed to enter the lists. The motion on the subject was proposed, seconded, and agreed to, as follows:—

"That the Committee of Provincial Grand Lodge now appointed take into consideration the advisability of allowing every Lodge in the Province to send forward one or more teams to compete for the cup presented by the R.W. P.G.M."

Attention was called to the fact of a concert having been held on last Sabbath evening, under the patronage of Lodge Dramatic, No. 571, and after the matter had been fully discussed, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, namely:—

"That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to place on record its condemnation of the action of Lodge Dramatic in giving its patronage to a concert held on the Sabbath, and expresses its strong disapproval of such conduct, and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Lodge named."

The Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards closed in due and ancient form.

PROV. G. LODGE OF STIRLINGSHIRE.

AT the Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Stirlingshire, held at Stirling, last week, Bro. the Right Hon. the Ear of Mar and Kellie presided, and among those present were Bros. the Rev. George Christie P.G. Depute of Stirlingshire, Wm. Black Sub-Master, James Brown P.G. Secretary, and about forty other brethren. The Lodge having been raised to the third degree, the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read and approved. Thereafter the annual nomination for the vacant offices of the Lodge took place, as follows:—

Bro. Peter M'Beth	... ...	Treasurer
J. Happer	... ...	Senior Deacon
John King	... ...	Junior Deacon
W. S. Drydone	... ...	Architect
W. B. Callander	... ...	Jeweller
John Campbell	... ...	Bible Bearer
James Oliver	... ...	Director of Ceremonies
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Heinrich Houfer	... ...	Director of Music
T. Cumming	... ...	Bard
A. Gall ...	... ...	Marshal
James Wyse	... ...	President of Stewards
Pearson ...	... ...	Inner Guard
James Earl	... ...	Tyler

ST. CYRE'S LODGE, No. 121.

ON Wednesday, 1st instant, the brethren met in the Lodge room, Auchtermuchty, to celebrate the anniversary of the immortal Burns. A large deputation from the Cupar Lodge, No. 19 S.C., headed by their W.M. Bro. Nicol, honoured the proceedings. The brethren sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Bro. Pratt, Royal Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Beveridge, occupied the chair, and Bro. Nicol performed the duties of croupier. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed and responded to, the W.M. proposed the memory of Burns, which was warmly honoured, and a long toast list was gone through, interspersed with song and sentiment. The Lodge closed in due form, the meeting being a most enjoyable one.

PRINCE'S LODGE, No. 607.

THE brethren dined together on the 1st inst., in Messrs. Ferguson and Forrester's, Buchanan Street, Glasgow. There was a large attendance. Bro. James Provan of Auchingillan, R.W.M., occupied the chair. After an excellent and well-served dinner the ordinary loyal and constitutional toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. In giving the toast, "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," Brother Dalrymple Duncan S.G.D. said it was one of the oldest Provincial Grand Lodges in Scotland, and without doubt the most important, either as regards the number of brethren who ranged themselves under its banner, the number of candidates yearly added to the roll of members of Grand Lodge, or the discipline of the Province, and the perfection to which the system of visitation and inspection had been brought. The Provincial Grand Lodge exercised supervision over 33 Lodges, but he was glad to say that on the following day a 34th would be added to the roll. In most of the great towns of Scotland our brethren of the Jewish persuasion had had Lodges for a considerable period, but hitherto they had not had a Lodge of their own in Glasgow. One was now to be brought into existence under the name of the Montefiore Lodge, in compliment to the great Jewish philanthropist. The toast was coupled with the name of Brother Graham, who responded. Brother R. F. Shaw Stewart next proposed "The Prince's Lodge, No. 607," coupled with the name of the Chairman. In the course of his reply the Chairman said the Prince's Lodge was consecrated ten years ago. They had had no reason to complain of its progress in the past. It had been well and wisely administered, so that times of depression

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in the outer world had not occasioned anxiety. They had not pressed for candidates. While glad to welcome new members, either by initiation or affiliation, they had always sought to increase their membership with worthy men and worthy men only. A number of other toasts were proposed, and with songs from the brethren a very pleasant evening was spent.

HUNTLY LODGE, No. 745.

THE Office-bearers entertained the brethren to a banquet in the Masonic Hall, Huntly, on Thursday, 26th ult. During the evening, Bro. Mellis R.W.M., who occupied the chair, stated that one of the chief objects of the meeting was to do honour to Bro. Whyte who leaves Huntly to fill the appointment of Sergeant-Major of the 4th V.B.G.H. He referred, at considerable length, to the loss which the Lodge would sustain by the departure of Sergt. Whyte, who, he said, had made many friends outside, as well as inside. He concluded by wishing success to Bro. Whyte—a wish in which every one of the brethren most heartily and sincerely joined. Bro. Dr. Wilson, who is Captain of the Volunteers, also paid a very high tribute to Bro. Whyte, who thanked Bros. Mellis and Wilson, and the rest of the members for the kindly feelings they had shown and expressed during the time he had been associated with them. Several of the brethren contributed songs, while others added to the evening's enjoyment by relating stories and anecdotes. At the close a vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Mellis for presiding, and a similar compliment was awarded to the Office-bearers by the brethren.

It was left to the Lodge Saltcoats and Ardrossan St. John's, No. 320 (S.C.), to celebrate the birth-day of our great National Poet Burns, on Wednesday, 25th ult. Of course it is to be regretted that none but members of the Masonic Fraternity could attend the meeting, because there are many in Ardrossan outside the Craft who would gladly have been present, but of course that could not be thought of. The meeting, which took the form of a supper, was a most successful one, and due honour was done to the memory of Burns in the course of the meeting. Many of the poet's songs were admirably rendered while the programme proceeded, and the meeting was altogether a most successful one. Mr. James Clarke, Railway Hotel, did the purveying, the bill of fare included the ever-welcome haggis, without which no Burns meeting seems to be complete.—*Ayrshire Weekly News.*

MARK MASONRY

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CONSECRATION OF THE ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 379.

A NEW Mark Master Masons' Lodge for the Province of Cornwall was consecrated on Thursday, the 26th ult., at Liskeard. This Lodge was opened in connection with the St. Martin's Lodge, 510, and has, therefore, been named the St. Martin's Mark Lodge, No. 379. The brethren who were the founders of the Lodge and some visitors assembled on Thursday morning at the Liskeard Masonic Hall. The St. Martin's Lodge-room had been fitted up very creditably as a Mark Lodge for the occasion, and a Lodge was there opened, and candidates for the Mark degree were advanced. Bros. F. Crouch Past G.D. of England presided as the W.M. Subsequently a Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the same room. Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., P.G.M.M.M., was unable to be present through an attack of gout. Bro. T. Chirgwin D.P.G.M.M.M. presided. An anthem having been sung, the founders of the new Lodge were arranged in order. Bros. W. Nettle, Edward Venning Sampson Trehane, J. W. Chegwidden, John Crossman, F. Crouch, W. G. Hancock, J. G. Henwood, H. Shapcott, W. H. Stanton, James Venning. The Provincial Grand Master pro tem then addressed the founders on the nature of the meeting, pledged them to obey the laws and constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, delivered a short oration on the principles of the Order, and called on the Provincial Grand Secretary to state their wishes and the proceedings they had taken in respect to the Lodge. The Prov. Grand Secretary explained their wish to have a Mark Lodge at Liskeard, and that they had procured from Grand Lodge a warrant for opening a Lodge. The Prov. G.M. desired the P.G. Secretary to read the petition and warrant. The names of the 11 founders appeared in both documents, and the warrant was duly signed by the Grand Lodge Officers. The Prov. G.M. inquired if the brethren of the new Lodge approved of the Officers named in the petition and warrant, and they signified their approval. The consecration was then proceeded with. Bros. T. Chirgwin P.G.M. pro tem, Lieut.-Col. W. E. Mitchell G.S.O. of England, Rev. T. W. Lemon Past G. Chap. of England, D. Cross P.G. St. of England, and Rev. W. H. Bloxsome Prov. G. Chap. officiated at the consecration; Bro. E. Venning was the Organist. At the conclusion of the consecration the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The St. Martin's Mark Lodge was then for the first time opened. Bro. W. F. Crouch was called upon to preside and instal the W.M. designate, Bro. W. Nettle, as the W.M. Bro. W. G. Hancock was elected the Treasurer, and Bro. R. Penwarden the Tyler. The W.M. then invested the Officers for the year:—Bros. F. Crouch I.P.M., Venning S.W., Trehane J.W., Chegwidden M.O., Stanton S.O., Venning J.O., Hancock Treasurer, Williams Secretary, Sargent Reg. of Marks, Foldy S.D., Lee J.D., Hicks D.C., Dingle I.G., Sobey St., Penwarden Tyler. Thanks were voted to the Officers of the Grand Lodge for their attendance that day, and to the P.G. Officers of the Grand Lodge of Devon for their attendance and for the assistance rendered by some of them. The votes were suitably acknowledged, and after some routine business the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to Webb's Hotel, where they dined together, W. Bro. W. Nettle presiding. The Masonic toasts, to which was added the Press, followed, and were acknowledged. The proceedings closed with a musical entertainment, to which Bros. Henwood, Gidley, Lemon, and other brethren contributed.

LANGLEY LODGE, No. 28.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master took place in the Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff, on Thursday, 2nd instant. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Homfray Provincial Grand Mark Master Monmouth, who installed Bro. Munday into the chair, after which the following Officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. Hurley I.P.M., Hussey S.W., Sheridan J.W., Colman M.O., Hooper S.O., J. Roberts J.O., A. H. Roberts Registrar, Marks Treasurer and Secretary, Fraser Assistant Secretary, Gerbold Organist, Phillips S.D., Taylor J.D., Wood I.G., R. Williams and W. H. Williams Stewards. An adjournment was afterwards made to the Angel Hotel, where the installation banquet was held.

MERIDIAN LODGE, No. 73.

THE members held their annual meeting on Monday, 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Redruth, when Brother Sarah was ably installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Bro. E. Milford Cock. Bro. W. J. Trythall received the collar of I.P.M., and the following Officers were then appointed:—Bros. Vivian S.W., Pearce J.W., Wales jun. M.O., Rev. W. R. Erskine S.O., Chegwidden J.O., Milford Cock Treasurer, William Martin R.M., Kistler Secretary, Frank Hichins S.D., Downing J.D., Heath Organist, Carlyon I.G., Carkeek Steward, and Polkinghorne Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together.

ROYAL ARCH.

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

THE Annual Grand Chapter of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held on Friday, 27th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, under the presidency of the Prov. G. Superintendent (Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), who was supported by Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre P.G.H., and Comp. G. Felton Lancaster (in the absence of Comp. Loveland) as P.G.J. There was a large attendance of the Companions from various Chapters throughout the Province. The minutes of the last annual Grand Chapter were read by Comp. Edgar Goble, and confirmed. Comp. R. J. Rastrick, P.G. Treasurer, presented the accounts for the year, which showed that fifty guineas had been voted in the year to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and there was still a balance in hand. Comp. Rastrick was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and was thanked by the G. Superintendent for the zeal with which he had carried out his duties. It was announced that Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre had accepted a Stewardship for the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and it was unanimously resolved to vote the sum of ten guineas from the Grand Chapter funds towards his list. The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following as grand Officers for the year:—

Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre 130	...	H.
H. T. Atkins 195 ...	...	J.
Edgar Goble 309 ...	...	S.E.
J. W. Gieve 309 ...	...	S.W.
R. J. Rastrick 1069 ...	...	Treasurer
S. Wheeler 151 ...	...	Registrar
G. Payne 723 ...	...	Sojourners
J. Laverty 1421 ...	...	Sojourners
H. E. Loader 487 ...	...	Sojourners
A. Elgar 1780 ...	...	Sword Bearer
T. H. Gowers 1331 ...	...	Standard Bearer
T. D. Askew 804 ...	...	D.C.
J. T. Doswell 76 ...	...	A.D.C.
— Pigeon jun. ...	...	Organist
Rev. A. A. Headley 309	...	Assistant S.E.
— Exell	...	Janitor

The Grand Superintendent then addressed the Companions, congratulating them on the progress which Royal Arch Freemasonry had made in his province. He thanked the Chapter for the handsome contribution to the Benevolent Institution on the occasion of his presiding at the Festival, and was glad they were also able this year to vote a sum towards the list of Comp. Le Feuvre. Subsequently the Companions sat down to a banquet, served in excellent style by Comp. George Bond, of the Red Lion Hotel.

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CONSECRATION OF THE CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 632.

THIS event, which circumstances have delayed for some months, or so, took place on Tuesday afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Silver Street, Trowbridge, and from the amount of enthusiasm displayed on the occasion we may safely predict a very substantial revival of this degree of the Craft. The Prov. Grand Officers, Comps. H. C. Tombs as Z., H. Ward as H., and Rev. J. A. Lloyd as J., having opened the Chapter, the Companions, numbering upwards of fifty, entered in procession, with solemn music. The absence of the Grand Superintendent, Lord H. Thynne, through illness, having been explained, the principal chair was assumed by Comp. H. Ward, who proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, which he conducted in a masterly and impressive manner. The elements of consecration—corn, wine, oil, and salt—having been sprinkled, the Chapter was dedicated with solemn prayer, and the ceremony closed. The three Principals of the new Chapter were then installed, Comps. A. Parry as Z., J. Sparks as H., F. Barton as J., and the following Officers appointed:—Comps. Palmer S.E., Wiltshire S.N., Gauntlett Treasurer, Mann P. Soj., Hill 1st A.S., Foley 2nd A.S., Bailey Janitor. A large number of propositions for exaltation and joining Companions were then submitted, followed by hearty congratulations from the Visitors, and this brought the proceedings to a close, the Companions adjourning to the Woolpack Hotel, where an exceedingly choice banquet was exceptionally well served by Bro. Barton. The M.E.Z., Companion H. C. Tombs, presided, supported right and left by the Consecrating Officer and Principals of the Chapter. The usual toast list was gone through, this most successful gathering necessarily breaking up early, in consequence of so many having to leave by train. The impressive rendering of the consecration ceremony by Companion Ward, the splendid oration of Companion Lloyd, in which the principles of Royal Arch Masonry were beautifully expounded, the musical portion of the service, composed and accompanied by Companion Bambridge, on the musteI organ, and last but not least the excellent catering of Companion Barton, tended to make the consecration of the Chapter of Concord an event never to be forgotten by those who assisted in the same.—*Wiltshire Times.*

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 124.

A CONVOCATION was held in the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, on the 2nd instant. The Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., was amongst those present. The election of Officers took place, as follows:—Companions J. Sewell Z., Logan H., the Rev J. Lawson J., Richardson S.E., Oliver S.N., Randall P.S., Dunn First A.S., Ford Second A.S., Donkin Treasurer, Grant Janitor. It was resolved to present to Companion Logan the Centenary Jewel, for the great interest he had taken in obtaining the Centenary Charter for the Chapter.

PHILANTHROPIC CHAPTER, No. 304.

AT the Convocation held at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, on Wednesday, 1st instant, the three Principals for the ensuing year were duly installed, viz., Companions James Yates Z., Watson H., Flockton J.; and the following Officers were afterwards invested:—Companions Joze Rickards S.E., Blackburn S.N., Brownfoot P.S., Abbott and Middleton Assistant Sojourners, Mason Treasurer, and Barrand Janitor. The ceremony of installation was performed by Companion Mason.

DE GREY AND RIPON CHAPTER, No. 1366.

THE annual convocation took place at the Chapter-room, Hope Street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Comp. J. Keet M.E.Z., Tyson H., and Paull J., supported by Comps. Pittaway S.E., Chatham S.N., Jarman P.S., &c. Comp. A. D. Hesketh P.Z. afterwards took the principal chair, and very efficiently installed Comps. Tyson M.E.Z., Barclay H., Pittaway J. The following Officers were invested, viz.:—Comps. Rankin S.E., Chatham S.N., Jarman P.S., Fergusson A.S., Barclay A.S., Tunnicliffe, Lothian and Holmes Stewards, Larsen Janitor. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Comp. Hesketh, and a handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Keet, for his conduct in the chair of first Principal.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—The weekly meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. Webb's, Railway Hotel, Putney, on Monday, the 30th ult. Bros. Round W.M., Grundy S.W., Bond J.W., Webb P.M. Preceptor, Vernon S.D., Langley J.D., Spooner I.G., Brooks Secretary, and Carter P.M. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Vernon candidate. The W.M. proposed rehearsing the ceremony of passing. Bro. Spooner offered himself as a candidate, and was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Grundy was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed.

On Monday, the 6th instant, Bros. Grundy W.M., Radcliffe S.W., Bond J.W., Sapsworth Preceptor, Round S.D., Langley J.D., Dene I.G., and others. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Morley in both cases candidate. Bros. Avant 1216, Joliffe 1426, and Morley 1891 were elected members. A vote of thanks was passed, and recorded on the minutes, to Brother Grundy for his rendering of the ceremonies, this being the first time he had occupied the chair in the Lodge. A letter was read from Brother Brooks announcing his resignation of the Secretaryship. This was accepted, with regret. Bro. Webb proposed that Bro. Grundy, who had been Secretary for nearly two years, should be asked to accept the office. Bro. Radcliffe was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Obituary.

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BRO. THOMAS EUSTACE.

THE death of this brother, who was well known and respected at Colchester, is reported in the *Essex Standard*. He was a Past Master of the United Lodge, No. 697, a Founder and first W.M. of the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977; and a P.M. of the Constantine Mark Lodge, No. 145. The remains of the deceased were interred at the Colchester Cemetery on Monday afternoon, amid every demonstration of respect. Several members of the board of Guardians were in attendance, and many of the deceased's fellow tradesmen and personal friends, while a very large contingent of the Masonic body, of which the deceased had long been an active member, formed a procession at the entrance to the Cemetery, and accompanied the body to the grave. This procession was rendered additionally striking by the presence of a number of military brethren in full uniform. The Freemasons present were:—United Lodge, 697: Bros. Hazell, Rix, Gosling, Bailey, Sparling, Harrington, Renshaw, Ford, Potton, Chambers, Capt. Penny, Capt. Brown, Alliston, Frost, Capt. McKenna, Grant, Downing, Eastwood, Heath, Coope, Critchley, Joseph Brown, Wade, Laws, and Ennew. Military Brethren: Bros. Master-Gunner Lawrence, Sergt. Woods, C.T.C., Sergt. Freeman, C.T.C., Sergt. Jackson, R.A., Sergt. Davis, R.A., Sergt.-Major McInnery, M.S.C., and Sergt. J. Mathews, M.S.C. Blackwater Lodge (of which deceased was a Founder and first W.M.): Bros. Shawyer, Ellis, Meade, Rudrum, Potter, Turner, Grout, Martin, Curtis, Drew. Angel Lodge, No. 51: Bros. Harrison, Ralling, and Becker. Visitor: Bro. Dallimore P.M. 309. The burial service was performed by the Rev. W. H. Wardell, Rector of St. Giles, assisted by the Revs. W. Morgan Jones and E. H. Crate, both of whom are P.M.'s of Lodge No. 697, and P.P.G. Chaplains.

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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 FEBRUARY.

106—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)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1428—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1448—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 13th 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, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
1425—Hyde Park, Portchester 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
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.
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 140—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
76—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)
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
887—Bowo, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
889—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
905—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
921—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
924—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
997—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
903—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
919—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Cavendish 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
1320—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
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1906—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 370—Tyrite, 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, 14th 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, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, 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
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
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)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1597—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)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1919—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. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
461—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
504—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkbeaton
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
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Stokey, Greenhill Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465—Okenden, Talbot Hotel, Seaford, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 161—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Romaa 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.
193—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, Bardett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
909—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1362—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st, S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1973—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. (Inst.)

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1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
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
131—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
321—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
346—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
343—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
429—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
681—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
802—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
804—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
833—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
873—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
883—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
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1346—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1501—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1611—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1656—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1692—Harvey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
1986—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
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, 16th 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)
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
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
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., at 8. (Instruct)
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)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1484—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1632—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
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)
1723—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
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. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 765—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)
M.M.—Bon Accord, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, 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, Queeen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1532—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)
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
R.A. 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 17th 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.
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)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel 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, [illegible]
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. 621—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 18th 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)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Karl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Karl 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.)
Royal 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

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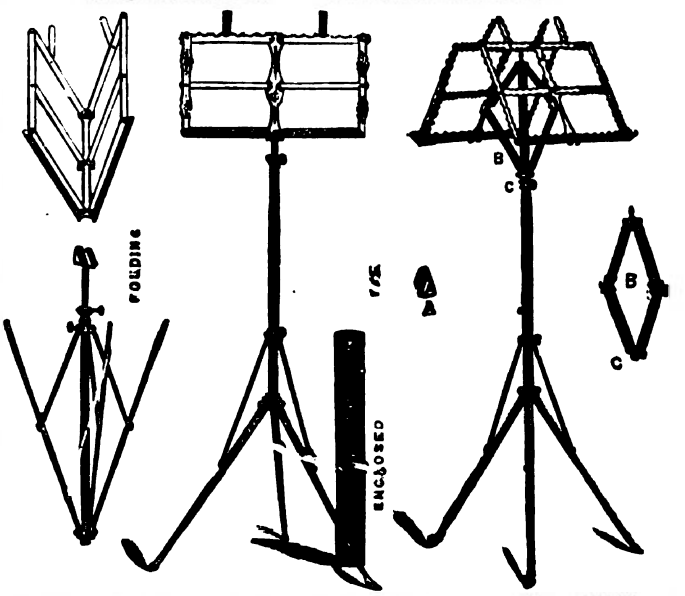
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ENTHUSIASM.

REVERTING to the subject briefly touched upon in our report of the Swan of Avon Lodge, last week, as to the success of one Lodge or district and the comparative failure of another, under apparently similar circumstances, we are led to a consideration of some of the conditions which may be regarded as inseparable from success and failure alike, although made manifest in a greater or lesser degree in different localities and by different means. Enthusiasm may be regarded in such a light, and it is a factor in connection with our Lodges regarding which much might be said, and to the influence of which it is impossible to ascribe too much. The one word, enthusiasm, covers a very wide field, and it has an almost infinite number of ways of showing itself. It is one of the most useful traits which can be introduced into a Lodge, and at the same time one of the most dangerous, for under its cloak the most absurd and wildest ideas may be promulgated, while some of the greatest wrongs known in the history of the world have been perpetrated by its votaries. We should not be far wrong were we to say that the over-enthusiastic Mason would stop at nothing in order to achieve his purpose, and it can therefore be imagined how dangerous a factor it may become in association with a man of weak principles, or with one easily led by others. Yet its absence from our midst would be unmistakable evidence of weakness, if it might not be regarded as the forerunner of actual decay.

No doubt much of the success or failure of a Lodge depends on the amount of enthusiasm existing among the members, although enthusiasm does not count for everything; much more depends on the particular ideas of the enthusiast, the desire of his fellow members to support or oppose his views, and the ability of the one section to adapt themselves to the opinions of the other. To a certain extent all Masons are enthusiasts, but it is only the few who make any display of their enthusiasm, or impress it on the minds of those around them. There is seldom an initiate but feels a certain amount of Masonic enthusiasm on the occasion of his admittance to the Craft, and that it is usually continuous is evidenced by the large majority of initiates who follow up their admission by advancement to the second and third degrees. From that point it becomes very difficult to guage a Mason's enthusiasm, for a considerable number of brethren never take any prominent action in the Craft when once they have become qualified to don the badge of a Master Mason. Still, we may find some of the most enthusiastic of brethren among those who seem to do nothing; men who, having passed through the three degrees of the Craft, have profited by the lessons taught them, and who practise in their every-day life the principles of that peculiar system of morality, veiled in the allegory and illustrated by the symbols of the Craft. These men continue, year after year, their membership of the Lodge which admitted them, and their attendance at its meetings may be relied on whenever it is needed. They make no particular display, but their steady and continuous support evinces the best of all enthusiasm—the devotion of a truly zealous brother.

In marked contrast to these quiet, steady enthusiasts, we may point to the initiate who takes a violent fancy to the Craft from the moment he is admitted to a participation in its mysteries. He enters most enthusiastically into all the details of the Order, takes a prominent part in everything connected with it, and in a few years becomes a grumbler at Freemasonry, abusing every one and every thing associated with it—really a disappointed man, sighing for fresh worlds to conquer, but forgetting that he has not yet made himself master of the first lessons taught by the ceremonies of Freemasonry. To show how swiftly such changes may occur we have only to call to mind some of the men and Lodges with whom we have made acquaintance since the first issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, just over thirteen years ago. Many of the most prominent Masonic stars of that period have long since become dimmed, while in not a few cases they are wholly forgotten, even by the men who worshipped them in their splendour, or were associated with their labours in the time of their enthusiasm. Even the Lodges with which they were associated, and which were to inaugurate new eras in the Craft, have either been forgotten or have quietly fallen into the same course as has been pursued by their less pretentious fellows.

It would, however, be very unwise to attempt to check or discourage enthusiasm, simply because a few misguided spirits overstep the bounds of reason, just as it would be to urge on every initiate the necessity of proving his enthusiasm by a display of some exceptional character. What is most needed is true enthusiasm, that which induces a Mason to take pleasure in the Craft, and to prove by his own actions the benefit of Masonic teaching. In a Lodge composed of such men every thing appears to jog along smoothly and satisfactorily, there is neither excess of zeal or a lack of it, the work of Masonry is carried out and the teachings of the Craft are impressed on all around by actual contact, and more is learned under such circumstances in a few months than could be acquired in a lifetime under opposite conditions. It is no doubt desirable that we should occasionally have an enthusiast in our midst, if only for the purpose of showing others what it is possible to accomplish, but in many cases time proves that the excess of zeal displayed left no lasting benefit, while in many cases it could be shown to have led to complications which sorely taxed the ability of others to surmount.

Enthusiasm, as we said at the outset, has many ways in which it shows itself; with some it assumes a craving for new Lodges, with others a desire to introduce candidates, while others again have a fancy for

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accomplishing something outside the ordinary course. Each of these peculiarities may, and often do, result in lasting benefit to the Craft and mankind in general; it is only when an enthusiast is led away by his hobby, or has an insufficient check upon him to restrain him from going too far that mischief results. We are all inclined to think our own ideas and our own ways are the best, and it is well we should have others equally convinced that we are wrong, to argue with us as to our fallibility, and perhaps convince us of our errors. By this means a happy medium is arrived at, and the ideas of the many stand a chance of being carried out, or at least given an opportunity of being tried.

What we should then aim at is to create a lively interest in Freemasonry, and all associated with it, in the minds of every Brother we receive into our ranks. We should teach him to be constant in his efforts to advance the welfare of the Craft; not hot one day and cold the next, or enthusiastic beyond reason for a year or two, and worse than apathetic for the remainder of his life. Neither the one nor the other does so much good in the end as a steady perseverance in a well formed plan, or a hearty co-operation with the general body of the members of a Lodge, who in most cases may be accredited with the possession of more sound common sense than that enjoyed by the one or two hot-headed enthusiasts who seek to lead the majority into their particular scheme. If, however, a brother has the inclination to depart from the beaten tract, and attempt the fulfilment of some plan in which he is more than usually enthusiastic, let him bear in mind that Freemasonry is not a matter of to-day only, it is for all time, and for all sorts and conditions of men; any thing, therefore, which it is desired to accomplish should be of a cosmopolitan character, worthy of a trial on its individual merits, and not merely the mad brained scheme of an enthusiast.

At a recent meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, at the Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, the claims of a number of children for election to the foundation of the Charity were considered, and it was decided to recommend fourteen for election at the next Court of Governors, to be held in a month's time.

The published balance-sheet of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution, of which Bro. R. Wylie, P.G.D. Eng. P.P.S.G.W. is Treasurer, shows that at the date of the past report there was a balance of £1,316. Contributions from Lodges, Chapters, brethren, and ladies amounted to £840, and the entire expenses of the year were only £162. The balance at present standing to the credit of the Charity is £2,022.

This evening's meeting of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, which will be opened at 8 p.m. at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., promises to be of a very interesting character. Bro. Sadler, Grand Tyler, has undertaken to deliver a lecture there on the first Tracing Board. We fully anticipate a large gathering, and hope the meeting will prove successful.

The installation meeeting of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, was held on Wednesday, when Bro. George Dickinson was installed as Worshipful Master. The proceedings were of a most interesting character. Our report is in type, but unfortunately stands over till next week in consequence of pressure on our space.

An unfortunate mistake occurred in our report of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, which appeared in our issue of the 4th inst. In the last line of the report the name of Mrs. Holman—who previously is recorded as having presented a handsome silk banner to the Lodge—was unfortunately repeated. The name of Mrs. Cummings should have been there inserted; this lady is the hostess of the White Hart Hotel, and to her should have been allotted the credit for providing the banquet.

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have frequently heard it argued that there cannot be anything like Honorary Membership of a Lodge, and that where such a privilege is conferred it simply becomes an empty compliment, of no real value and carrying no actual privileges; but the events of the last week would almost incline me to an opposite opinion. There must be something in Honorary Membership, otherwise the Grand Master himself would hardly recognise it—and this he undoubtedly does, as is evidenced by the inscription on the gavel presented on Tuesday, to the Savage Club Lodge, by His Royal Highness. No doubt you will publish this inscription in full, so I need only extract a few words from it:—"Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order, and Honorary Member of the Lodge."

In face of this recognition I would ask for an official statement as to the privileges or otherwise of Honorary Members, as I believe the Craft is without such at the present time.

Yours, &c.,

EMERITUS.

9th February 1888.

CLASS MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your remarks on this subject appear to have hit home, in one quarter at least, during the last few days, for I see by the report which appeared in the London daily papers of the installation meeting of the Savage Club Lodge, on Tuesday, that its Worshipful Master, Bro. Sir. J. R. Somers Vine, touched on the matter. He referred to the apparent inconsistency of founding a Masonic Lodge, limited to the members of a particular Club, and although he justified the "Class" tendency of his Lodge, I feel he inwardly thinks it is opposed to the true principles of Freemasonry.

I am personally acquainted with many of the "Savages" who are now members of the Lodge, and I feel no evil consequences will arise from their exclusiveness, but the principle is an erroneous one, and I certainly agree with you that it should be discouraged as far as possible. It is not that the few Lodges now warranted for "Class" purposes are likely to abuse the privileges of the Craft, so much as it is that abuses of "Class Masonry" may spring up which it will be found impossible to check without the adoption of the most severe measures.

If one of these "Class" Lodges brings discredit on Freemasonry the whole of them will get a bad name, and supposing it should become necessary to erase one of them how could the others be retained on the roll?

I am aware that many of the arguments used against "Class" Masonry do not apply to the Savage Club Lodge, as its meetings are of a semi-private character, but there again comes another nice point for our Masonic lawgivers to decide—is it legal to hold a Masonic meeting which is not open to every duly qualified member of the Order?

I am, yours, &c.,

O. P. N.

LODGE NOMENCLATURE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I take some little interest in studying the why and wherefore surrounding our public Masonic practices, and among other matters devote a portion of my time to Lodge nomenclature. I see you have recently paid a visit to the Swan-of-Avon Lodge, at Stratford-on-Avon, and perhaps you can satisfy my curiosity as to the why and wherefore of its name. I can well understand the reason for the title borne by the old Stratford-on-Avon Lodge (the Bard of Avon), and no doubt there is an equally good reason for the "Swan," but I am at present ignorant of it, and therefore hope you will be able to enlighten me.

Yours, &c.

STUDENT.

["Swan of Avon" is but another name applied to the immortal bard. It occurs in some lines to the memory of Shakespeare, written by Ben Jonson.—Ed. F.C.]

OUTSIDE TITLES IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — Your correspondent "I.G." need hardly have told us, in the letter you published last week, that he was young—that is to be inferred from his communication, which stamps him as a self-opinioned young man, wanting in respect to his seniors and those who, perhaps after years of hard work, have earned distinction in the service of their country. Surely men who have risen to rank in the army, navy, or elsewhere, are fully entitled to their titles, wherever they may go, whether it be within a Masons' Lodge

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or elsewhere, and I feel sure the views expressed by "I.G." will, if he continues to act up to them, lead him to no good. As a Mason he should respect the laws of his country, and they authorise the titles which he desires to ignore. I think that common sense and common courtesy should teach him to do as he says his elders desire, then he will not do much wrong.

Yours, &c.

ETIQUETTE.

DIBDIN'S GRAVE.

AS touching upon a subject dear to the heart of many a Mason, and one which has already been referred to in our Lodges, notably by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks, at the installation banquet of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, we extract the following from a Provincial contemporary:—Learning that St. Martin's burial-ground, in Pratt Street, Camden Town, after lying waste for many years, is to be opened as a recreation ground, Mr. W. Bell Freeman calls attention to the fact that in that place lie the remains of one who did so much by his songs to help to win our splendid naval victories, and no make our Navy popular—Charles Dibdin. Mr. Freeman says:—The last time I (in the company of a friend) saw his tomb it was smothered with brick-bats, &c.; still we managed to decipher the name "Charles Dibbin, &c., died 1814," and those grand lines in "Tom Bowling"—

"His form was of the manliest beauty,
His heart was kind and soft;
Faithful below he did his duty,
And now he's gone aloft."

Poor Dibdin had a hard time of it, I believe, the latter end of his life, the pension he received having been withdrawn on account of his political opinions. Now, cannot something be done to raise a fitting monument to this true patriot, whose songs will always go straight to the heart of every Englishman? Personally I think Westminster Abbey a fit resting-place for his ashes; failing that, cannot a small (say sixpenny) subscription be raised (so that many can contribute) to achieve this object and make some amends for past neglect? Tom Hood truly sings:—

"Evil is wrought by want of thought
As well as want of heart."

Surely hitherto it has been an evil to have neglected grand old Dibdin, brought about solely by want of thought, let us trust, not want of gratitude. Might I suggest that Lord Charles Beresford should do his best towards the furtherance of this object? His proved bravery and well-known warm heartedness, combined with his popularity, points to him as the right man to start this movement."

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

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ANTIENT YORK CHAPTER OF REDEMPTION, No. 61.

ON Thursday, 2nd inst., a meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull, when there were present Ill. Bros. Edward Kipps 30° M.W. Sov., H. E. Cousans 32° Prelate, Major J. W. Woodall 32° acting 1st General, Colonel R. G. Smith 31° acting 2nd General, M. C. Peck 30° Treasurer, Walter Reynolds 32° Recorder, Ex. and Per. Brothers J. R. Ansdell Grand Marshal, M. P. Hookney Captain of the Guard, Thomas Oates Organist, Bro. William Clayton Outer Guard, Very Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister 33° P.G. Sword Bearer England Prov. Prior K.T. Northumberland Inspector-General North-Eastern District, Ill. Bro. F. A. Hopwood 30°, Ex. and Per Bros. T. M. Wilkinson, Thos. Thompson, Captain E. J. Gosset (15th Regiment), S. W. Fisher, G. M. Lowe, M.D. Visitors—Ill. Bro. John Gordon 30° Lothian Chapter, Edinburgh, Ex. and Per. Bro. Herbert H. Jekyll Albert Edward Chapter, King's Lynn. The Chapter having been opened, the minutes of last Chapter were read and confirmed. The balance sheet for last year was adopted; the statement showed the Chapter to be in a very flourishing condition—after donations of ten guineas to each of the Masonic Charities there was a good balance to the credit of the funds. The business was the installation of the M.W. Sov. for the ensuing year. Very Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, in a very able and impressive manner, installed Ill. Bro. H. E. Cousans (Sheriff of Lincoln) M.W. Sov., who appointed his Officers, as follow:—Ex. and Per. Bros. Whiteside Prelate, Lieut.-Colonel Pudsey 1st General, Ansdell 2nd General, Ill. Bros. Peck Treasurer, Walter Reynolds Recorder, Ex. and Per. Bros. M. P. Hookney Grand Marshal, Fisher Raphael, Coysh Captain of the Guard, Thomas Oates Organist, Clayton Outer Guard. Ill. Bro. Colonel R. G. Smith gave notice that at the next Chapter he should propose that the sum of ten guineas be given out of the funds of the Chapter to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Chapter was then closed in due form.

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 forbad by winter from being transpired through the pores. This searching Ointment, well rubbed upon the skin, penetrates to the deeply-seated organs, upon which it exerts a most wholesome and beneficial influence. Well nigh all the indigestions give way to this simple treatment, aided by purifying and aperitive doses of Holloway's Pills, round each box of which plain "instructions" are folded. Bilious disorders, loss of appetite, 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.

PATRIOTIC CHAPTER, No. 51.

THE quarterly meeting was held at Colchester, on Thursday evening, 9th February. The M.E.Z., Ex. Companion R. Clowes, presided, supported by his Officers, and a large attendance of members, while several visitors were present. During the evening the jewel of I.P.Z. was presented to Companion J. C. Turner P.P.G.O. The M.E.Z., in making the presentation, spoke of the services Companion Turner had rendered to the Chapter ever since he had been connected with it, but especially during the time he had been passing through the chairs. It must be gratifying to Companion Turner to know that the jewel he had the pleasure to pin to his breast had been accorded to him by the unanimous wish of the Companions and by their subscriptions; he (the M.E.Z.) trusted he would live many years to wear it and also to help forward Royal Arch Masonry in the Patriotic Chapter. Companion Turner suitably acknowledged the presentation. He said he honestly felt that the Companions had valued too highly any little services he might have rendered to the Chapter. He had considered it to be only his duty whilst in office to carry out the working of the Chapter to the very best of his ability, and it could not but be most gratifying to his feelings that the Companions had subscribed for and given to him this very handsome jewel. There was to his mind no Masonic ceremony so grand and beautiful as the Royal Arch, and no brother could fully understand the extent of Masonic teaching until he had become a member of the supreme degree. He assured them that he should always be proud of this handsome jewel; whenever he looked upon it he should be reminded of the kindness and good feeling that had been shown towards him by the members of the Chapter; and when the time came that he should be called away, his family would value the jewel as much as he did himself. The jewel, which is of gold, bears the following inscription:—

"Presented to Ex. Comp. John J. C. Turner I.P.Z. 51 P.P.G. Org. Essex, by the Companions of the Patriotic Chapter, No. 51, as a token of esteem, on the completion of his year of office as Z.—Colchester, 9th Feb. 1888."

VIGILANCE CHAPTER, No. 111.

ON Tuesday, 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Darlington, Comps. S. F. Bonafield was installed as M.E.Z., Wilson H., Barrow J., Hill-Drury S.E., Watson S.N. The retiring Principals officiated, and admirably carried out the ceremonies of the occasion. Afterwards the annual dinner was held.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.

THE annual general meeting of the members of the Masonic Hall Committee was recently held at headquarters in Hope Street, under the presidency of Bro. T. H. W. Walker chairman of committee. The financial statement of Bro. M. Hart, Hon. Treasurer, showed that during the past year £491 10s had been received as rent from Lodges, £106 from Chapters, £158 12s from occasional meetings, the total income from all sources being £1147. After all payments had been made, there remained a cash balance in hand at the close of the year of £302. After the statement of accounts had been passed, votes of thanks were given to the Chairman and his Honorary Officers for their services. Bro. Robert Foote was unanimously elected Chairman, Bro. A. D. Hesketh Vice-Chairman, Bro. J. T. Tyson Treasurer, J. T. Callow Secretary, re-elected, and the following were chosen members of Committee—Bros. Walker, Molloy, Hart, Martin, Salter, Pemberton, G. Morgan, Cotter, Broadbridge, Soldat, Mackenzie, H. H. Smith, D. Jackson, C. Morgan, G. Williams, Jarman, D. S. Davies, Bailey, Hallwood, Obersby, and I. Turner.

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 Dramatic and Musical Directory of the United Kingdom, 1888. London: C. H. Fox, 19 Russell-street, Covent Garden, W.C.

THE fifth annual edition of this most handy and useful book is now before us, and from a careful perusal of its contents we may say that great pains has been bestowed on the work. Every available information that is of any value to the theatrical profession is to be found therein; the names of all the towns in the United Kingdom are given, with each place of amusement, the population, market days, distance from the principal London railway stations, fares, list of newspapers, and where lodgings may be had. For such a collection of information the author may justly say that his book is "an essential to every actor's travelling bag." Then there is a list of names and addresses of a vast number of actors and actresses, vocalists, acting managers, agents of all kinds, authors, composers, teachers of dancing and elocution, entertainers, musical directors and composers, music hall artists, and scenic artists, which, of course, proves of great value. In short, every kind of information has been provided by the compiler, who is to be congratulated on his improvements in the 1888 edition. At the end of the work is to be found a price list of all necessaries required in the way of "making-up," wigs, &c. There is also a short article on advice to amateurs, which they will do well to read.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, under the presidency of Bro. Frederick Trotman Bennett, the W.M., who was supported by Bros. Alexander Dickson S.W. (W.M. elect), Henry Lindfield J.W., Alfred Green P.M. Treasurer, William Radcliffe P.M. Sec., Alfred Withers P.M. D.C, T. H. Lavers P.M., John Laver P.M., T. H. Peirce P.M., F. J. Heutsch P.M., John Waters P.M., W. W. Morgan P.M., G. C. Challen I.G., P. J. Burr Steward, and the following visitors:—J.W. Hanson 2182, W. G. Jennings 1580, G. King P.M. 172, E. H. Taylor P.M. 586, H. W. Roberts P.P.G.W. Middlesex, W. Williams 2005, J. A. Collings Org. 1950, C. Everett 1507, J. Sadler Wood P.M. 2006, Fred. Binckes P.M. P.G.S.B., J. S. Cumberland P.M. 1611, 2128, P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks, &c. The minutes having been confirmed, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Dickson was regularly installed as Master of the Lodge. The Officers were then appointed, and the addresses delivered, the collars being distributed as follows:—Bros. Bennett I.P.M., Lindfield S.W., H. Nash J.W., Green P.M. Treasurer, Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, P. J. King S.D., Capt. Challen J.D., Orlton Cooper I.G., Withers P.M. D.C., Burr Steward, J. T. Harrison Org., and Banks Tyler. The first duty which devolved on the new W.M. was, he said, a most pleasurable one; it was the presentation to his predecessor of a Past Master's jewel. He hoped Bro. Bennett would accept it as a memento of the happy hours spent in the Lodge during the past year, and that whenever he or any of the members looked on it they would be reminded of a most successful and satisfactory year in the history of the St. Michael's Lodge. Bro. Bennett having briefly acknowledged the presentation, the report of the Audit Committee was received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Committee for the general purposes of the Lodge was next appointed, and then report was made in reference to the action of a Committee appointed to consider an appeal made to the Lodge at its last meeting, from which it appeared that a sum of ten pounds had been expended in the cause of charity, to relieve the applicant's more pressing needs. Other items of business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet, at the conclusion of which the customary toasts were given by the Worshipful Master. The first he had the pleasure of submitting, in common with all newly appointed Masters, was that of the Queen and the Craft. Her Majesty was enthroned, not only in the State, but in the hearts of her subjects, who wished for her a continued reign of prosperity. He ventured to think it a very happy idea which associated the toast of the Queen with that of the Craft, and that an Institution existing as Freemasonry did for the practice of every social virtue should be associated with a woman whose reign had seen the elevation of public morals and the promotion of the general happiness and prosperity of the people. It was a fact worthy of notice that the Queen had not only preached, but had practised virtue, and had set a bright example to those around her. The Masonic Craft, which had so widely spread its influence during her reign had contributed much to the generous and charitable bearing which had characterised the life of her Majesty's citizens during the last and present generations. In submitting the second toast, that of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the W.M said his Royal Highness had rendered most important service to the State as heir apparent, services which were so much appreciated and so widely known as to render it unnecessary to dwell upon them there. Great as had been those services, he felt that a reference to the services rendered by the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of Freemasonry would bring a heartier welcome from those around him. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master; and the Grand Officers present and past was next given, the Worshipful Master referring to the pleasure it afforded him to have a Grand Officer present, in the person of Bro. Binckes, who had been good enough, he said, to visit the St. Michael's Lodge after having been present at another notable meeting in the Craft. He felt the members of the St. Michael's Lodge had reason to be proud of this visit, after the fatigue of that other meeting. Brother Binckes replied. The brethren had no idea with what pleasure he rose to respond to the toast, were it not that he must be thoroughly suffused with the feeling that he had imposed on the Lodge a most unwarrantable intrusion. It was quite true the hearty welcome accorded him had softened down the diffidence he had felt, yet he hardly knew how sufficiently to thank them. It was quite a pleasure, after leaving the other meeting of which the Worshipful Master had spoken, and where he was but one of a crowd of Grand Officers, a veritable minnow among the tritons, to have the honour of being singled out as the only one eligible to respond to this toast, the first part of which he felt not the slightest difficulty in acknowledging, inasmuch as the two noblemen referred to discharged the duties of their respective offices in a manner which could not be excelled. In regard to the Grand Officers present and past, they had been appointed under the prerogative of the Grand Master, who could not err, and whilst there were, no doubt, some who felt they could perform the work much better than it had been done, the Craft on the whole must be satisfied with its principal Officers. The duties and responsibilities of the Grand Officers were nothing more nor less than to carry out the desires of the rank and file of Freemasonry—first, the promotion of human happiness; and next, the mitigation of human distress. Personally he was a comparatively untried man, but he assured his hearers that the honour conferred on him by the Grand Master had not made any difference in what he had ever been—a champion of the best interests of the Order, and of those below the dais, from whom he had always received the strongest support. Whenever anything was proposed to advance the interests of the general body of the Craft they might rely on him, as he had ever been, as a strong supporter. In conclusion, he could but impress upon them that the highest duty which devolved upon them was to be happy themselves, and do all they possibly could to communicate happiness to others. Bro. Bennett I.P.M. gave the next toast. It was a very pleasant task, and yet it was with somewhat mingled feelings he assumed the gavel. He asked them to honour his successor in the chair of their Lodge. Bro. Dickson was well known to them, and might best be described, as he had been in Lodge, as of good report, true and trusty, and held in high estimation among his brothers and fellows. The Worshipful Master, in reply, was exceedingly obliged for the reception accorded the toast. He freely acknowledged he that night felt most important duties had been entrusted to him, and he should be considerably relieved if he heard, twelve months hence, that he had detracted nothing from the honour and reputation of the St. Michael's Lodge. He felt sure the Past Masters and Officers would co-operate with him in seeing the ceremonies properly rendered under his presidency. The next toast was that of the Visitors. They were that night favoured with the attendance of several. He hoped it was not necessary for him to say how pleased the Lodge was to have guests, he hoped they had so enjoyed themselves as to be already sure of it. It would perhaps delay the proceedings too much if he went round the table and personally greeted each one, but he hoped they would all accept his assurance that they were sincerely welcomed. Bro. Dr. Roberts was the first to reply. He considered it a great honour to be called upon. It was evident to him that guests were made a great fuss of in the St. Michael's Lodge. In the earlier part of the evening they had enjoyed a most intellectual treat, and there they had been met in the most hearty manner possible. The Visitors had seen what the Officers were capable of; they could judge of the Master's ability, and were convinced the members would, one and all, strive to emulate his example. Bro. Williams followed. He considered it a great thing to carry into the world a feeling of happiness. In Masonry they were assuredly happy, but he questioned if they all showed the same principles outside of it; this was not acting up to their teaching. He remembered reading from an old book that Freemasonry enjoyed many privileges in Italy, because its happiness was carried outside the Lodges, as well as being practised within. Bro. Cumberland said he had hoped to have been present at the installation of his old friend Bro. Morgan, now one of the Past Masters of the Lodge, but it was not to be. He was very pleased to be then present. He believed he was on the list of members of the St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, which he remembered visiting when it was under the presidency of another of their Past Masters—Bro. Withers—who he was glad to see once again. The pleasure he found in being associated with the Lodges of Freemasonry was that he there made friendships which it would be impossible to make without association with the Craft, and he believed that in visiting they learned more and more of each other, really the inner working of a man's life. There was always something to be gained, for no man was so great or so learned but that he could profit by association with his fellows. He was sorry he had not been present earlier than he had, as he should have liked to have witnessed the installation, which he considered the culminating point of Freemasonry. He had been reminded by the song they had just heard of a matter in which he was taking some interest; there was at present a movement on foot to do something to provide a suitable monument to the memory of Dibdin, whose songs had done so much to please them. He took a personal interest in the matter from the fact that it was generally understood that Tom Bowling was a ferryman at York, who worked his Craft from York to Hull. He should be truly glad to receive any little help, to commemorate the memory of a man who had afforded him so much pleasure, and who had written so much for the Navy of England and the brave men who had served their country on the seas. Bro. King, as a frequent visitor, was proud to acknowledge the reception accorded him that night. He was always ready to do anything in his power for the Lodge, and was happy he had been able to render them some little aid that evening. The next toast, the Worshipful Master said, was sure of a hearty reception, it being that of the Installing Master. In proposing his health he had in mind the great services Bro. Bennett had rendered during his year of office. The St. Michael's Lodge could not wish to have the duties of the chair better performed than they had been during the past year by Bro. Bennett, and they had seen that night the way in which he had completed his duties by installing his successor. He could only hope that if a similar honour fell to his lot he might be able to carry it out with equal perfection. Bro. Bennett tendered his thanks. He knew it was no false enthusiasm which prompted them to receive the toast as they had just done. It used to be the cry—the King is dead, long live the King. The King of the Lodge for the past year was dead, but he lived again in his present ruler. He as their Master was dead, but he had, so to speak, risen again as a Past Master, wearing the jewel they had so graciously voted him. Though he was now relegated to the senate he was still ready to take a prominent part in the forum, should it be needed. The Past Masters of the Lodge were next honoured, the Worshipful Master being sure the members would heartily respond to the toast, in remembrance of what those comprised in it had done for the Lodge. Without them the Lodge could not have attained its present position. The toast having been acknowledged, that of the Treasurer and Secretary was given. Bro. Green, the Treasurer, felt that as he had an opportunity of saying something every time they met they did not desire to hear much from him then. He sincerely hoped the Lodge would go on prospering in the future as it had done in the past. Bro. Radcliffe, Secretary, said he need hardly tell the members he was wrapped up, heart and soul, in the St. Michael's Lodge. As long as he had health and strength it would be his endeavour to promote the interests of its members. The past year had been a red letter year in the history of the Lodge—they had had thirteen meetings. This had involved a vast amount of work on the Secretary, but it had been undertaken most cheerfully, as a labour of love. He assured the Master that during his year of office, as well as at any time he had the honour of acting as Secretary, he should do all he could for the Lodge. He had visited many Lodges, but nowhere was the work done with greater desire for the welfare of Free-

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masonry than in St. Michael's. There was another point—they were not unmindful of the Charities. This year their Immediate Past Master would represent them as a Steward at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, and no doubt he would be well supported on that occasion. In proposing the Officers the Worshipful Master said the fame of a Lodge depended, not only on the Master, but on the Officers also. With the Officers he had that day appointed he felt the prestige of the Lodge would be maintained. The Senior Warden trusted the Officers would render the Master that support he deserved, and that in due course they might rise to a similar high position. Each of the other Officers acknowledged the toast, which was followed by that of the Tyler, this bringing the proceedings to a conclusion. A capital programme of music was provided, under the direction of Bro. F. H. Horscroft, who was assisted by Bros. Taylor, Hanson and Collings, while Bro. Jno. Harrison, the Organist of the Lodge, presided at the piano.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 70.

AT a meeting held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on the 7th inst., Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189 P.P.G. Chap., presented to the Lodge, in a handsome Masonic frame, an artist's proof of the Installation Picture of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., as M.W.G.M., at the Royal Albert Hall, London, 28th April 1875, the same as he gave to Sincerity Lodge, about ten months ago, the panel bearing the inscription:—

"Presented to Lodge St. John, No. 70, by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chaplain No. 189 (70, 1205, and 2025 Honorary), P.P.G.C. of Devon; 7th February 1888."

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 107.

THE installation of Bro George Witt as W.M. for the ensuing year took place on Monday, the 5th inst., at King's Lynn, the ceremony being performed by Bros. G. Woodwark and C. T. Ives, Past Masters of the Lodge. Later in the day the brethren sat down to a banquet, served by Bro. Marshall, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, these proceedings being diversified with music, by Bros. Alvis, Alison, Crosse, Reed, &c.

HARMONY AND INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 381.

ON Thursday, the 9th inst., the members and visitors held a meeting in their rooms, Bank Buildings, Darwen, for the installation of W.M. and the investiture of the Officers for the ensuing year. The attendance was very good, and included visiting brethren from Blackburn, Bolton, Manchester, Church, and Lancaster Lodges. The Lodge having been duly opened by Bro. C. H. Woods, the retiring W.M., the installation of Bro. Peter Lowe was proceeded with, the ceremony being performed in an impressive manner by Bro. Franklin Thomas. The following Officers were then invested by Bro. J. Wardley, who did his work remarkably well:—Bros. Aspden S.W., Shorrock J.W., Woods Treasurer, Wraith Secretary, Shorrock S.D., Eccles J.D., Duckworth Organist, Shorrock I.G., Heald and Stubbs Stewards, and Rawlinson Tyler. After the Lodge had been closed the brethren, to the number of about 60, dined in celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. Mrs. Halliwell catered on the occasion, and her services gave the highest satisfaction. After the repast the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and were interspersed with appropriate songs, rendered by Bros. Wardley, Shuttleworth, Duckworth, and Shorrock.

ROYAL LODGE, No. 648.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master took place on Monday afternoon, the 13th inst., the honour this year devolving upon Bro. E. Harland. The Worshipful Master appointed the following Officers:—Meek I.P.M., Dobson Treasurer, Budd Secretary, Williamson Dir. of Cers., Fowler Chaplain, Rowe S.W., Robson J.W., Malvin S.D., Barrett J.D., Delderfield I.G., Cholmley and Lott Stewards, Jefferson Tyler. The usual banquet followed, at the Crescent Hotel.

SQUARE AND COMPASS LODGE, No. 1336.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst, at the Public Hall, Wrexham, when Bro. Thomas J. E. Young was inducted as W.M. for the ensuing year, the duties of Installing Master being most efficiently and impressively performed by Brother J. A. Harris, the retiring Master. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Harris I.P.M., Rowbotham S.W., Cathrall J.W., Benson P.M. Treasurer, Smith Secretary, Hon. G. T. Kenyon, M.P., S.D., Done J.D., Bevan I.G., Edisbury Organist, Barton and Pierce Stewards, and Lee Tyler. The W.M. presented to his predecessor a handsome gold P.M.'s jewel, which had been spontaneously subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge, as a mark of appreciation of the manner in which he had filled the chair during his year of office. The jewel was supplied by Bro. D. D. Pierce, and bore the following inscription:—

"Presented by the brethren of Square and Compass Lodge, No. 1336, to Bro. J. A. Harris W.M. 1887."

About 70 brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet, at the Wynnstay Arms, served in the best style of this well-known hostelry. The catering gave the highest satisfaction. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and was supported by Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn, Bart, W.M. 1124, the Hon. G. T. Kenyon, and other brethren. The toasts of the Queen and the Grand Officers were proposed in felicitous terms from the chair, that of the P.G. Officers being acknowledged by Bro. Edisbury. The Visiting Brethren was given by Bro. Samuels, and responded to by Bros. T. Bury and E. Salmon. The W.M. was happily given by Bro. Rowbotham, and the Installing and P.M.'s by the W.M., and in the regretable absence of Brother Harris the toast was acknowledged by Bros. Evans and J. Lewis. The Officers of the Lodge came from the chair, and was replied to by Bros. Rowbotham and the Hon. G. T. Kenyon. The Masonic Charities was proposed by Bro. J. Oswell Bury, and responded to by Bro. C. K. Benson. The health of the brethren of the Lodge was given by Bro. Evan Morris, and acknowledged by Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn and the Hon. G. T. Kenyon. The speeches were interspersed with harmony. Great credit is due to Bro. Barton for the excellent arrangement of glees, given by members of St. Mark's Choir. Bros. Harris and Cathrall were prevented from attending the banquet, owing to recent domestic affliction.

SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1380.

THE above Lodge celebrated its anniversary on Monday, 6th inst., in Lathom Hall, Seaforth, when Bro. W. H. Edwardes was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months. The Lodge was consecrated 16 years ago, by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, then Lord Skelmersdale, and Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire. His Lordship, after whom the Lodge was called, became one of its first members, and from that time up to the present No. 1380 has pursued a career of much usefulness in the Province. The Lodge was opened by the outgoing W.M. Bro. Peter Blackburn. Preliminary business having been disposed of, the W. M. elect, Bro. Edwardes, was presented for installation by Bros. Geo. Broadbridge and R. A. Davies, and the task was efficiently performed by Bro. Blackburn. Subsequently the new W.M. invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros Peter Blackburn I.P.M., Gregson S.W., Sword J.W., Ford Treasurer (re-elected), Christie Secretary, Langley S.D., Roberts J.D., Watts I.G., Lewis S.S., Darby J.S., Eastwood Organist (re-elected), Broadbridge D.C. and Ball Tyler (re-elected). Before the closing of the Lodge, Bro. Edwardes W.M. presented his predecessor, Bro. Blackburn, with a chaste P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the members of the Lodge. The brethren afterwards partook of dinner.

ARKWRIGHT LODGE, No. 1495.

A VERY successful and well-attended soirée was held at the New Bath Hotel, Matlock Bath, on Thursday, 9th inst. A strong muster of brethren from Derby and other places attended, accompanied by their wives and lady friends, and about eighty ladies and gentlemen participated in the evening's enjoyment. The proceedings commenced by the brethren holding a Lodge, after which the ladies and gentlemen witnessed a very enjoyable and amusing entertainment, entitled "Cut off with a shilling," in which the characters were taken by Miss Sladen, Mr. Sladen, Mr. H. Clay, and Mr. Statham, all of Matlock. The play afforded the greatest possible pleasure, and was highly successful. A move was then made for supper, which was splendidly laid out and served. The usual Loyal, Masonic and Patriotic toasts having been appropriately proposed and honoured, the visitors returned to the splendid ball-room, where a programme of dances, songs, &c., was gone through.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

THE members held a meeting at their Hall, Thornton Heath, on the 2nd inst. Present—Bros. H. M. Hobbs P.P.G.S.D W.M., F. T. Ridpath S.W., J. Kilvington J.W., Wm. Foulsham P.P G.J.W. (Northumberland) P.M. Treasurer, Geo. S. Horsnail Secretary, Dr. R. G. Fleming J.D, C. Tarry Steward, J. Clarke I.G., and W. Lane Tyler; W. H. Ransom I.P.M., H. Baker P.M., F. C. Pascall P.M., J. Buckley, J. J. Stockwell, B. E. Greenfield, F. Heeley, W. Turpin, H. Sherry, W. Mason, J. S. Mortimer, L. P. Gordon, T. Chamberlain, E. C. Symmons, Jas. Clarke, J. Gaggin, P. Budd, W. R. Griffin, W. Best, A. Wilmot, W. Horton, J. Davies. Visitors—Bros. J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.S.B. Surrey 1892, J. D. Langton P.P.G.J.W. Surrey P.M. 2096, Gordon Smith W.M. 2041 J.W. 14, F. Cambridge P.P.G.O. Surrey 2096, W. Pile P.P.G.S.B. Surrey P.M. 1892, W. Burn I.G. 858, A. T. Findlas 879, and C. Cooke I.G. 1851. After the W.M. had disposed of the usual toasts, of the Queen, &c., the I.P.M. Bro. Ransom proposed the W.M.'s health; he considered it an honour, for he had personally witnessed the very great interest which Bro. Hobbs displayed in the Old England as in other L dges in Surrey, and in the progress of Freemasonry generally. The W.M. was a hard worker, and one determined to secure efficiency in details. Personally he had to thank the W.M. for assistance and guidance in the position he himself had recently occupied. The toast was heartily accepted. Bro. Hobbs thanked Bro. Ransom and the brethren most sincerely for the way the toast had been received The duties discharged by him involved considerable pleasure, and he concluded they had been discharged to the satisfaction of the Lodge from the kind feelings expressed on this occasion. His own opinion in this respect was strengthened from the fact that they had presented him that evening with a Jubilee jewel; this he had accepted as a twofold distinction—as a memento of the past historical year and as a mark of respect from each brother of Old England Lodge. He had derived much support from the I.P.M., P.M's, and Officers, all of whom had fulfilled their respective duties efficiently and thoroughly. With the toast of the Visitors was associated the names of Bros. Langton, Cambridge, Baldwin, and Gordon Smith. Brother Langton said he had been, and was, suffering from illness. He felt pleased at seeing so many visitors holding high position in the Craft present. After the other visitors named had responded, the W.M. proposed Bro. Ransom's health, and the I.P.M. thanked him for the kind words he had uttered. To the W.M. he was greatly indebted for assistance and encouragement in the progress he had made in Freemasonry. Speaking of the Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. said in regard to their Treasurer Bro. Foulsham, he was unable to add to what they already knew of his great abilities and knowledge in Freemasonry. Like himself, they held Bro. Foulsham in high esteem

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and respect; he was ever ready to help forward the success of the Lodge and assist those below the chair. With regard to their Secretary Bro. Hornnail, he had most satisfactorily discharged his duties; he was the best Secretary the Lodge had had, and they hoped to be able to retain his services. Bro. Foulsham said he had never experienced coldness in Freemasonry. During forty years his health had been similarly drunk many hundred times. When he reflected on the past forty years and what had been done by Freemasonry, he could not help feeling grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe for sparing his life so long, to enable him to bestow time, attention, and heart to so good a cause. He had found, and he said it frankly, that Freemasons ought to be, better than other men; if we, however, occasionally find one not up to normal standard that is from the neglect of those high and grand principles taught by it. Brother Hornnail also acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Ridpath, replying for the Officers, testified to the universal satisfaction experienced by the Officers of Old England Lodge in having a W.M. such as they possessed; a better example could not be secured for them to follow. At intervals during the evening Bros. Kilvington, Budd, and others sang several well-selected songs; they were heartily applauded. Bro. Tarry provided the refreshments, which as usual were of excellent quality.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

IN consequence, perhaps, of the remarks which have from time to time been made in our pages on the subject of Class Masonry, we have been asked, on more than one occasion during the past week, whether we consider the Drury Lane as coming under the definition of a "class" Lodge? Undoubtedly we do, but it represents such a very wide class, and its membership has been conferred over so extended a circle, that it is almost entitled to be regarded as an "open" Lodge. The fact, however, remains—there are restrictions which bar its entrance against candidates at large, and so we must regard it as emphatically "class" in its essential characteristics. Still, if its membership is inclined to be exclusive, it is certain those on its visiting list are not so, for representatives of all ranks and professions are invariably to be found ranged amongst its guests. This was amply demonstrated on the occasion of its third installation meeting, which took place on Tuesday, in the Grand Saloon of Drury Lane Theatre. On that occasion it was quaintly remarked that every one who was any one was present, and so it appeared when we looked around and beheld the assembly of Masons gathered together to do honour to the events of the day.

The proceedings commenced at three p.m., when Lodge was opened by Bro. Augustus Harris. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., Bros. Thomas Fenn and Robert Gray occupying the S.W. and J.W. chairs respectively. The Grand Officers now entered, and they were saluted. The report, which was next presented, showed a balance in favour of the Lodge of nearly £200. On the motion of Bro. Parkinson it was unanimously adopted. Bro. Sir John Eldon Gorst, Q.C., M.P., was then presented by Brother Augustus Harris, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was impressively installed into the chair as W.M. by Bro. Parkinson.

The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Sir E. A. Inglefield, K.C.B., D.C.L., S.W., James Fernandez J.W., J. S. Fleming Treasurer, A. M. Broadley P.M. P.D.D.G.M. Malta Secretary, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. Chaplain, S. B. Baucroft S.D., Harry Nicholls J.D., Thos. Carling I.G., W. A. Baskcomb Dir. of Cers., G. F. Bashford and Oscar Barrett Stewards, Alfred Caldicott, Mus. Bac., Organist, R. Goddard Tyler.

Bro. Parkinson impressively delivered the usual addresses to Master, Wardens and Brethren. The folowing brethren were proposed as joining members of the Lodge:—

Bros. Ashmead Bartlett, M.P., Phil Morris, A.R.A., F. Lockwood, Q.C., M.P., Major A. B. Cook P.A.G.D.C., and Charles Harris. The Hon. Cecil Bingham was also proposed as a candidate for initiation.

The Secretary said the next business was to present the P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Augustus Harris; there was no member who had done more to enhance the prosperity of the Lodge, or for the success of the present gathering than their distinguished I.P.M.

The Worshipful Master said: I have much pleasure in presenting you, Bro. Augustus Harris, with the Past Master's jewel. We are greatly indebted to you for your kindness and support, which has enabled the Lodge to become that which it is. I hope during my year to have your advice, for then my term of office will be as prosperous as your own. The I.P.M., in reply, said: I have to thank you very sincerely for this mark of your appreciation. I have also to thank you for the great kindness you have shown in supporting this Lodge, for had it not been for your assistance I could have done very little. I again thank you very much for your kindness.

Bro. Henry Neville P.M. said: I have, as our good Secretary has just stated, the honour and pleasure to present a banner bearing the names of the W.M.'s, past and present, of the Lodge. It is at all times a source of great pleasure to do anything for that which we esteem and honour, and all the brethren will acknowledge that the progress of this Lodge has been such as to win the admiration and regard of every brother within and without the Lodge. I therefore feel it a pleasure that I have the honour of presenting this trifle. Names may be soon forgotten as years roll by, and beloved members may cease to be remembered; but I trust this trifle may not only be a record of names of those who have rendered noble services to the Lodge, but will also inspire those who aspire to the chair with a love for Masonry and a desire to emulate the example of their predecessors. The Worshipful Master, in the name of the Lodge, thanked Bro. Henry Neville for his kindly gift, and trusted it would fulfil the wishes of the donor. He was assured that the members of the Lodge would receive it with thanks, and would highly appreciate it.

Bro. Harris then presented a banner, bearing the names of the Founders of the Lodge, and remarked that if the brethren would accept it from him he should esteem it a favour. The Worshipful Master said: I am quite sure the whole Lodge will join me in thanking Bro. Harris for the banner. It will be pleasant for the Founders and for those who have joined the Lodge since its foundation to have a memorial always before them recalling that occasion. I am speaking the unanimous sentiments of all the brethren when I say we sincerely thank Brother Harris for his gift.

A telegram was then read from Bro. H. Lawson, expressing his regret that the business of the Royal Commission on Civil Establishments would prevent his attendance. Brother Broadley said he was personally sorry that Bro. Lawson could not be present, as that brother intended asking the Lodge to grant a small sum from its funds towards the Festival over which he would preside the next day, on behalf of the Dramatic and Musical Sick Fund. He (the Secretary) would feel gratified if the Lodge would vote a sum in favour of that Festival, and for which he was a Steward. On the motion of the I.P.M., the sum of £10 was unanimously voted for this purpose. This completed the business, and Lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet was admirably served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, at the Grand Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Madell. On rising the Worshipful Master said: Before I propose the first toast I have to make two announcements. The first is that the toasts are to be drunk without Masonic honours, and the second is that as numerous brethren have to leave in order to fulfil important engagements with the public, the speeches will be extremely short. The first toast has been given in the form in which it is now proposed for more than half a century, and we hope it will be drunk in the same form for many years to come. It needs no words of mine in this assembly of Freemasons to introduce it. I will therefore give you without further preface, the Queen and the Craft.

The next toast was the health of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The W.M. said: The Craft is fortunate in having a Grand Master who is no less distinguished for his social rank than for the ability he brings to bear on all subjects, and for the assistance he renders to the Order. We are indebted to him for the activity he displays in the promulgation of our principles.

The Worshipful Master: The next toast is that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past. We are especially favoured to-night by the presence of a remarkable number of Provincial Grand Masters, who have honoured us by attending. We have amongst us Provincial Grand Masters representing Jersey, Hants and the Isle of Wight, Monmouth, Surrey, Herts, Worcestershire, Somersetshire, and the Isle of Man; while the District of Bengal is also represented. You will thus see that almost every part of the world is represented on this occasion. I shall couple with this toast the names of Bros. Colonel C. M. De Carteret, Prov. G.M. Jersey and W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Hants and Isle of Wight.

Bro. Colonel De Carteret said: By an accident I am the Senior Provincial Grand Master present, and shall merely thank you for your kindness in drinking this toast. The Grand Officers feel much flattered at the reception of the toast, and endeavour to deserve the encomiums passed upon them.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight: The modesty of my brother near me imposes upon me the necessity of adding a few words. The work of a Provincial Grand Master lies generally in the Provinces, and that of the Grand Officers in the Metropolis, but we are animated by one idea, and that is to endeavour by every exertion to encourage the prosperity of our ancient art. Now that Freemasonry has increased to the amount it has, it is necessary that great exertions should be made, in the first place to prevent unworthy members joining, and in the next place to make those who join feel animated by a wish and sincere desire to promote the prosperity of the Craft. I beg to tender to your Worshipful Master our hearty and sincere thanks for the opportunity he has given us of witnessing the ceremony of installation, so well carried out in this Lodge by Brother Parkinson. We are extremely glad to have the opportunity of attending his Lodge, which has so recently been launched into existence, but which now stands second to none of the Lodges in London. Permit me to thank you not only for inviting us, but for the hospitality you have shown.

Bro. Earl of Onslow P.G.W. proposed the next toast. We are not honoured, he said, to-night by the presence of the Grand Masters of Scotland or Ireland, but you must not infer from their absence that they do not take an interest in the proceedings of this Lodge. I well remember that upon the last installation meeting the Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland were present to do honour to your Lodge. Masonry, fortunately for us, is a Craft which extends the hand of fellowship to all brethren; knows no politics, and knows no nationality. From the Grand Lodge of Ireland we have had the most distinguished Masons, men of the greatest geniality and good fellowship, and we feel that in Masonry we can sit down with them, knowing we have a bond of brotherhood. We are guided by the same principles, and, as the Installing Master effectively told the Officers in his address to them, "it is only by a due obedience to the laws in our own conduct that we can reasonably expect compliance with them in others." I have not only to propose the health of the Sister Grand Lodges, but I must also include your Cousins, for turning to my left I see a distinguished brother who comes from across the Atlantic, who has presided over the Grand Lodge of the most important State in the United States, and who filled that high position with dignity and success. We know what hospitality is extended to Englishmen in America, and I feel I am not asking too much of you when I ask you to drink to the health of the Sister Grand Lodges with enthusiasm, coupling it with the name of Bro. Theodore Tilton of New York.

Bro. Theodore Tilton P.D.D.G.M. New York: I thank you most heartily. Of the sixty-seven Grand Lodges of the world, that of your own, as you well know, occupies the first and foremost position. The United States possesses forty-eight Grand Lodges, each presided over by a Grand Master, and that of New York, over which I had the

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honour of presiding, is the largest, and ranks next to your own. The Grand Lodge of New York comprises 728 subordinate Lodges and 75,000 Masons. Each of the forty-eight American Grand Lodges is represented, with the exception of one, at your own Grand Lodge, by a Grand Representative. I may say that the generous and broad principles exercised by your Grand Lodge, which is so ably presided over by His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, tends considerably to promote harmony and brotherly feeling in all spheres of Masonic life. This fact, and the kind hospitality of the Lodges in the United Kingdom, do as much to cement and bring together those of other jurisdictions as anything I can name. There it no question that to-night you bring together Masons, not only of your own jurisdiction, but from all parts of the world. I thank you for the cordial manner in which you have mentioned the Grand Lodge of New York, and will say that that Grand Lodge presents to the Drury Lane Lodge the most fraternal greetings.

Bro. Lord Herschell P.G.W., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said: I have the honour of being permitted to propose the next toast, and I think that the fact that I have been chosen to propose it is a compliment to your W.M., not on account of any qualities that I possess, or position which I occupy, but for three reasons. In the first place I have known the W.M. for a quarter of a century, and I think that any one who has known him that time is not likely to say any thing but what is good of him, and that of itself is a compliment. I have come into contact with him in the practice of the law, and if after twenty-five years' close contact one lawyer should have anything good to say of another, I think that is surely high testimony. During eleven years we occupied seats together in a certain place where we did not always have the same views—indeed, I think we seldom agreed, the conflicts being sometimes heated. That it should be expected that I would, after these conflicts, bear testimony to his merits, is my third reason for assigning the choice of myself to propose his health as a compliment to Bro. Sir John Gorst, your W.M. I would desire also to say that the party to which I belong—do not be alarmed, brethren, I am not going to say anything to which you can take exception; the party to which I belong is alluded to as possessing something less than the average stock of intellect. But there is one capacity we possess—and, I trust, always shall possess—the capacity to recognise intellectual merit in our political opponents, and I feel I am competent to bear testimony to the merits of your Worshipful Master. I am quite sure we must all desire that those who possess merit should come into the front rank of their party, whatever their party may be, and consequently those who are political opponents, when they see men are men of merit, say they worthily adorn the positions they have so well merited. I have been told that short speeches are to be the rule. I never desire to make long ones, and I always lay down the one great principle of "the strictest obedience to the constituted authorities"—more especially if I do not feel sure what the consequences of disobedience may be. I will add nothing more than that I can in all sincerity and heartiness propose the health of your Master. It is a real pleasure, considering the many years I have known him, to be allowed to propose the toast, and I can assure you that he possesses that ability, integrity, and industry which are essential to the due performance of the duties of Worshipful Master of the Drury Lane Lodge.

The Worshipful Master said: I feel deeply indebted to Lord Herschell for the kind and complimentary terms in which he has been good enough to propose my health, and you, brethren, for having received it with so much enthusiasm. Believe me, if it were, that which it is not, for constituted authorities to violate their own rules, I could go on for a long time before I should give expression to the feelings which animate me on being made a Worshipful Master for the first time. I am an old Mason, and, I assure you, as rusty as I can be. There are one or two brethren present who remember the days of the old Scientific Lodge at Cambridge, where we studied Masonry together. To the fact that I have been all my life a rolling stone I owe it that I have not reached the position of Worshipful Master before, for I have never been in a Lodge long enough to attain the dignity of the chair. I feel deeply indebted to the founders of the Drury Lane Lodge for having done me the distinguished honour of electing me, at so early a period, ruler of so distinguished a Lodge. I do not like to make promises in words, as I prefer deeds rather than words, but I would assure you it is my fervent desire and intention so to conduct myself in the position to which I have been elected as to deserve the kindness and good opinion which you have expressed towards me to-day. Before I sit down, I have, as the occupant of the chair, a pleasing duty to perform. Every brother who has been for any length of time a member of this Lodge will agree with me that if there is one brother more than another to whom we are indebted for its Masonic excellence it is Brother Parkinson. I believe that in the outer would Brother Parkinson has attained great distinction. He has distinguished himself as a writer, as a speaker, and as the head of numerous and successful commercial undertakings. But it is not in that capacity we know him. We know him as a most sincere, painstaking, and excellent Freemason. He has been our instructor and guardian, and has been, in some senses, the Father of the Lodge. Those who have been Officers will confess that the Lodge could not have gone on if it had not been for the unremitting services which Bro. Parkinson has so zealously and so punctually afforded us. I know I am speaking the views of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Augustus Harris, and I am sure that if our former Past Master, Lord Londesborough, had been present, he would have thoroughly endorsed all I have said. I am asked to present Brother Parkinson with a little testimonial, showing we have not been quite insensible of the benefits we have received at his hands. It is a watch, containing a suitable inscription, and when in future times he consults it, he will remember those happy days he spent in the Drury Lane Lodge, where he has endeared himself as a Freemason to many of us, and I hope will endear himself to many more in years to come. Brother Parkinson, I beg to present you with this small testimonial, as a trifling mark of the obligation we owe you.

Brother J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., in responding to the toast, said: Those responsible for the arrangements to-night have given me a double duty, namely, that in addition to such acknowledgments as I may be able to make, I am to propose the toast of the Past Masters. It will be less trying to me to discharge this easy and agreeable duty first, and so try to nerve myself for what I fear will prove far more difficult. Our Lodge has been two years established, and we have now two Past Masters, the Earl of Londesborough and Augustus Harris. Lord Londesborough has from the inception of this Lodge given its affairs his unremitting personal attention, and by his suggestions and advice, his private hospitalities and genial co-operation, has done more than I can tell you to place and keep the Lodge in its admittedly high position. Our noble brother has for years been known and regarded by the dramatic profession. His kind heart and open hand have done much to assuage the distress of those in sickness or tribulation. His steady and consistent attachment to the drama are universally known, and it was by a process of natural selection those concerned in the formation of a Lodge which was to hail from Old Drury, placed him by acclamation its first Master in the chair. How from the time of his installation to the present the Lodge has proceeded in its triumphant course, how it has absorbed into its ranks very much that is brilliant in public and artistic life—is as well known to you as to me. But, however far into the centuries its prosperity may carry it, however widely its fame may extend, the name of the Earl of Londesborough will live and be cherished as that of its first Master—the forerunner, I hope, of a long line of able successors. Bro. Augustus Harris has, it is well-known, the enviable faculty of turning everything he touches into gold. Being quite unoccupied, having nothing to do, nothing whatever on his mind, enjoying abundant leisure, he turned his idle thoughts one day as to how he could most pleasantly beguile the tedium of his many vacant hours—and the happy idea of founding a Freemasons' Lodge occurred to him. Presto! the success we enjoy was assured. The boundless artistic resources of Drury Lane Theatre were drawn upon. No difficulties daunted him. No facilities were too great to grant—no responsibilities too heavy for him to assume. It has been a great pleasure to us all to march as Masonic soldiers under the ever victorious general, Druriolanus, to work with him and for him, and to accept from him to-night the beautiful banner which hangs alongside that of Lord Londesborough, and that presented by Bro. Henry Neville, who, as a Founder, filled the Past Master's chair on the day of consecration. Bro. Lord Londesborough and Bro. Harris are also founders as well as Past Masters. Long may they flourish and prosper under the laureiant foliage of the tree they planted, and when Bro. Harris, as Immediate Past Master, returns thanks, he will, I know, do so with as much confidence in this Lodge's future as he has satisfaction in its past. Now let me crave your indulgent toleration while I attempt, however feebly, to discharge what is, considering the circumstances and the distinguished character of the assembly in which this beautiful presentation has been made one of the most difficult tasks I have ever attempted. At our Masonic Boys' School a prize is awarded annually by the boys themselves. It is not the ripest scholar, nor the most powerful athlete, nor the most nimble-witted—certainly not the most self-asserting boy who gains this prize. No! it is given by a vote of the whole School to one who probably to his own surprise finds that small services rendered by him in a modest spirit, friendly offices performed as a matter of course and without a thought of conferring obligation, mere easy-going pleasant co-operation in the business of the hour, have earned him the good-will and affection of those amongst whom he has lived and worked and played. If I may believe that my position at this moment is analagous, even remotely, to that of the happily selected Masonic boy, and that the magnificent present just handed me by our Worshipful Master—a present which has the signal advantage of being a portable personal chattel to be always carried about with one, and shown with pride to one's brother Masons all over the world—if I am to accept this as the outcome of my Masonic relations with you all, you make me proud and glad indeed. Sir John Gorst has laid generous stress upon the work performed. But it has been the hearty and kindly co-operation of my brother Grand Officers who are our honorary members; the willing intelligent help and punctual regular attendance of the Officers of the Lodge, and the friendly feeling and appreciation manifested by the members generally which has given that work its vitality and interest, and which endows this Drury Lane Lodge with a strength and force peculiarly its own. That I should receive from you this exquisite, this almost sentient triumph of scientific and mechanical art, this most effective speaking monitor, which henceforth by night and day, at home and abroad, in sickness and in health, all through the time left for me, far away into old age if old age be granted, shall live with me, pulsate and tell with musical tongue of your generosity and my gratitude—aye, and which will continue, thus to speak, as an heirloom long after my heart and voice are stilled—all this inspires feelings and reflections which are almost overwhelming! What can I say that will express my emotions adequately? How can I, looking round me, rise to the dignity of this occasion? I will not attempt the impossible. I will not try. Rather, in the words of a great man I once heard speak in this very hall, let me hope that in my reticence, in my enforced silence, in all I do not say—you may find some traces of that eloquence which lies deeper than the richest words. Throwing myself upon the generous interpretations and consideration which have never failed me yet, let me say that for your uniform indulgence to my efforts, and your unbroken goodness to me at all times, of which this is the latest tangible expression,

I can no other answer make
Than thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks.

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BRETHREN are earnestly invited to accept the office of Stewards 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 the necessary circulars, &c.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which were never more needed than at the present time. Expenditure in Annuities alone £15,000. Permanent income only £3,600.

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The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of

The R.M. Benevolent Institution

are earnestly solicited on behalf of

OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution. Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic afflictions he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

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Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *.

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ALICE VASEY,

WIDOW OF THE LATE BRO. SAMUEL VASEY.

Bro. Samuel Vasey was a ship's provision merchant, at Wapping, 1848-1850, where he was unsuccessful in business, and died shortly after, leaving his widow quite without means. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in 1854; W.M. 1860; subscribed 12 years. Joined Unity Lodge, No. 183, in 1866; W.M. 1869; subscribed 12 years. P.Z. of Yarborough Chapter. Self and wife Life Subscribers R.M.I.B.

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NOMINATIONS for Grand Senate, Executive Committee, and Grand High Almoner's Fund, to be sent to the Grand Recorder, before the 27th inst.

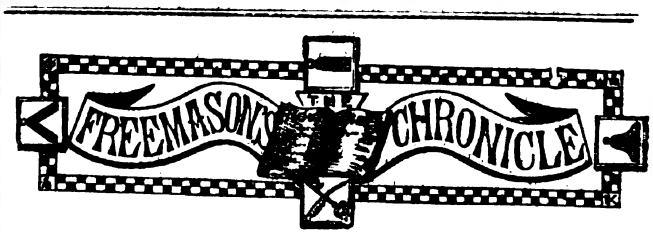
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LODGE HISTORIES.

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UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261.

IN our issue of the 28th ult. we gave a brief account of an interesting event in connection with this Lodge, the occurrence being the annual celebration of the Festival of St. John, which was this year rendered additionally attractive from the fact that on that occasion the Lodge celebrated its Centenary, while one of its most honoured Past Masters (Colonel A. W. Adair, Past Provincial Grand Master of Somerset) was installed as Worshipful Master for the year. The Lodge, which now meets at Taunton, was originally established at Ilminster, in May 1787, under the title of the Lodge of Unanimity, and met at the Swan

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Inn in that town. It appears from the minute books of the Lodge which are still preserved, that on the 18th Septempter 1797—that is when the Lodge was just over ten years old—a special meeting was held at the George Inn, Ilminster, to consider a notice of motion for removing it to Taunton. At that time the chair was occupied by Bro. William Slatter, while Bro. John Jesse was the Secretary and Treasurer. The first meeting at Taunton was held at Bro. Edward Jones's London Inn, on the 4th October following, when the four principal Officers were appointed. The first initiate at the new quarters appears, by the minutes, to have been a Mr. Aaron Moyle, gentleman, of Pitminster. At this early period of the Lodge's career it does not appear to have been very strong, either in members or funds, there rarely being more than a dozen brethren present at the monthly meetings, and the offices, as we now know them, being not all filled. The Lodge then bore its present name, and stood No. 433 on the Register of Grand Lodge. A year after its removal to Taunton the Lodge was removed to a private room in North Street, upon the premises of a Mr. Bale, tobacconist, the rent being fixed at five guineas per annum. This removal entailed considerable expense, the room having to be specially fitted up, and it was found necessary to apply the whole of the half-yearly subscriptions towards the liquidation of the debt. Our contemporary, the *Somerset County Gazette*, from which we gather these particulars, here remarks that it is evident from this entry that the present system of deductions from the subscriptions on behalf of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge funds were not then in operation. In 1799 the first return of members was made, in pursuance of the provisions of the Act, passed on the 12th July of that year, "for the more effectual suppression of societies established for seditious and treasonable purposes, and for better preventing treasonable and seditious practices." The provisions of this important enactment (which made Freemasonry a legalised Secret Society) were considered at the Lodge meeting held on the 14th August 1799, on the receipt of a circular letter from Grand Lodge, which acquainted the Lodges with the requirements of the Act, and instructed them as to what it was necessary for them to do. The members decided to fully comply with the requirements of the Act, and at the September meeting of the Lodge it was reported that the necessary forms had been observed. The number of subscribing members at this time appears, from the copy of the return given in the minute book, to have been only twenty-one. Reviewing this period of the Lodge's history, our contemporary observes: "The earlier years of Masonry in Taunton were not prosperous. The Lodges were not well attended, and initiates were few. The fabric, in fact, threatened to collapse, for when the third annual return to Grand Lodge was made it became necessary to consider, in obedience to instructions from Grand Lodge, whether the constitution of the Lodge should be continued. The true Masonic spirit asserted itself, however, or the Taunton Freemasons would not to-day be celebrating their Centenary. The Lodge decided to support the Constitution, but it was found advisable to remind the brethren that it was their duty to pay up their arrears, the Grand Secretary informing them that no brother could be relieved from the fund of Charity, or be admitted a member of the Masonic Benefit Society, or have his daughters received into the Freemasons' Schools, unless his name appeared in the books of Grand Lodge and his fees were paid." An item of interest appears on the records at this time, in the form of a certificate of membership or good conduct, which appears to have been issued by the Lodge, as we believe is still done in many parts of the world. The form is given, as follows:—

"In the East, where silence rose. Lodge of 'Unanimity, and Sincerity,' No. 433. These are to certify that Bro. A. B. was regularly made a Mason, and admitted to the third degree of Mason in our Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held in the town of Taunton, and county of Somerset, and numbered as above, and has behaved during his stay with us as becomes a true and faithful Mason, and as such we recommend him to all regular Lodges throughout the world after due trial and examination; and in case of death or otherwise this might be made an improper use of, we have caused him to sign his name on the margin. Given under our hands and seal of our Lodge in Taunton this — day of — and — of Masonry."

For seven or eight years after the crisis to which allusion has been made nothing of present interest appears on the minutes, but under date 11th April (1810 we presume) Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, under the banner of the Lodge, at the Market House, for the purpose of assisting in an important local ceremony, the laying of the foundation stone of the Taunton and Somerset Hospital. The minute in reference to this meeting is as follows:—

"This meeting of brethren was called on this day by the P.G.M for the purpose of lying the foundation stone of the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, which was instituted on the Jubilee Day in the 50th year of the reign of his present Majesty King George III. The brethren from the different Lodges in this county were summoned for attendance by the P.G.M., and the assemblage of brethren which met on this laudable occasion amounted to two hundred and twenty in number. A procession was formed under the direction of Brother Jacobs the P.G.S.W., to whom the highest encomiums were passed for his regular order and Masonic zeal. The procession went from the Market House to St. Mary Magdalene's, where an appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. Guerin, the P.G. Chaplain, after which the brethren marched to the spot, where the foundation stone was laid in true Masonic order. The whole procession returned to Mr. Upham's, at the Market House, where a room was fitted up in triumphal and architectural style, and an elegant dinner was provided. The whole of the brethren dined, and spent the day in conviviality and brotherly love."

Masonry appears to have been very quiet in Taunton at this time, and for some years subsequently, but in 1817 a revival took place, and an era of prosperity set in. Bro. Arthur Chichester was appointed Provincial Grand Master, and his installation took place at the Market House, Taunton, on the 30th December 1817, the occasion being one of much splendour. He subsequently paid a visit to the Lodge of "Unanimity and Sincerity," and initiated some of the leading townsmen of that day, including Sir Thomas Lethbridge, T. M. Chater, Robert Beadon, Charles Cox (father of the late Sergeant Cox), J. W. Marriott, and others. The Masons of the district do not appear to have been slow in evincing their gratitude to Bro. Chichester for his zeal as Provincial Grand Master, and a dutiful and loyal address was presented to the then Grand Master, the Duke of Sussex, thanking him for placing such an able and enthusiastic Mason at their head. The increased vitality of the Lodge at this period was shewn in many ways; a Lodge of Instruction was started, the minor offices of the Lodge filled, and a Masonic library commenced. Much of the prosperity appears to have been due to the exertions of Bro. J. Pinchard, who was Worshipful Master of this Lodge in 1817-18, and on his vacating the chair in favour of Bro. Charles Kemeys Kemeys-Tynte, a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes "for his zeal in the cause of Masonry in general, and the interests of this Lodge in particular, during the time of his filling the office of W.M., a period unprecedented in the annals of the Lodge for the number of Masons admitted as members, and the number of Masons made in the Lodge." The Lodge testified to the Masonic worth of the then Grand Master—the Duke of Sussex—by resolving, on the 11th of February 1818, that His Royal Highness be applied to for leave to add to the title of the Lodge by naming it "The Royal Sussex Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity." This, we are told, was adopted, but the addition to the title was subsequently dropped. In 1820 Bro. C. Kemeys-Tynte succeeded to the Grand Mastership of the Province, an event which was duly honoured by the Lodge, which then bore the number 407. In 1821 the brethren assisted at the laying of the foundation stone of the new Market House, which ceremony was performed with Masonic honours. Nothing of importance appears on the minutes for some years after this. Several removals took place in the Lodge quarters, and it became No. 327 on the Register of Grand Lodge by a revision of numbers in 1833. On the third August 1858 the Lodge met to receive Provincial Grand Lodge, on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the new Tower of St. Mary Magdalene, which was carried out with Masonic honours. The foundation stone was laid by the Provincial Grand Master, and the brethren afterwards attended Divine service in the church. In November 1860 the death was announced of the Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Tynte, the Lodge passing a vote of condolence with his family, and expressing their deep sense of the loss sustained by the Province. It was at this time that Colonel Adair, the present ruler of the Lodge—then known as plain Alexandra William Adair—first ruled over its destinies, so that we find him recalled to his old place at the head of the Lodge, after a lapse of nearly thirty years, to assist in celebrating the Centenary, although, in the meantime he had had greater honours conferred upon him, for on the 27th January 1864 he was appointed to the high position of Provincial Grand Master. It was but natural the Lodge should notice, in appropriate fashion, the high dignity thus conferred on one of its members and Past

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Masters, and that he should hold his first Provincial meeting under its banner. The next appearance of the Lodge in public was to take part in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Taunton College School, now the King's College, which took place on the 16th April 1868. On the 7th of October in the same year a motion of regret at the retirement, from the Provincial Grand Mastership, of Colonel Adair was passed by the Lodge, and at the same time an address of congratulation was forwarded to the Earl of Carnarvon on his appointment to that important office, a position which his lordship has filled to this day. Bro. Charles Lake, who had held the office of Lodge Secretary for five and twenty years, during perhaps its most prosperous period, died in 1870, amidst the profound regret of the brethren, and a vote of condolence was passed on the occasion. From this date until the beginning of 1879 the records of the Lodge contain nothing more important than the ordinary routine business, the popularity of the Lodge increasing year by year. In January 1879 a very important and desirable departure was made in the history of the Lodge, for on the 13th of that month the brethren met to consecrate a Masonic hall, which had been provided by means of a Limited Company, entirely composed of Masons, with a capital of £1,500 in £5 shares, most of which have now been taken up. A fair proportion of these shares have fallen into the Lodge by a very laudable practice which has arisen among the brethren, of presenting their shares to the Lodge upon passing the chair, so that eventually the hall, which is now the property of the Company, will become the absolute property of the Lodge itself. Since then considerable alterations and improvements have been made, and the Lodge can now boast of having one of the most suitable and spacious Masonic halls in the Province of Somerset. The ceremony of consecration was performed by the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, who was assisted by his Deputy, Bro. Else, and a large number of distinguished Masons. The Master at that time was Bro. William Adams, to whom, and to Bro. Villar (both prime movers in the Masonic hall scheme), is also due the initiation of a scheme by which the voting power of the Lodge in connection with the Central Charities has been more than trebled during the last decade. We cannot do better than close our résumé of this Lodge's career in the words of the local paper to which we have already referred as being the source from which we have gathered these details. Our contemporary concludes as follows:—Thus from a small and almost insignificant organisation in Taunton, meeting in a small and insignificant private room with scarcely twenty members, this Lodge has grown to a society of more than a hundred subscribing members, meeting in its own noble hall in the Crescent, flourishing in funds, and delighting in those Masonic excellencies which it is the pride and joy of all good Masons to cultivate. It attains its hundredth year under especially favourable circumstances, and promises, important as it now is, to become a still more influential society in the town and Province.

It may be interesting to state that prior to the removal of the Ilminster Lodge to Taunton, a Freemasons' Lodge existed in the town under the name of the St. George's Lodge, which met at the Fountain Inn. It was limited by its rules to about a score of members, who, from the minutes that are in the possession of Bro. T. Meyler, Town Clerk of Taunton, evidently comprised the leading inhabitants of the town. How that Lodge became extinct, or whether it was merged into the Lodge of "Unanimity and Sincerity," does not appear from the records to which reference has been made.

It is not often our London brethren are so honoured as to have to apply to Grand Lodge for a dispensation to hold the office of Worshipful Master in two Lodges at one and the same time. This was the case, however, with Bro. F. T. Bennett, who, while holding the office of Worshipful Master in the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, was elected and installed in a similar position in the Golden Rule Lodge, No 1261. We regret we were unable to be present and report the proceedings in connection with his installation at the Golden Rule Lodge, which took place on the 7th instant, but we hope to have an opportunity of recording some of his doings there during his year of office.

DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.—Continued.

Bro. Augustus Harris in reply said: I feel at a great disadvantage in having to rise after the eloquent speech of Bro. Parkinson. I hardly think if I had known the arrangement I should have agreed to Bro. Parkinson proposing the toast to which I am to respond. I did not know that Bro. Lord Londesborough was not to be present, and it was only when I came here to-day I heard of his indisposition. It is a disadvantage speaking after Bro. Parkinson, who is always so eloquent, and who therefore puts my little light very much in the shade—especially as I do not profess to be an orator. I think that one of the reasons why he should not have proposed this toast is that he was, to a certain extent, proposing his own health, for all who have seen the working will agree that if any brother is a Past Master of the Lodge Bro. Parkinson certainly deserves that title. Bro. Parkinson has done more work than either Lord Londesborough or myself, and that he should get up and propose the toast of the Past Masters is very much like proposing his own health. I am delighted he has said so many kind things, and in reference to the success of the Lodge, I am sure you must all agree that in the two years we have been constituted this Lodge has made great strides, and has become very popular. I need not refer to the Jubilee year when I tell you that of the brethren who received Jubilee honours a large number belong to the Drury Lane Lodge. That of itself shows that this Lodge is by no means a Lodge consisting of nobodies. We have in our ranks members of every profession, I may say leading members of every profession, and it has been a great pleasure to me to be W.M., and to preside over so many good and true men. I hope that the future of the Lodge will be no less brilliant than the past. When we meet, as I hope we shall a year hence, I trust it will be still more prosperous than it is to-day. I do not desire to break through the rule of brevity laid down by the W.M., but I wish to tell the brethren present that I shall be pleased to welcome them within the old portals of Drury Lane, where they can see our worthy Junior Deacon present herself before them in her regal robes, and I am sure our Sister Nicholls and our brother Campbell will be as happy to see you as I shall be.

Bro. A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Secretary: The Drury Lane Lodge is nothing if it is not representative, and if the duties of the Secretary are not altogether a sinecure he receives an ample reward when he is allowed to propose the toast of the Visitors. This is the third occasion on which I have been privileged to propose that toast in this Lodge. It is impossible for me to conceal from you my conviction that had it not been for the amiability of Bro. Harris I.P.M. the Drury Lane Lodge would not have been what it is to-day. To Bro. Harris will belong the greatest credit for the foundation of this Lodge, and I hope for many years to come he will be the moving spirit in it. Looking back, he will feel considerable pride at the gathering assembled this evening to inaugurate the reign of his successor. There is no doubt that in Sir John Gorst we have found a Worshipful Master who will maintain the traditions of this Lodge, and I think that if there is one thing that may be taken as an augury of his reign it is the gathering of to-night. There are scarcely any Lodges that can boast of having received within their walls the Provincial Grand Masters, not only of the neighbouring counties, but brethren who have come from Monmouthshire and Lancashire, and across the seas, from the Isle of Man and Jersey. We have also Bro. Sandeman present, whose memories will ever be associated with the District of Bengal. We have had a rare distinction, and have received not only Lord Herschell, the Past Lord Chancellor, but also the brother who now adorns the distinguished position of Lord Chancellor. This is not all. If we were to ask what profession is not represented among us there would be no exceptions. In the law we have the Lord Chancellor; in the Church we have a powerful body of Past Grand Chaplains; and, as far as medicine is concerned, we have a great many distinguished members present. I am glad to see Bro. A. Cooper, who adorns his profession, and, with regard to the Army, we have Lord A. Paget, who holds a position in the Queen's Household; whilst the Navy is ably represented by Lord Alcester. With a gathering like this we can only hope that the Lodge will go on and prosper, and I can say that if the Secretary can do anything for the Lodge his services are at its disposal. I must be permitted to express my great satisfaction that Dorsetshire, in which 19 years ago I was initiated, is so well represented, by Bro. Montagu. I thank that brother very much for his presence, and I trust he will take back to Dorsetshire a good report. I will conclude by expressing the pleasure we feel at receiving visitors from all parts of the world, and allow me to couple with the toast the names of those brethren who represent a great tower of Masonic strength, whom we are proud to receive, and whom we shall be pleased to see again within the portals of the Drury Lane Lodge—the Lord Chancellor and Lords Milltown and Alcester.

The Lord Chancellor: I yield not a tittle to the desire which has been expressed by my noble brother near me in obedience to the constituted authorities, but you and he will forgive me when I tell you that I always think the advantage is in the obligation, and not in the abstract principle. I have never heard an orator begin by assuring his audience that he intended making only a few remarks without trembling at what would be the result. I should like to say, if he will forgive me, that I am somewhat jealous of the title which he has assumed for the party to which he belongs. I always understood we were the stupid party, and I protest against any body taking from us that title. I noticed that the W.M. suggested that the reason why the speeches should be short was that some of you had other avocations to perform, and I am not surprised that he sunk in the depth of that phraseology which is peculiar to the occupation to which he referred. I have no doubt that he refers to that place where speeches are not short, and where that brotherly love which we admire is not always prevalent. I can only say that those who like myself, belong to another region, feel the deepest commiseration for those who go to,—what the Master described as other avocations. It is a pleasing thing to be invited on such an occasion as

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this, and, in order to show you that I recognise the obligation, I will content myself with simply thanking you for the kindness I have received.

The Earl of Milltown: I have at one and the same moment to thank and to find fault with those who have been the organisers of this vast gathering. I have, following the custom of most of those statesmen whose eloquence adorns the Senate, been studying such impromptus as they are in the habit of using. The organisers of this entertainment asked my noble brother to respond first, and he has taken it out of my power to deliver to you that eloquent oration with which I was prepared. I, as a humble member of the great profession of which my learned brother is the head, and as a humble member of that great assembly over which he presides, will not occupy your time in attempting to compete with him in the speech he has delivered. I must say this—that, as a rule, in Masonic Lodges, one brother is quite sufficient to answer to the toast, but I think that upon this occasion an exception has been rightly made, for though I have been present at many festivities, and though I am fully acquainted with the great qualities which distinguish our Brotherhood, I will at this moment confine myself to returning thanks for the hospitality we have enjoyed. Never before have I received anything approaching the splendid hospitality of which we have been the recipients. On behalf of the visitors, and only regretting that they have not some one more worthy to represent them, I beg to return hearty thanks for the high honour paid us, and beg to convey our hopes that we may again be favoured with an invitation. Bro. Lord Alcester also replied.

Bro. the Earl of Euston: A toast has been placed in my hands which is rather different from those preceding it. I have to propose the Officers, and I am quite certain that all present will rejoice at the discrimination displayed in the selection of those Officers. They consist of men who have made their mark; some of them have made their name and are now resting on their laurels; and some are coming on in Masonry. The Junior Deacon, Bro. Nicholls, has gone to that place where he represents the female sex, and does it right well too. The Senior Deacon, Bro. Bancroft, is a man who has been at the head of his profession, and is ready and willing to take his part in the work of the Lodge. The Secretary, Bro. Broadley, has a long list of Masonic performances, and has for nineteen years taken a very active part in Masonic work. He has taken an immense deal of trouble with regard to the arrangements of this evening, which reflect upon him the greatest credit. In your Treasurer you have a man well trusted, and who will ably manage the large amount entrusted to his care. The Junior Warden is working hard in his profession, and your Senior Warden, Sir E. Inglefield, is one of the old hearts of oak. I am sure that in coupling his name with the toast I shall be including one whom a year hence you will be proud to welcome at the helm.

Bro. Sir E. Inglefield, K.C.B.: As my memory reminds me that the Worshipful Master at the early part of the proceedings said the speeches were to be short, I will content myself with returning thanks for the Officers of the Lodge. I have to return thanks not only as far as I am personally concerned, but also for those who have not been called upon. I wish to say that to Brother Parkinson we are indebted for the instruction we have received. It is 40 years ago since I was initiated. I had been so long out of Masonry that I was rusty, but under Bro. Parkinson's guidance I am able to take my place in the Lodge. On my own part, and on behalf of my brother Officers, I beg to return our sincere thanks.

Bro. J. Fernandez J.W.: The subject of the toast entrusted to me is one so pregnant with feeling that it is only the remark of the Worshipful Master with regard to the time that sways me in the direction of brevity. We all know that the scope of the Masonic Charities is vast and far reaching, and communicates help, not only to our brethren, but also to their widows and children. We are nearly three months from the Centenary Festival of our Girls' School, and I think that having regard to the exertions of the brethren who have preceded us, we can take pride in the good that will be reflected in the forthcoming Festival. It is enforced, not by words, but by practical illustration, that loving kindness is greater than law, and I am sure it will be with loving kindness that you will respond to the appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities. The toast I propose to you is continued success to the Masonic Charities.

Bro. F. Binckes Secretary R.M.I.B.: After an experience of 27 years in responding to the toast of the Masonic Charities, I now find myself in a position of difficulty. Only this night week, when called upon to discharge this duty in a new Lodge at a place the name of which is so dear to every member of this Lodge—I mean Stratford-on-Avon— when this toast was proposed, in language perfectly unique, I found myself unequal to the duty of responding. I feel myself in a similar position to-night, through the kindness of your J.W.—I shall take the opportunity of calling him my good friend—who has so kindly introduced the toast to you. In responding to this toast I do so with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret — regret that Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the Girls' School, is not here to respond for the desire so kindly expressed for the success of the first Centenary that has ever been celebrated by one of our Masonic Institutions. There is no brother will express a more sincere wish that the result of that unique celebration will be all that its best friends can desire. At the same time you will permit me to observe that it is not without some little anxiety that the other Institutions regard the effect that Festival may have upon them. The large-heartedness of the Craft will not, I am sure, permit the success of one Institution to be built upon the ruins of the others, and therefore we hope and trust that, however successful the Centenary of the Girls' School may be, the Benevolent Institution will meet with that success it deserves, and that the Boys' will also receive that success which it so much needs and desires. I was very much struck in listening to the remarks of Bro. Parkinson, of whom I would like to add a little in token of admiration that he could find no better illustration of his position than the price boy of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. I am sure I may reckon upon the members of this Lodge, that they will not forget the Boys' School from which he has drawn his illustration. We have 262 boys, sons of Freemasons, and I think we can, at least, expect a continuance of that kind support which Bro. Broadley so ably rendered last year. I hope and trust that under such wonderful auspices the highest and best principles of Freemasonry will not be forgotten, and that the principle of support to our Masonic Institutions will never be neglected. I am proud to be here, and to speak on behalf of the Masonic Charities, and I trust this Lodge will be the means of assisting in realising that success for the Boys' School which it so well deserves.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

FOREST LODGE, No. 1852.

ON Wednesday, the 8th inst., the ninth installation of W.M. was performed in the Lodge-room at the Town Hall, Mansfield. Bro. A. H. Bonser, assisted by his Officers, opened the Lodge, and afterwards installed Bro. W. F. Sanders to the chair of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. The newly-appointed W.M. then invested his Officers, viz.:—Bros. Linney S.W., Vallance J.W., Rev. T. W. Dolphin Chaplain, Fisher Treasurer, Hobson Secretary, Beecroft S.D., Wearing J.D., Harrop White D.C., Bonser Organist, Shelmerdine I.G., Greenwood and Hopewell Stewards, Watkin Tyler. After the functions of the Lodge had been performed, the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, at about half-past six, where an elaborate banquet had been prepared. After the dessert the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured. The menu was a very creditable production, and it elicited considerable admiration from the brethren present. The toasts were therein interspersed with Shakespearian quotations of singular appropriateness, the selection of the W.M. Bro. Sanders.

PORTCULLIS LODGE, No. 2038.

THE installation of Bro. E. Westerns as W.M. for the ensuing year was celebrated at the Lodge-room, Langport Arms Hotel, on the 9th inst., the ceremony being performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, Bro. R. C. Else. At the close the W.M. invested the Officers, as follow:—Bros. Reynolds I.P.M., Cox S.W., Humphrey J.W., Maurice Chaplain, Paul Secretary, Louch S.D., Cross J.D., Gough I.G., Pittard Steward, Gillett Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet at the Lamport Arms Hotel.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Savoy.—The success that has attended the revival of "H.M.S. Pinafore" shows how ready lovers of good music ever are to patronise it. The merits of this opera have been fully discussed; it is now our duty only to say with what spirit the opera is nightly rendered. When we remind our readers that Messrs. George Grossmith, Rutland Barrington, and Richard Temple are nightly to be seen in their original parts, it is a ready guarantee that plenty of amusement is forthcoming. These favourites are well supported by Messrs. J. G. Robertson, R. Cummings, the Misses Geraldine Ulmar, Jessie Bond, and Rosina Brandram. The realisation of the ship is a perfect masterpiece in the way of stage carpentering, while the choruses are sung in the well-known style of this excellent company. We hear the next revival at this theatre will be "The Pirates of Penzance."

The Photographic Exhibition, to be opened at the Crystal Palace on Monday next, will interest everybody. What branch of art, science, and industry does not call photography to its aid, and what home is there, from the palace to the cottage, that does not contain some specimen of this beautiful art. The interest in the progress of photography is universal; and the Crystal Palace Exhibition will be visited by many thousands anxious to see for themselves the great perfection to which the art has attained, and the varied purposes to which it is applied. Every evening there will be, in connection with the Exhibition, free lantern slide entertainments, interspersed with music. Instantaneous photographs, genre pictures, statuary, and lovely views taken in North Wales, Derbyshire, Scotland, the English and Irish Lakes, Canada, New Zealand, &c., will be shown on a screen thirty feet in diameter, by means of a new optical lantern, specially constructed for this Exhibition. The apparatus division will be most complete and comprehensive, showing all recent improvements and developments. Indeed, such a collection of apparata has never before been exhibited.

Mr. Fergus W. Hume's "The Mystery of a Hansom Cab" having been dramatised by Mr. Arthur Law, will be produced at the Princess's next Wednesday evening. The dramatic version is similar to the book, and should prove interesting. The caste will include Messrs. James Fernandez, J. H. Barnes, Bassett Roe; the Misses Grace Hawthorne, Eva Sothern, Dolores Drummond, Cicely Richards, and Mrs. Huntley.

Mr. Edward Brown, the acting manager of the Olympic Theatre, will have a benefit on Monday next. A most enjoyable afternoon is expected, as a host of popular artistes have promised assistance.

Mr. Willie Edouin has secured the Strand Theatre, and will open on Saturday, the 25th instant, with a new dramatic farce by Mr. Charles S. Fawcett, entitled "Katti." Later on, "Turned Up" will be revived, while a burlesque is in preparation. Miss Alice Atherton will be included in the caste, which, we hear, is to be a strong one.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 18th 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)
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)
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1733—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
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. 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
2085—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

MONDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
33—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.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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, Ingbbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst)
1991—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. 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
822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
931—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
1442—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1969—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. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.A. 1284—Brean, Masonic Hall, Topsham
M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
R.C. 23—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-street, Strand, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
205—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
152—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.
534—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
765—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Carlton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
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)
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)
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, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
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, at 6.30
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 36—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
R.A. 188—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—Stanley, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1784—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Bageley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045—Wharton, Willesden
2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
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. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 761—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 380—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone

WEDNESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall at 6
2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
225—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)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct.)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 916 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruct.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1569—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1641—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1942—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1951—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chiswick New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1953—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
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. 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
66—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Preston, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
128—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hyton, Essex
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
255—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hoskins Lane
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
480—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
557—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
680—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon

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697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
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
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1967—Beacon Court, Ghusee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 1358—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
23—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
234—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
187—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
780—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
1435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
1749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
1754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1658—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
1861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
1879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
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.
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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—Creston, 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. 167—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 857—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

146—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Ashston Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
1111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
308—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
349—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
1383—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
1337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
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1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
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
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wellington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 87—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
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M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

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.
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)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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. 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)
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)
M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Ecclesbill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesbill
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1068—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 25th 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)
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)
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

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1462—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

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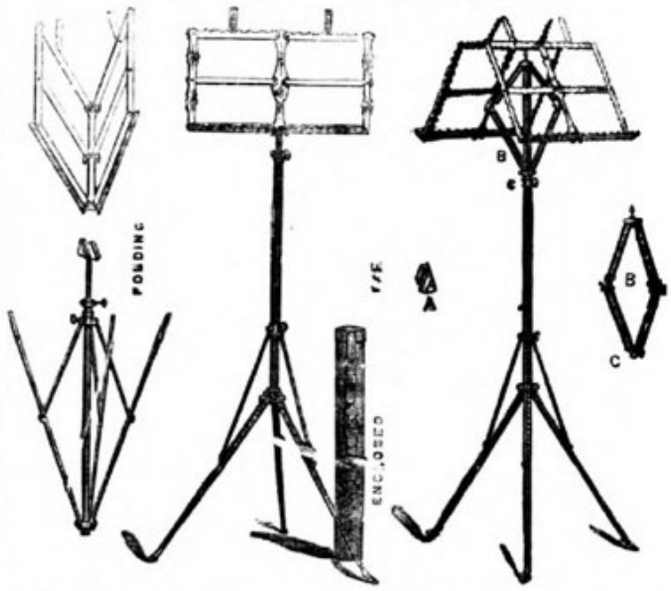
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A COUNCIL OF WAR.

WE have often tried to picture the feelings of a naval or military commander when, on the eve of a conflict, he calls his staff around him for the purpose of finally discussing the situation, and issuing orders for the morrow, which both in his own case and that of his hearers may be the last they will have an opportunity of fulfilling on this earth. We cannot imagine anything like the formality of an ordinary meeting being observed on such an occasion; there must be a certain amount of excitement in the breasts of all who take part in the consultation, and this, in all probability, would take the form of a silence "that might be felt"—the calm, in fact, preceding the coming storm. The leader would know exactly what he wished to communicate to his staff, and a few brief sentences would suffice to give the finishing touch to the plan of operations which he had been arranging for days, or perhaps weeks *before*, while his officers would be as ready to grasp the situation, which they also had been studying to bring about. And what would be the result of their deliberations? No power on earth could tell, all must depend on the fate of war! The honour of their country might be at stake, the homes of their families might be threatened, in fact, everything might depend on their ability, and the exertions of those who served under them, and yet it would be impossible for them to command success. They could, however, do more; deserve it.

About the time these lines meet the eyes of our readers there will be held, throughout the length and breath of the country, various councils—we can hardly say of war, although it is a war against misfortune and suffering which is to be waged; at which will be discussed the final arrangements in connection with one of the great Masonic engagements of the year, the celebration of the first Anniversary Festival of 1888, in connection with the Central Masonic Charities, and we are convinced that at the majority of these councils the gravest doubts will be entertained as to the result of the approaching meeting, while from all we can learn we fear the gloomiest of forebodings are likely to be realised. We will not say that actual defeat is to be expected, but it is almost certain the supporters of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons will this year have to fall back considerably from the prominent position they have won in years gone by, and it only remains for them to retreat as gracefully and as orderly as is possible.

The engagement to which we have referred will take place on Wednesday next, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, and will be under the leadership of Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales. We are convinced that no stone will be left unturned to secure for the gathering as happy a result as has attended any of its predecessors, but this year the fates are against it, and it is impossible to guage the result. It is true Sir George Elliot has a goodly array of Stewards on whom he may rely for assistance, albeit his forces are far below those of many of his predecessors in the command he has assumed, and we are also aware the Stewards have been hard at work, some of them for months past, in the good cause; while it is equally certain they will continue their exertions up to the very last moment. Is it possible then for them to fail? Unfortunately it is, and so far possible as to be almost regarded in the light of a certainty, in consequence of more attractive calls in another quarter. Yet, in spite of all this, we question if there is one among the body of Stewards who has given way to despair, or who will shirk his duty, simply because he is called upon to fight a severe up-hill battle. We would remind them that if the obstacles to be surmounted are exceptionally severe, the honours which would follow success would be correspondingly great, and the good that might result would be an ample recompense for all their increased efforts.

We have so frequently and so recently referred to the Institution which these Stewards are striving to maintain, that it would be out of place to give any lengthened details here. Suffice it to say there are at the present time upwards of four hundred and twenty old folk receiving annuities from its funds; two hundred and twenty seven widows, who each receive £32 per annum; one hundred and seventy nine aged Masons, who get £40 a year each; and fifteen widows, who enjoy one-half of their late husband's annuity of £40. These grants represent an annual outlay of nearly fifteen thousand pounds, and it is to provide this amount for the current year that the Masons of England will, by their representatives, assemble on Wednesday next, at Freemasons' Tavern. That their efforts will be crowned with success is our fondest hope, more especially as there are upwards of one hundred and thirty candidates already approved of as eligible to participate in the annual election which takes place in May next, and for which, at present, there are an insignificantly small number of vacancies. It is perhaps hoping for too much when we say we should like to see an addition made to the number of vacancies, by the creation of new annuities; but such is our desire, and it is a wish that is felt by many who know from experience the benefits which accrue from this Institution's work. Such an increase, however, could only be possible after an exceptionally grand result of Wednesday's gathering, and of that we are very dubious. However, there is still a ray of hope, for there is no knowing what surprises the two hundred and sixty-twobrethren who bave undertaken the office of Steward have waiting for us, and, although we

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are anticipating a severe falling off in the returns, we are equally prepared for an agreeable surprise. That the latter may be in store for us and the Craft at large we fervently hope, as with the best of good wishes we close our anticipatory remarks in connection with the 1888 Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The cry is now, To arms! and the best of all advice we can offer is to repeat the well-known signal of Nelson: "England expects every man to do his duty."

TRIFLES AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES.

"Alas! how light a cause may move
Dissension between hearts that love!
Hearts that the world in vain had tried,
And sorrow but more closely tied;
That stood the storm, when waves were rough,
Yet in a sunny hour fall off,
Like ships, that have gone down at sea,
When heaven was all tranquillity."

FREEMASONS, with all their teachings of Brotherly Love and Truth, might well take a lesson from the above beautiful lines of the poet Moore, and there are not a few of us but would reap a rich reward were we to fully grasp the sentiment here embodied. It is proverbial with mankind to make troubles out of trifles, to raise mountains out of molehills, and to sacrifice the best friends for some trivial grievance, more often imaginary than real. Can it, therefore, be wondered at that Freemasons who, after all, are but members of a human institution should occasionally err in the same direction, or that our Lodges should from time to time be troubled with "dissensions between hearts that love?"

Freemasonry teaches the practice of toleration among its members to such an extent as would almost lead to the hope that its votaries would be willing to overlook in their fellows grievances of a trivial or erroneous character, but experiences of the past do not prove this to be always the case, for in Freemasonry, as well as outside of it, the lightest of causes have occasionally moved dissension among "hearts that the world in vain had tried, and sorrow had but more closely tied." In Lodges we have seen a united band of brothers robbed of their peace and happiness by a trivial grievance which a few moments' argument should have put right, while some of Masonry's most promising sons have sacrificed their own and their friends' happiness over a disagreement which was not even worthy of consideration among men of the world, much less among those united by the stronger ties of Masonry. It may be useless for us to expect an even greater spirit of toleration in Masonry than has hitherto pervaded its members, but we can and do hope that the day is not far distant when the principles of Freemasonry may be so exemplified among its members as to put an end to the petty disturbances which even within the Lodge are occasionally to be met with.

We are aware that a Worshipful Master, the Past Masters, or other Officers of a Lodge may occasionally give offence to an over sensitive brother, by some trivial act, more often of forgetfulness than of malicious intent, wherefrom a coldness springs up, which neither side attempts to remove, lest its dignity be upset, or its position lowered in the eyes of its fellows. They forget that the average Mason, as well as an ordinary man of the world, looks with far greater scorn on the man who imagines he cannot err than on he who admits an error, and takes the earliest and most effectual means of remedying its consequences. They further fail to take into account the annoyance they entail on all around them by a continuance of unfriendliness or silent warfare, which not infrequently resolves itself into open opposition and a final estrangement. We admit, and so will all who approach the question in a proper spirit, that a ruler's position is a very difficult one to uphold with dignity, and at the same time with satisfaction to all who are governed. In a Masonic Lodge it may happen that the Worshipful Master finds it incumbent on him to stop a discussion, or call a brother to order for some little departure from the recognised line of procedure, and if the brother addressed happens to be a personal friend of the Master, the order may be couched in less persuasive tones than would be the case if it were a comparative stranger who was erring, from the fact that the Master feels he knows his friend so well as to render any ceremonious form unnecessary, with a result entirely opposite to what was intended, for the brother addressed takes offence at the tone of the order; and although an explanation be tendered, refuses to see the words in the light in which they were used.

The same difficulties surround a Past Master or other member who takes a prominent part in the affairs of his Lodge; he is always open to the misfortune of being misunderstood, and the very efforts he puts forward with a view of smoothing matters may have the effect of rendering them more ruffled. Old age, experience, or the hundred and one other considerations which should command respect are forgotten by the member who takes offence at each trivial matter, and a disagreement ensues which threatens to involve the whole of the members of the Lodge, who should stand together a united family of brothers, above the influences of petty strife.

We do not desire our remarks should resolve themselves into too much of a sermon or indulgence, but it must be patent to the most casual observer that these petty grievances are the cause of most, if not all, the unpleasantness which arises in Freemasonry, and if anything we can say or do is the cause of uniting even two of those at present at variance our task will not have been undertaken in vain. Speaking personally, we may say our work in the Craft is a very difficult one, because self-imposed; we have no standard to emulate, or authority to refer to, as to what we should do under particular circumstances; all we can therefore attempt is to work to the best of our ability, observing a strict adherence to the principles of justice and truth, and using the strong power we possess to champion the cause of right and expose error. That we should occasionally hurt the feelings of some members of the Craft is, under such circumstances, not to be wondered at, but in nearly all such cases a word or two of explanation has usually set matters right. Our comments had been misunderstood, or perhaps the object of our criticism had been mistaken. It must not therefore be imagined we are writing on a subject on which we are ignorant, or concerning which we are unable to give a decided opinion. What we advise is the result of experience, and we can only hope it may prove as successful, wherever it is tried, as it has done in the few cases where remarks in our pages have been misunderstood or misapplied by our readers.

In the majority of cases where a disagreement arises in a Lodge, or among a section of brethren, we believe it will be found that a few moments friendly discussion on the grievance, together with a sincere desire on the part of the respective parties to make amends for any irregularity on their side, will have the effect of putting matters straight, while a careful study of the quotation with which we head these lines will convince the best of us how absurd it is to follow in the usual course of making troubles out of trifles.

QUIPS AND CRANKS OF A QUIZZICAL CRAFTSMAN.

IT has been written—"The remembrance of past pleasure is present pleasure," and of a truth it fitly applies to the recent visit to us of Brother Lord Carnarvon. The reminiscence, as it will recur again and again to the minds of those who attended that reception, will be a theme of pleasure and pride to them. It was a too brief experience; but it was one that has left an enduring and elevating impression behind it.

Barring the *extra*-ordinary unpunctuality which is a distinguishing characteristic of every S.A. Freemason's proceedings, it was otherwise a well-ordered ceremony. But why, after taking him to our bosom and heaping adulation upon him, should we have put him to the crucial test of receiving severally and individually the whole of the brethren present.

Verily, we felt our keenest sympathies aroused for him as the 250th bow was reached, and yet the cry was—"Still they come"—"Another and another yet appears." We listened in vain for the inspiriting strains of music, and felt that an appropriate *obligato* accompaniment would have been—"As we go bobbing around about," varied by—"We're all nodding, nod-nod nodding."

However, the most unlooked-for trials must have

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finality, and when about the 300th had bowed himself before the august presence, and the said presence was well-nigh bowed down with prostration, the processional "hims" came to an end.

Feeling that a duty was imposed upon me, and that the credit of the S.A. Masonic press was at stake, I could not allow a distinguished member of our Fraternity to leave us without waiting upon him as the self-constituted representative from your office. I say, I felt it incumbent on me to put the noble Mason through the usual and inevitable process of "interviewing," according to the rules of the ordeal made and provided for such occasions.

It is unnecessary to say he received me graciously, but an expression of pain flitted across his face when I explained my mission. But he expressed himself resigned, only stipulating I should not probe his knowledge or opinions too deeply, as he was only provided at the moment with Bro. Sansom's "Masonic Guide." And although he felt assured that if a Mason kept himself well within the circumscribed limits of that invaluable book he could not err, I might trench on points even more profound than were contained therein, which he might find it difficult to answer off-hand.

I assured him I would only touch lightly on topics, and would make no deep scrutiny into his mental Masonic stores. Seating myself, I "held him with my glittering eye," and thus began :—"Brother, do you seriously dec—. Ahem! Ah! Yes; of course—thought myself in another place." Recovering my self-possession, I again addressed him.

Questioned as to whether in his experience in these latitudes he had found the sun very much more at its meridian with respect to Freemasonry and everybody and everything else than in other places? he replied, "Yes; certainly the grand luminary shone here with all its might, before which the blazing star 'paled its uneffectual fire.'" I may say that the Australian sun takes the shine out of most of us, and at times appears to play it down rather rough on this sublunary abode. But I have always been Masonically taught that its function was to rule the day, and I am prepared to say, without fear of contradiction, it makes it the rule and not the exception.

"*Do* I consider S.A. Freemasons all and sun-dried to be regular bricks? I have not the least doubt that they are so, though I am assured that my visit here has transmuted their feelings for me to the concrete."

Being asked his opinion on the benevolent aspect of Freemasonry, and urged to advance some practical proof of his sympathy in that particular by the loan of a shilling, he said he had a very high estimate of the giving power of the Craft in general, and as to making it personally a test question on this occasion, he would carefully study the propriety of the demand, and endeavour to find out whether by complying with it he could do so without detriment to himself or connections.

In reply to the question, whether he had anything to suggest for the good of Masons collectively, or ourselves especially, and if in his extensive experience of "knobs"—superfluous or otherwise—he had also extended his researches into the hidden mysteries of a "colonial nobbler?" the illustrious visitor replied—"Up to this moment I have not found the desirable opportunity of arriving at a definite solution of that mystery, but I hail this as a fitting occasion for doing so, and shall gladly join you in an investigation of the nature and properties of a 'nobbler,' to enable me to ascertain and determine the limits and proportions of its several parts." Having essayed, and proved it to demonstration, he, with a sigh of relief, bowed me out of his presence, assuring me, without the least reserve, he had had enough of me. Thus ended an interview which cannot but be regarded by every well-wisher of the Fraternity as a valuable addition to our records.

Bro. J. G. Jenkins, M.P., P.M.—our quaint and genial Jenks—the life and soul of our gatherings—who is wont to set the table in a roar, and discourse most excellent humour—has been elected unopposed Mayor of Unley.

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Great yearning after municipal honours just now among S.A. Freemasons of high degree.

Proceedings of the "old Friendship" said to be voted "slow" by some of its misguided members. We don't know the "fastest" time in which the ceremonies have been run through, but perhaps some gay and festive brother might supply the "tip," and enable the W.M. to try and break the record.

Our Ebenezer—the old Ebenezer! not the young Ebenezer!—has made out a strong case in favour of further additions to our building in Flinders-street, and of great reforms in the general arrangements of the establishment. May he drive at it until he gets our urgent wants supplied.

The United Service Lodge rests for a while on its laurels. It has called a truce, and retires with all its munition of war (*vide* summons) into summer quarters. As the campaign must have been a trying one, we can only wish its members *bon repos*, and more successes when they once more renew the attack.—*South Australian Freemason.*

HINTS TO LITERARY PIRATES.

WE copy the following from the American magazine *The Century* (February 1888) :—

NO SUCCESSFUL SUBSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE.

"It is somewhat surprising that the agitation in favour of abolishing, by means of just laws, the disgrace of American literary piracy should have been until lately carried on almost exclusively by those supposed to be directly interested—namely, writers and publishers.

Only lately have there been signs that the clergy take any vital interest in the subject, or that the people at large are aroused to the national dishonour. But the stolen books with which the country is deluged are read by the country. How many among our citizens are alive to the shameful fact that American pirates and the American public have for generations been living upon stolen literature. Congress has been blamed for its indifference, but who among us can escape reproach—who among us has done his whole duty in attempting to right this gigantic wrong; to wipe out this unendurable national disgrace?

Mr. Lowell, in presiding over the successful Authors' Readings in New York, last November, added to the number of his admirable sayings in favour of international copyright. He repeated two most fortunate phrases of his own on the subject; phrases used by him in his first notable address to a Committee of Congress: 'There is one thing better than a cheap book, and that is, a book honestly come by.' 'Our authors are the only workers among us who are forced to compete with men who receive no wages at all.'

In the course of his Chickering Hall address, in which the above words were again given out, Mr. Lowell said: 'To steal a book I have bought is theft; to steal a book I have made—what is that?' In refering to the effect of the absence of international copyright upon the country at large, he puts the question, 'Whether it is prudent in a nation to allow its literature to be made for it by another nation; in other words, to allow the shaping of its thought, and therefore its character, to be done by that other?' But the deepest word of all was this: 'I prefer that the argument should rest not upon interest and expediency, but upon honesty and justice. No successful substitute for justice has ever been discovered—nothing with a lasting quality of justice.'

These are golden words, the keynote of a great national reform; or, to take another figure, shafts of light heralding the dawn of a new era of justice—a new era of literature of the English-speaking race."

Efforts are being made in the Masonic world to obtain votes for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on behalf of Mrs. Mary Cooke. The appeal possesses especial interest to the Freemasons of Kent, Mrs. Cooke being the widow of the late Bro. C. J. Cooke, who, thirty-five years ago, was connected with the *Maidstone Journal*, and in 1853 joined the Belvidere Lodge at Maidstone, of which Lodge he was afterwards Secretary and Worhipful Master. He joined the staff of the *Standard* in London, and died about eight years ago. In 1856 he was Senior Grand Warden of the Province of Kent. His widow, in whose behalf the appeal is being made, is sixty-four years of age, and the case is strongly recommended by many leading Masons of the metropolis and elsewhere, among the latter being Bro. F. Hall W.M. Invicta Lodge, Folkestone, and Bro. John Brothers (P.M. of the same Lodge) of Ashford.

Bro. Charles Skipp, of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, of the firm Messrs. Skipp and Harper, Dental Surgeons, announces that, owing to the great and rapid increase of practice, the firm have removed from 31 St. Martin's Lane to more extensive premises, 210 Regent Street, W., where Messrs. Skipp and Harper may be consulted from 10 till 4.

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CLASS MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If I may be allowed the expression I think you and some of your correspondents are harping too much on the string of Class Masonry. I cannot see the evils which you appear to recognise in the desire of certain Craftsmen to keep themselves, as far as possible, to themselves. I recognise a Masons' Lodge as being as sacred from intrusion—not only from cowans, but also from members of the Craft—as an Englishman's castle, and I fail to recognise the right by which one Mason can force his presence on a Lodge or assembly of Masons met for the practice of Freemasonry.

Freemasonry is essentially an exclusive Institution, and I do not think its members do wrong if they carry the same principle of seclusion within their individual Lodge as they practise in the Craft at large. What harm can possibly arise from such a practice? Or how is it possible to prevent it if a number of Masons band themselves together for the purpose of carrying it into effect? Surely if a number of "Class" Masons secure a Warrant and establish a Lodge for the furtherance of their particular crotchet, they cannot be accused of doing wrong. The wrong comes from those who would attempt to force their presence where it is not wanted, and where their attendance might create a spirit of reserve in speech and action which I maintain it is Masonry's object to allow. Nowhere outside of Freemasonry do I consider it is possible for more staunch friendships to be established, and I cannot see that Freemasons are wrong in fixing to the very fullest extent the limits within which they will seek to make such acquaintanceships. This is a sufficient excuse—if excuse be needed—for so-called Class Masonry, which I think may, even with benefit to the world at large, be widely extended throughout the world, so as to give to every class or section of the community a Lodge to which they may look for especial consideration.

Hoping I am not trespassing too much on your space in thus expressing my views,

I am, yours fraternally,

TOLERATION.

ENTHUSIASM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I thank you for the publication of my letter, in your last issue, and for the explanation you give of the title I referred to.

I also think you are deserving of thanks for the views you express in your leading article on the subject of enthusiasm. Too many brethren, young men in particular, neglect to throw enthusiasm into their Masonic labours, while on the other hand there are some who, as you say, display such an amount of it, for the first year or two, as seems to exhaust their supply, and leave them as drones in the hive of Freemasonry, which, to my thinking, should be a centre of industry. I do not lay claim to be a very enthusiastic Mason, but I take considerable interest in looking into its principles and practices, perhaps because I live in an out of the way part of the country, far removed from the many forms of amusement which are to be met with around our great cities. I assure you I find there is a great deal more to be found in the study of the every-day doings of Freemasonry than many would believe, and I would strongly urge on my brother Masons the desirability of searching for themselves a little below the outside crust of Freemasonry. They should, in fact, enter more enthusiastically into the study of its principles, and try to discover a little more of its beauties than are apparent to the casual observer. The concluding paragraph of your article exactly expresses my views on the subject, and I would, therefore, like to hear that it was read and acted up to by every member of our beloved Order.

Yours, &c.

STUDENT.

MASONIC PATRONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—May I crave a few lines of your valuable space to call attention to a matter which somewhat exercises my own mind, in common with those of many of my Clerical Masonic brethren? If *Brotherly Love* and *Relief* are, as we are taught, two of the fundamental principles of our Order, how is it that Masonic Patrons of Livings, in making their appointments, so seldom give the preference to the unbenefited Masonic Clergy, and so frequently bestow their preferments upon comparatively young and untried men who are *not* Masons? Of course, I do not for a moment wish to imply that *because* a Clergyman happens to be a Mason he ought necessarily to have precedence of every one else. Far from me be any such intentions; but I *do* venture to think that, all other things being equal, he *ought* to have the preference over outsiders—*i.e.*, if Masonry means *anything*.

No doubt many of our private Patrons, of whom we have a goodly number occupying high positions in the Craft, have relatives and personal friends whose interests they very justly feel bound to consider before those of any one else; but, after allowing for this, it would be interesting to know how many of them, when appointing some one who has neither claim nor connection, ever think it worth their while to seek for a suitable nominee amongst their Brethren of the Mystic Tie, though a little inquiry on their part would soon furnish them with the names of various good men and good Masons, only lacking preferment through want of personal interest, and not from any fault of their own.

Then, with regard to *public* Patrons. The present Lord Chancellor is, I believe, a member of the Craft. What of *his* preferments? It is commonly supposed that the object of placing so large a number of livings at the disposal of this exalted functionary was to enable him to promote the interests of those clergy who have no private or episcopal influence. As a matter of fact, this patronage is almost universally dispensed as a reward for political services, or to oblige influential private or political friends; but, as Masons, we may surely fairly look to a *Masonic* Lord Chancellor to partially, at all events, break through this self-imposed rule, and thereby earn the gratitude and respect of a large number of his poorer brethren. For myself, I can only say that, after about 25 years' active work as a Mason, while I cannot but acknowledge the truth and beauty of its teachings, *in theory*, I am becoming sadly awakened to the fact that (with the exception of the support rendered to our Masonic Charities) there is *little beauty* and *less truth* in the *practice* of the tenets and principles of our Order.

Fraternally yours,

P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.C. 18°, &c.

20th February 1888.

OUTSIDE TITLES IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I desire to thank your correspondent "ETIQUETTE" for the advice he kindly offers me in the letter you published last week, and I assure him I will take it to heart. He must, however, excuse me if I say his reply is no answer to my query; he treats the subject purely as a matter of etiquette, while I desire a Masonic opinion. I do not mind using the titles to which I referred outside of Freemasonry, and I think I am as particular in honouring them as any one could desire; but I wish to know if it is right to bring them into our Lodges? and, if so, where we should draw the line. I think, Bro. Editor, you are the cause of my publishing my ignorance to the world, as it was you who first objected to "Bro. Churchwarden This, Bro. Town Councillor That, or Brother Vestryman So-and-So." Under these circumstances, I hope I may yet be satisfied, through your columns, as to what is right for me to do in my position as

I.G.

DIBDIN'S GRAVE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think very many of your readers must be interested in what you published last week in reference to Dibdin's grave, and perhaps there are some of them who would like to be associated with any movement started to provide a monument for so worthy an Englishman. Personally I would contribute a trifle to bring about the desired object, and other of your readers might also like to do so; but considering the very many and severe claims Masonry has on its resources, on behalf of the living, I do not think the subject is one which ought to be taken up by Freemasons as a body, although it is one with which many Craftsmen might sympathise. As our good Bro. Cumberland—whom I have had the pleasure of meeting—is taking some interest in the matter, he may perhaps keep us posted, if we approve, through your columns, as to what is going on in reference to the memorial.

Yours faithfully,

A LOVER OF DIBDIN'S SONGS.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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HOLY CROSS PRECEPTORY.

AT a meeting at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Friday, the 17th inst., Sir Knight E. B. Thompson, M.D., was installed as Eminent Preceptor for the year ensuing. The ceremony was ably rendered by the Very Eminent Sir Knight Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.E.P. P.G. Prior of Devon 31°. Officers were invested as follows:—E. Sir Knights W. F. Westcott P.E.P., W. Derry Constable, Fritz P. Regar Marshal, Wm. Whittley Prelate, W. F. Westcott Treasurer, G. S. Strode Lowe Sub-Marshal, G. Whittley Registrar, R. Lavers Capt. of Lines, R. Pengelly Standard Bearer, J. Gidley Guard, W. H. Phillips Equerry.

THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.—Those who frequent the Zoological Gardens, whether on the fashionable Sunday afternoons or week days, will learn with satisfaction that the refreshment department will henceforward be placed in the capable hands of Messrs. Spiers and Pond. Many children are taken to visit the gardens, and they are naturally clamorous for buns, cakes, and other dainties of a like nature. It is most important then that the sweets and refreshments supplied should be absolutely pure and wholesome, and the reputation of the firm is a guarantee that such will now be the case at the Zoological Gardens. Special attention, too, will be given to the beverage and the concomitants of Afternoon Teas, and these it is believed will be very fashionable at "The Zoo" during the ensuing season.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

AT a meeting held on Monday, the 13th instant, at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chaplain of the Lodge, P.P.G. Chaplain, presented to the Lodge two handsomely framed photographs of "The laying of the foundation stone of the new Masonic Buildings of the Devon and Cornwall Freemasons' Hall and Club Company, Limited, No. 1 Princess Square, Plymouth, by Bro. the Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. of Devon, Wednesday 28th December 1887," and "The Temple, Freemasons' Hall, London, as it appeared after the fire, 4th May 1883." On the panel of each picture was the following inscription:—

"Presented to Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, by W. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chaplain 189 (70, 1205, and 2025 Hon.), P.P.G.C. of Devon, February 13, 1888."

In making the presentation Bro. Lemon explained that these pictures completed the series which he proposed giving the Lodge. He had given all the Masonic pictures published—and the twelve plates formed a most interesting record of Masonic history in themselves—being the most complete set out of London. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Lemon for his munificence, on the motion of Bro. A. S. Hendry, seconded by Bro. J. B. Moulder J.W. The W.M., Bro. John Ward, referred to Bro. Lemon's Masonic zeal and ability, and enlarged on the fact that other Lodges in the Three Towns had received noble gifts at the hands of Bro. Lemon. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. W. Ollis P.M., on the loss they had sustained by his death, was unanimously passed, on the motion of Bro. Lemon seconded by Bro. C. Croydon.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 202.

THE Worshipful Master (Bro. J. Leonard) and brethren were "at home" in their Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport, on the evening of the 16th inst. The invitations were necessarily limited, but this annual "at home" has proved in former years to be such a pleasant gathering that it is almost unnecessary to add that all the tickets issued were eagerly "caught up," and the result was that a goodly number attended that evening. Mr. Browning's Quadrille Band was in attendance. The arrangements were most complete, reflecting considerable credit on the Committee, consisting of Bros. J. Leonard W.M., H. Welch P.M., Viggers P.M., Burns P.M., J. Jackman P.M., Sandys P.M., Knight P.M., Carter S.W., Bray J.W., and Alkaster. The evening was most enjoyably spent by all present, and this is in a great measure due to the bonhommie and genial manner of the W.M. Bro. J. Leonard. A word of praise should also be given to Bro. J. Viggers P.M. and Mr. E. J. Leonard, son of the W.M., who officiated as M.C.'s, and carried out their duties capitally. Bro. Thomas Shears Tyler and Mrs. Shears attended to the ladies and gentlemen's cloak room in a most efficient manner. Bro. Sylvester, who was suffering from a severe cold, sang "You and I," with great ability, and ably accompanied on the pianoforte throughout the evening. Bro. Herbert possesses a rich and powerful baritone voice, and sang "True till Death" and "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" in excellent style, and was loudly applauded. Master Serle cleverly played a violin solo, Miss Serle accompanying. Bro. Leonard gave one of his amusing sketches, and Bro. Trethewy contributed a violin solo. Other brethren kindly assisted in the musical programme, and the company separated shortly after 2 a.m.

PHILANTHROPY LODGE, No. 940.

THE ceremony of installation took place on the 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Stockton. Bro. Thomas F. Pearce was installed as W.M. The following brethren were invested as Officers:—Fowler S.W., Atkinson J.W., Fowler Treasurer, Hart Secretary, Prudames S.D., Waller J.D., Bradley D.C., Atterby I.G., Turner Organist, Beatty S.S., Faber J.S., Smith Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the annual banquet was held.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1247.

THE annual banquet was held at Bro. Routly's Farley Hotel, Plymouth, on the 14th instant., the W.M. Bro. W. H. Hamblyn presiding, the vice-chairs being filled by Bros. R. C. Wyatt S.W. and Major M. Tracy J.W. Eighty-three brethren sat down to an excellent spread, which was admirably served. A Secretary's jewel was presented to Bro. P. G. L. Pearce P.M., in recognition of his services as Secretary. Excellent songs were rendered by Brothers Rider, Barter, Rendle, Major Tracy, and Herbert. Bro. Greenlaw gave an admirable recitation.

LONDESBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1681.

ON entering the Londesborough Lodge, on Wednesday of last week, we were reminded of the oft-repeated assertion that our world is a very small one. Only the night before we had been present at the anniversary meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, where the name of Lord Londesborough, its first Worshipful Master, was in every one's mouth; at the Café Royal, where the Londesborough meets, we found the same, or even greater, honour being paid to his lordship, as the members of this Lodge are very proud of being designated by the title Londesborough. The meeting on Wednesday was presided over by Bro. David Hart W.M., who was well supported. Having opened the Lodge, he submitted the minutes for confirmation, and these having been approved, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bros. Ogg and Rayner were passed. Mr. Charles W. Rayner was then balloted for as a candidate for initiation, and, being accepted, he was regularly admitted a member. The installation followed, Bro. George Dickinson being the W.M. elect. He was installed by Bro. George Read P.M., the Secretary of the Lodge, who gave the company a splendid example of his ability as an Installing Officer; for this he is justly famed throughout the metropolis. The following members were then appointed and invested as the Officers for the year:—Bros. Wood S.W., Rayner J.W., Barfield P.M. Treasurer, Read P.M. Secretary, Maidment S.D., Cursons J.D., Oliver Organist, Corry I.G., Dolsen D.C., Robinson and Sharratt Stewards, Schofield Tyler. Bro. Read then gave the addresses, and completed the ceremony of installation amid the applause of the brethren. The reception of the report of the Audit Committee was the next business on the agenda. This was of a most satisfactory character, all obligations having been discharged, while the balance in hand was of a substantial amount. Some matters of a routine character then received attention, and the Lodge was closed. At the banquet which followed, Bro. George Dickinson, the new Worshipful Master, presided, and in due course he offered the toasts for the acceptance of the brethren. With the one in honour of the Grand Officers was associated the name of Bro. F. Binckes Past Grand Sword Bearer, who in response said that some years ago he had visited the Londesborough. He was pleased to renew the acquaintanceship, and to see the progress the Lodge had made. He hoped it would continue its career of prosperity. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, referred to the night when Bro. Dickinson and himself, as twin Masonic brothers, sat side by side as initiates in the Lodge. They had worked side by side since that day, and had spent many happy hours together in the Lodge. He had particular pleasure in proposing the health of Bro. Dickinson. That brother, in reply said, he modestly recognised the kindly spirit which prompted their reception of the toast. He felt assured he should have the co-operation of his Officers, and he relied on them to assist him in maintaining the Lodge in a state of efficiency. Before sitting down he had the pleasure of proposing the health of the Installing Master, Bro. George Read. Both to him, and to Bro. Barfield their esteemed Treasurer, the Lodge was much indebted. Both were Founders of the Lodge, and had worked together to place it in the proud position it now occupied. The Worshipful Master next referred to Bro. Barfield's candidature for the office of Grand Treasurer of England. He, in common with those around him, regretted that Bro. Barfield's condition of health rendered it incumbent on him to refrain from attending the Lodge on this occasion. Still, they were gratified to know the state of his health was improving. He would now call upon them to do honour to the toast of their Installing Master. Bro. Read gracefully acknowledged the compliment paid him. He felt it a pleasure in working at all times for the Londesborough Lodge. He trusted he might long be able to assist in the conduct of its affairs. He appreciated the kind sympathy that had been accorded to Bro. Barfield; he had seen him that afternoon. Brother Barfield possessed, in an eminent degree, the grand quality that had been accorded him of having "A Good Heart." All hoped shortly to see him again taking a prominent position in the Lodge, where he would ever receive a cordial greeting. The next toast was that of the Initiate, and to this Bro. C. W. Rayner briefly replied. He had arrived certainly at a period of maturity, and trusted he might never have occasion to regret his association, even at his advanced period of life, with the Mason Craft. In proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master Bro. Dickinson referred to the happy allusion that brother had made to the day of their initiation. He also well remembered that day. Bro. Hart had ably fulfilled the duties of Worshipful Master, and on behalf of the Lodge he now had the pleasure of presenting him with a Past Master's jewel. In reply Bro. Hart thanked Bro. Dickinson for the way in which he had introduced the toast, and recognised the kindliness of the brethren which had prompted them to present him with the jewel. He was beholden to them for the many kindnesses he had received during his ten years' association with the Lodge. Bro. G. Read now spoke on behalf of the Masonic Institutions. He referred to the depressing prospects that surrounded the approaching Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and feared that the Boys' School would also participate in the evil effects that might result from the monopoly the Girls' School Centenary Festival would occasion during the current year. Brother Binckes in responding to the toast made a special appeal for help on behalf of the Boys' School. Unquestionably the Girls' School was monopolising the sympathies of the Craft during the current year, and the two other Institutions were undergoing a crucial test. Under these especial circumstances they must be content to realise the fact that crumbs now were equivalent to loaves. It was no light undertaking to provide for two hundred and sixty-two sons of Freemasons, to whom they endeavoured to give the best education that could possibly be provided. This was fully realised by the majority of the scholars, who, on leaving the school, sought by every means in their power to sustain that spirit of association which had arisen through their connection with it. The truth of this was borne out by the fact that the "Old Masonians" had now enrolled some seventy or eighty old pupils in its membership. Undoubtedly there must be, amongst the 1800 lads who had been educated in the Institution a certain per centage of failures. Whatever might be said in favour of the old men and women it was palpable that without our boys and girls we could never have the old folks. With respect to the three Institutions, they all stood on one common basis. For himself, his first love was for the Girls' School, and he took some credit to himself for having introduced there the improved system of education. It was he who recommended the appointment of Miss Davis, and all recognised the beneficial results which had ensued from that appointment. It was Bro. John Hervey who had induced him to take up a crusade on behalf of the Boys' School, and he could point to the fact that they were now educating 262 lads against 60 when he first undertook to plead on behalf of that School. He knew the hearts of Masons were large enough, and he hoped that, in spite of all that was being done this year on behalf the Girls' Institution, they would yet

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strive to do a little on behalf of the Boys. The toast of the Visitors was next cordially proposed by the Worshipful Master, and with it was associated the names of Bros. Dehane, Morgan and others. Bro. Morgan was the first to reply. As there seemed to be some hesitation as to which of the guests should take the lead, he ventured to enter the breach. On behalf of the numerous visitors who had not been personally called upon to respond, he felt assured he was expressing their sentiments when he thanked the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Lodge heartily for the reception they had given their guests. Personally he had anticipated the pleasure of meeting their esteemed Treasurer Bro. Barfield, who they must all be gratified to know was improving in health. Much as they might regret his absence on the present occasion they felt he was doing right in exercising caution in not venturing from home too soon. With respect to their Worshipful Master, it seemed to him (Brother Morgan) only the other day that Brother Dickinson was received into the Lodge, but he had made a mark therein, and it was gratifying to know the brethren had honoured him by placing him in the chair. The remark had often been made that you may sometimes entertain an angel unawares; he did not desire to ascribe any angelic proclivities to their W. Master, but it was given to every man to adorn a sphere. In the sphere of life wherein Bro. Dickinson moved he was frequently called upon to exercise the benevolent qualities that pervaded his disposition. There were many Institutions and Benevolent Funds with which he was associated; moreover, the exigencies of those engaged in his profession frequently entailed accidents, and losses that had to be met with promptitude. Bro. Dickinson had shown himself ever ready to respond to any legitimate appeal fairly brought under his notice. By strict integrity and honourable conduct throughout life he had gained the respect and esteem of all with whom he was associated in business, and the members of the Lodge doubtless looked forward with confidence to an agreeable year under his genial rule. Bro. Dehane and other of the Visitors also replied. Other toasts were given, and in due course the proceedings were brought to a close by the Tyler. The evening's proceedings were interspersed with some excellent songs, musical selections and recitations. Among the Visitors were Bros. W. Poupart S.W. 9, T. W. Johnson S.W. 1608, H. J. Pellatt 1194, M. J. Rowley 1507, G. S. Hunt 1585, W. C. Williams W.M. 865, J. R. Harnett I.G. 511, H. E. Dehane P.M. 1543, W. Brindley P.M. 1604, W. Richards P.M. 1588, H. A. K. Davis 177, R. J. Harnett 2021, F. Binckes P.M. Grand Stewards P.G. Sword Bearer, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, A. Baker 1708, G. Secker 179, W. C. Smith 1563, A. R. Pulley 1828, A. L. Bullen 1614, H. Rayner 1507, &c.

MEDINA LODGE, No. 35.

THE regular monthly meeting was held on the 9th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Cowes, when the W.M. Bro. Rutland P.G.O. commenced his year of office in a most efficient manner by raising Bro. G. T. Bartlett, and passing Bro. S. Porter. His work, and that of his Officers, was most favourably commented on by the visitors present. Bro. Ffarington, of the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, and Bro. Jerram were proposed as joining members. The W.M. in a feeling and appropriate speech presented Bro. Mursell P.M. P.P.G.D. with the Charities' jewel, and a beautifully executed testimonial from the Lodge, in recognition of his services to the Charities; and especially his services as Secretary, for many years, to the Lodge. Brother Mursell made a feeling acknowledgment, and the Lodge was closed in form, with solemn prayer. Those present included Bros. Rutland W.M., Damant I.P.M., Faulkner P.M. Treasurer, Airs P.M. D.C., H. Wheeler P.M., Harthausen P.M., Mursell P.M. Secretary, J. Leftwich S.W., A. E. Lee J.W., Cullingford S.D., Taylor J.D., Smith Organist; also Bros. H. Bartlett, Ffarington, Day, A. Perry, Stock, Osborne, Dewdney, and many others.

The Ball in connection with the Medina Lodge, in aid of the Masonic Charities, was held at the Gloster Hotel, West Cowes, on Monday evening, the 13th inst., and was attended by over 120 ladies and gentlemen. The large platform under the verandah, in front of the hotel, was fitted up in a most charming style as a ball-room, but although a large amount of accommodation was thereby afforded, it was not sufficient for the purpose, and an adjoining room was also appropriated for dancing. The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion, with flags, artistic draperies, Masonic emblems, &c. Bros. Airs P.M. D.C., Mursell P.M. P.P.G.D. Secretary, Wheeler P.M. Charities Com., Leftwich S.W., and Cullingford S.D. were the Committee.

LODGE FRIENDSHIP, No. 100.

THE annual installation meeting of the members of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, on the 16th instant. The principal business was the appointment of Bro. Sill as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. Martins P.M. The Officers for the ensuing year are Bros. Cubitt I.P.M., Blagg S.W., Robinson J.W., Donne Chaplain, Martins P.M. Treasurer, Mitchell S.D., Hake J.D., Bonfellow P.M. D.C., Pyemont Organist, Morgan I.G. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, where they dined together.

GOOCH LODGE, No. 1238.

THE annual installation took place at the Town Hall, Twickenham, on Monday, the 20th instant, when Bro. John Hinks Tomlinson was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by the retiring Master, Bro. E. Rogers. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. Smyth S.W., Hutchinson J.W., Harding Treasurer, Laxton Secretary, Bye S.D., Coysh J.D., Moir I.G., Burnell Steward, Bowler Tyler. Bro. Tomlinson commenced his year of office in an auspicious manner, by impressively initiating Messrs. D. M. Maurice and R. T. Coysh into Freemasonry. At the conclusion of the business an adjournment was made to the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, where a banquet was served. Brother Tomlinson presided in a genial manner, and during the evening presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Rogers the Immediate Past Master, as a mark of the appreciation of the members for his valuable services and in token of their respect and esteem. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the W.M. being proposed in felicitous terms by the I.P.M., and appropriately responded to by Bro. Tomlinson, who expressed the pleasure and gratification it afforded him to be elected to preside over the Lodge.

BALA LODGE, No. 1369.

A GRAND Masonic Ball was held at the County Hall, Bala, on the 16th inst., under the distinguished patronage and support of Bros. Lord Harlech R.W. P.G.M., Colonel Platt D.P.G.M. P.G.D., Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn, Bart., P.M., S. Pope P.M. P.P.G.S.W. P.G.D., Right Hon. Cecil Raikes P.M., and the élite of the neighbourhood. The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the W.M. (Bro. E. R. Jenkins) and the Officers of Bala Lodge are to be congratulated on the admirable manner in which all the arrangements were carried out. An enjoyable evening was spent, dancing being kept up with great spirit until 4 a.m. Much praise is due to Miss Davies, Plascoch Hotel, for the style in which she provided the supper, the tables being elaborately spread and tastefully decorated. Nearly 100 tickets were disposed of, and about ninety ladies and gentlemen were present, the brethren appearing in full Masonic regalia. The proceeds will be devoted in aid of the Masonic Charities.

HANDYSIDE LODGE, No. 1618.

ON Monday, 13th instant, at Saltburn, Bro. D. W. Dixon P.M. P.P.G.S.B. was installed as W.M.; Bro. Watson P.M. and P.P.G.R. was Installing Master. Bro. Dixon invested the following Officers:—Bros. Hartland I.P.M., Robinson S.W., Bowman J.W., Taylor P.G. Superintendent of Works Treasurer, Adamson S.D., Taylor J.D., Ianson P.M. Organist, Hopper I.G., Maddison and Witts Stewards, Deighton Tyler.

TORRINGTON LODGE, No. 1885.

THE annual festival was held at Bro. S. G. Tapley's, Globe Hotel, Torrington, on Monday evening, the 13th instant, when Bro. Stevenson was duly installed as Worshipful Master. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Hagley, and the Worshipful Master invested the following as Officers for the year:—Yeo I.P.M., Ashplant S.W., Hooper J.W., Hagley P.M. S.D., Fisher Treasurer, Mallett P.M. P.G.S.B. Secretary, Turrall P.M. J.D., Holwill I.G., Copp Tyler. Bro. Tapley was appointed representative at Committee of Petitions. Among the visitors present were Bros. Ascott 489, Kiddle 489, Pollard 489, Tardrew 489, &c. After the ceremony of installation the brethren held a banquet.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

ON Saturday, 11th inst., the installation banquet took place at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane. There was a large muster of the members of the Lodge to do honour to the new Worshipful Master, who was installed in the chair of King Solomon at the December meeting, and who exercised his fiat and postponed the installation banquet owing to the recent death of two of the members. There was also a large gathering of visitors from the Savage Club Lodge, Drury-lane Lodge, the Prince Albert Edward Lodge, and several others. At the Lodge proceedings the Worshipful Master referred to the death of Bro. Archibald M'Neill, and said the brethren had had opportunities outside the Lodge of individually expressing their deep sympathy with the relations of Bro. M'Neill, who, as they were aware, met with his death under very mysterious and sad circumstances a few days after their last meeting; but as their late brother was initiated in the Gallery Lodge, he thought they ought to express their sympathy as a body. Bro. M'Neill was a journalist of the first rank, his prospects in his profession were bright, he was universally esteemed, and his shocking death at Boulogne had been a severe blow to his press and other friends. He (the Worshipful Master) would move that a letter of condolence should be written by the Secretary in the name of the Lodge to the relatives of Bro. M'Neill. Brother Herbert Wright J.W. seconded the motion, which was agreed to. The Lodge decided to purchase a number of votes in the Masonic Institutions, to be called the "Goldsmith Votes," to perpetuate the memory of their I.P.M., who died shortly before the termination of his year of office.

ESSEX CHAPTER, No. 276.

AT Chelmsford, on Monday, the 12th instant, Comp. Veley acted as M.E.Z. in the absence of J. P. Lewin, and Comp. Shedd as H. in the absence of A. Mead. The following Companions were elected for the ensuing year:—Mead M.E.Z., Cavill H., Kellett J., the Rev. F. B. Shepherd S.E., Durrant Treasurer, Sutthery P.S., Meggy Auditor, to act with standing Officers. A banquet was afterserved at the White Hart Hotel.

CESTRIAN CHAPTER, No. 425.

THE members held their installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, Chester, on Tuesday, 14th inst., when Comp. S. W. Ramsden was installed as First Principal, J. F. Edisbury and A. Parkes being appointed H. and J. respectively. During the evening the Companions presented a valuable and somewhat rare Royal Arch jewel to Comp. J. C. Robinson P.Z., in recognition of his services to the Chapter, and his researches into Masonic archæology.

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FREEMASONRY.

All hail the ancient art
Dear to each brother's heart,
By virtues rare!
Long may thy power be known,
Thy deeds of kindness shown,
Dispelling suffering's moan
Thy constant care.

Within a foreign clime,
In very ancient time,
Thou didst have birth;
When by King Solomon's hand,
To obey Divine command,
God's Temple first was planned,
To grace the earth.

Here wrought, joined heart to heart,
Brethren of mystic art,
With plumb and line;
'Mid snow and winter's sleet,
Through rain and summer's heat,
They laboured to complete
This house divine.

This wondrous Temple now,
On Mount Moriah's brow,
In beauty rare,
Sat like a regal crown,
Sent from the heavens down.
No pagan dared to frown,
For God was there.

During the pagan sway
This Temple passed away
From out the land:
But far from mortal sight,
There stands a Temple bright,
Erected by the might
Of God's own hand.

Within its pearly gate,
When death shall separate
Brother and friend,
May we as brethren stand,
United heart and hand,
In that sweet Beulah Land,
When time shall end.

—*Exchange.*

A MASONIC ALPHABET.

XXI.—"UNITY."

The stones lie round about in rude profusion,
This way and that, unpleasing to the eye;
Till, slowly 'merging from the wild confusion,
A stately Building we ere long espy.
Toward the skies the noble Fabric rises,
Tier upon tier its several parts are placed;
Its broad extent of beauty all surprises,
Its fair proportions every stone has graced.

Each Mason is a stone. When isolated
How useless to himself and all beside;
But when amongst his fellows elevated,
He holds his duty with contented pride.
He feels that to his care is delegated
A certain trust—to keep the Fane secure,
That with his Brethren firmly consecrated,
He aids a "*Unity*" which must endure.

XXII.—"VIGILANCE."

The Camp at peace—and darkness all around,
Rests strong in confidence, on hostile ground,
Its occupants asleep.
Wearied with march or fight, each soldier lies,
The earth his bed—his coverlid the skies.
But sentries watchful keep
In readiness for any stranger sound,
While slowly pacing to and fro each bound,
With every sense awake,
On them their comrades' safety all depends,
Till night's dark curtain gradually ascends,
And day begins to break.

And we are Sentries—placed on every hand,
To keep secure the Noble Mystic Band,
From any rude alarm.
Our post of duty must not know neglect,
But every aim must be to well protect,
From all approaching harm.
To guard the gate, and keep the portals free,
Lest cowan eyes the Sacred Light may see,
And desecrate the flame.
Not one must shirk the term of guardant care,
But use all "*Vigilance*" and proudly dare
To guard the "*Mason*" Name.

WM. H. ORR, G.B.

—*Sydney Freemason.*

IRELAND.

PROVINCE OF DOWN.

THE Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down was held on the 14th instant, in the Masonic Rooms, Banbridge. Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., P.G.M. being detained in London by his Parliamentary duties, the meeting was presided over by Bro. Major Leslie Thompson, his Lordship's Deputy. There was a very large attendance of brethren from all parts of the Province, upwards of twenty-four Lodges being represented. Communications were received from several brethren unable to attend. Business of great importance to the Provincial Grand Lodge having been transacted, the installation of Officers was proceeded with. Bros. W. MacCormac as S.W., M. Friar J.W., D. Lithgow S.D., J. L'Estrange J.D., W. Fegan I.G., Dr. Douglass S.B., &c. Several matters of interest to local Lodges were brought forward, after which the Lodge was closed according to ancient form. The attendance and interest manifested in the proceedings showed that Masonry is flourishing strongly in this Province. The Provincial Grand Officers and other brethren from a distance were hospitably entertained at luncheon by the Banbridge Lodges, Nos. 119 and 336, in the Town Hall.

SCOTLAND.

JOURNEYMAN LODGE, No. 8.

IN the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, the annual ball of this Lodge came off, with much success, on the 16th instant. The company numbered about 180 members of the Lodge and its friends. The Grand March was led off at nine o'clock, headed by the R.W.M. of the Lodge, Brother Douglas, Past Master Rennie, Senior Warden M'Kechnie, and other Officers of the Lodge. Amongst the representatives of other Lodges were:—Bros. A. Rodan Hogg R.W.M. 97, A. Bruce R.W.M. 349, S. Duncan R.W.M. 405, and A. Marshall Secretary 597. Dancing was carried on till an early hour with much spirit and in excellent order, under the care of Bros. M'Donald and Walker, the M.C.'s. The music was supplied by Brother Simpson's band.

ST. MARK LODGE, No. 102.

A MEETING was held on the 13th inst., at Glasgow, Bro. Robert Blyth W.M. in the chair. The annual visitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge took place, the deputation consisting of Bros. M'Naught P.G.J.W., Colin Galletly P.G. Treasurer, Thomas Halket P.G. Treasurer Benevolent Fund, Paterson P.G.J.D., David Chalmers P.G.A., John Clark P.G.J., David Draper P.G. P. of S., and David Reid P.G. Secretary. The deputation was received with all the honours, and reported most favourably on the state of the books and accounts of the Lodge. The Lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, Bro. Major Menzies replying for the Volunteers, and Bro. Major Johnstone for the Grand Lodge. An enjoyable concert followed, the most notable features being a Scotch fantasia, composed for the occasion and played by Bro. Emile Berger; a song composed and sung by Bro. John Baird, No. 333, and the Highland dances and pipe music of the brethren from Gael Lodge. Brother Major Mutter, in a felicitous speech, having proposed the toast of St. Mark Lodge, which was responded to by the Chairman, one of the happiest meetings in connection with Masonry ever held in Glasgow was brought to a harmonious close.

NORTH BRITISH RAILWAY LODGE, No. 597.

THE annual bi-monthly meeting was held 20th ult., in the Lodge Room, Waverley Station. Past Master Lindfield occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Tait S.M., Chalmers S.W., Quested J.W., Dyce and Middlemas Acting Stewards. The Lodge was opened, when Brother Blackie (a nephew of Professor Blackie) was duly initiated. A large number of deputations from Sister Lodges were received. After the usual Masonic toasts had been given and responded to, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form at high twelve.

It is proposed to hold a grand Masonic banquet, on the 10th proximo, at Bromley, Kent, to celebrate the silver wedding of the M.W. Grand Master. Bro. Martin J. Dickins will act as Secretary, and it is expected that a large and influential body of Craftsmen will meet, to do honour to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

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OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution. Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic afflictions he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

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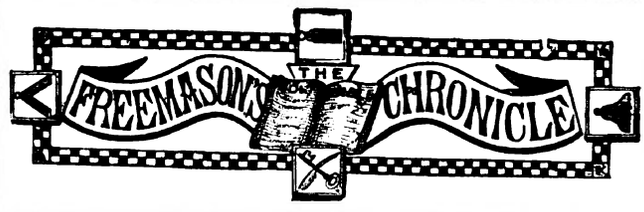
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COMMON SENSE NOT YET EXTINCT AMONG AMERICAN MASONS.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

BEFORE the invention of printing Masons had no Bibles in their Lodges. The rituals, however, of the seventeenth century required the candidate at a certain part of the initiation to lay his hand on a book, viz., the Bible, and the said custom was continued after the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1717. The several earliest rituals, however, do not indicate that the Bible was referred to as a Masonic symbol. Anderson, in both editions of his Constitutions, did not mention the Bible, and in his second edition, of 1738, he distinctly informs us that the Grand Lodge was opened in those days "in due form," when on the pedestal was laid (not the Bible, &c., but) "the Constitutions and the Sword." And if such

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was the practice of the Grand Lodge between 1730 and 1738, we may assume that the same fashion prevailed in the Lodges at the said period. In a ritual of 1730, however, the Bible, Square, and Compasses were called the "furniture of the Lodge," and some twenty or thirty years later the furniture of the Lodge of 1730 was changed into the "three great lights." Masons (as a rule) never trouble themselves about searching for origins of phrases in the ritual, hence it was generally supposed for a long time that the Bible in the Lodge was an "ancient landmark." The subsequent introduction of Templarism as a higher degree in Masonry served further to foster the delusion that belief in the inspiration of the Bible was essential to Masonry; hence in Sweden and in Germany Masonry was deemed a purely Christian Institution, where Jewish Masons were not allowed even to visit a Lodge.

In America, where Masonry is of a mongrel kind, it is called Cosmopolitan or universal Masonry, but nevertheless the Worshipful Master must pretend to venerate "the Lion of the tribe of Judah" and the Saints John, and it is not uncommon to have in our Lodge rooms a cross, placed conspicuously to denote the religion of our Masonry; and even a Massachusetts Mason's certificate is embellished with a female figure holding up a cross as an emblem of a Mason's faith. In Ohio, in Texas, and in other jurisdictions too, if a Mason denies the inspiration or authenticity of the Bible, he is expelled from Masonry; and only about two years ago a Mason was expelled in Montana and in Canada for having said or published something about the Bible. Recently, however, a similar case occurred in Illinois, and the following address of the Grand Master and the remarks of the Grand Lodge Committee, will show a "new departure" there taken upon the sectarian question. The Grand Master said: —

"5th June. I received a communication from a member of Vienna Lodge, No. 150, inquiring whether charges could be sustained against a Mason who disbelieves the Bible, and who does not believe in the God of the same. I assured him that charges could be sustained, and he be promptly expelled.

"I subsequently learned that a number of members of Vienna Lodge belonged to a society which disbelieved the Bible, and denied the existence of the God of the same. The president of the society, Bro. John S. Crum, sometime previous published an address which had been delivered on the subject of the Bible and the God of the Bible, but which bore for a title the startling words 'Believe, or be Damned.' In this he takes great delight in making light of the Book of Books, as well as of the God of our fathers.

"I need only quote one sentence from his address: 'I therefore pronounce the first sentence in the old Jewish book a falsehood.' The sentence to which reference is made, as will be remembered, is part of our ritual, from the 'Great Light in Masonry,' and has reference to our Supreme Grand Master. This is a sample of the address. The doctrine of this atheistic society has crept into the Lodge, and unless speedily checked must affect the welfare and reputation of the Fraternity very seriously in the community where it is located.

"Bro. Crum was placed on trial, at which the R.W. Bro. James A. Rose presided, and although found guilty of one specification, the Lodge refused to fix a penalty. This being reported to me, I immediately suspended the functions of the Lodge.

"Pending the trial Bro. Crum preferred charges against W. Bro. L. Arnold, Master of the Lodge, for permitting a sectarian question to be presented to the Lodge for consideration. These were at once dismissed, with the assurance to Bro. Crum that, in my opinion, any Mason holding such views as his ought never to see the insight of a Masonic Lodge. In reply to this he requested me to submit the case fairly to the Grand Lodge. This I have done, and urgently request that it receive that attention its merit demands."

The question was referred to a Committee consisting of five brethren, and here is their response.

"The subject brought up by the trial of a member of Vienna Lodge, No. 150, on charges growing out of his alleged theological opinions, and the bringing counter charges by the accused against the Master of the Lodge for permitting sectarian matter to be presented to the Lodge for consideration, imposes upon your Committee a delicate duty, not only because the subject is one which always lies very near the prejudices and passions of men, but because of the difficulty of discussing it without overstepping here the law-making body itself, the bounds of which the law made here in consonance with the fundamental law of Masonry, sets up for the constituent Lodges and forbids them to pass. For these reasons it seems to your Committee that the law in a general way may be profitably considered before passing to the case which has arisen under it, or in spite of it; and because the time allotted to the Committee is too brief for preparation of a fresh presentation of the subject. It quotes here from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in a former year, a presentation which then received the approval of the Grand Lodge, and which now reflects the opinions of your Committee relative to the law and the line of Masonic duty touching the very basis of Masonic union."

The Committee then quote, as follows:—

"In entering upon this inquiry our manifest duty is to consult first the Ancient Law—the landmarks—by whose prescription every Masonic body and every individual Mason is alike bound to square their Masonic action. The first of the Old Charges 'concerning God and religion' says:—'But though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, whatever it was, yet it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men and true, or men of honour and honesty, by whatever denomination or persuasion they may be distinguished, whereby Masonry becomes the centre of union and the means of conciliating true friendship among those who must have remained at a perpetual distance."

"Under the same charge, atheists are excluded from Masonry, the warrant for such exclusion being found in the following:—

"A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine."

"Atheists being excluded, what is then 'that religion in which all agree.' Manifestly it is the belief in a Supreme Being, the initial point, and one great inclusive idea of all religions—the only one common to all.

"From this one common point of theological agreement diverge the paths which lead to countless divisions and subdivisions, ethnic and denominational, of the religions of the world. As the only possible centre of union, the only possible means of conciliating true friendship among those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. The landmark utterly refrains from indicating which, if any, of these diverging paths leads backward to the Supreme.

"Professedly a universal brotherhood, it is the comprehensive nature of its one religious requirement, the fact that it includes that and that only which is common to all religions, that gives Masonry its universality. How much its votaries as individuals may add to this one cardinal idea of the Supreme Being, Masonry neither prescribes nor inquires; but in the same Fraternity no man or body of men may add or take from it. Holding in common to the great fact of the existence of God, all Masons must stand upon the level of a perfect equality whenever and wherever assembled as such. As a man Masonry leaves each one free to his own theological interpretation; for this freedom confers no licence to enforce or engraft his interpretations upon the institution.

"The moment a brother assumes that the Supreme can be approached only through some one name—be that name Brahma, Jesus, Buddah, or Allah—that moment he enters upon theological definition and interpretation, the very root of sectarianism, which with its twin evil, political partizanship, Masonry seeks above all others to exclude.

"Our Grand Lodge, mindful of its obligation to the landmark, has by statute prohibited the introduction of either upon any Masonic occasion, and no one who will pause to reflect upon the essential nature of a brotherhood claiming to be universal can doubt the wisdom of its action.

"In the case before us a strongly sectarian address, published in pamphlet form by the accused, was made the basis of a charge against him of committing a Masonic offence, and also constituted the sole evidence put in upon his trial to substantiate the charge. One of the specifications involved the charge of atheism, a disbelief in God; and the others, three or four in number, were various ways of stating, in substance, that he was guilty of denying the divine authenticity of the Bible, of ridiculing that book, of

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declaring that some portions were false, or of speaking contemptuously of it. Upon the trial the accused was found not guilty of the specification of atheism, and not guilty of all the rest of the specifications save one, and that one was one form of specifying that he had cast ridicule and contempt upon the Bible. Failing to agree upon any punishment for the specification upon which he was convicted, the presiding District Deputy immediately closed the Lodge, and the Grand Master immediately suspended the charter. Meanwhile, the accused preferred charges against the Master, for allowing a sectarian question to be presented to the Lodge for consideration, which charges were curtly dismissed by the Grand Master. The section under which the charge was brought against the Master is to be found in Article 11, part third, defining Masonic offences. It is the 3rd section, and reads as follows: 'The Master of any Lodge shall not permit any charges or specifications, or any other subject matter, either written or oral, involving questions of political or sectarian character, to be read in, or in any manner presented to the Lodge.'

"Language could not make plainer the prohibition aimed at, precisely the character of matter introduced in this case, and which was first disobeyed by the Master and afterwards ignored by the Grand Master. To your Committee it seems impossible to deny that in permitting the introduction of the sectarian pamphlet, and also of some, if not all its specifications, the Master very squarely disobeyed the unmistakable letter of the law. But your Committee find on referring to the Grand Master's report, that in permitting this matter to be introduced he was acting under such advice from the Grand Master as he might well be excused for considering an order, or at least a direction; and from the statements of the Master in its presence it was impressed with the belief that he would not intentionally defy the laws of the Grand Lodge, and that he might safely be again entrusted with the custody of the charter of Vienna Lodge.

The acquittal of the accused of the charge of atheism shows that there was nothing that could afford the least shadow of excuse for defying the plain letter of the law, and therefore no possible excuse for now insisting that the Lodge should inflict punishment pursuant to a verdict found in a trial void on its face, because held in violation of law. On the other hand, there is nothing to be gained in inflicting punishment upon those who have broken the law, at all comparable to the mischief of continued agitation of a question so dangerous to the peace of the Fraternity, one of which, as the Grand Lodge long ago foresaw, can bear only the bitter fruits of strife, alienation, and discord. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the whole proceeding be regarded in fact, as it was in law, *abinitio*, leaving all parties enjoying the same status as before the mischievous proceeding was begun." (Illinois Proc. 1887, pp 48 and 157.)

I shall only add, that our zealots value the phrase about the Bible in the ritual, not on account of its moral teachings, but because it furnishes them an assumed right to ventilate their favourite dogmas in the Lodge. Hence, it is no wonder that disbelievers in the said dogmas are sometimes provoked to retaliate outside the Lodge, by saying or writing something which is very disagreeable to those who set themselves up as being holier than other men. The Illinois committee, therefore, deserve the thanks of every just minded Mason, for courageously expounding the just basis of "Masonic universality." But as long as the American continues to demand from the officers of a Lodge veneration for Christian saints, &c., &c., so long must American pretension to Masonic universality be regarded and denounced *as a mere swindle*, and what is worse, it is a useless swindle; for offensive phrases may insult, but they will not convert.

BOSTON, U.S., 8th February 1888.

A Masonic Ball in aid of the Building Fund of the Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, was held in the new Market Hall, on the 11th inst. Under a dispensation granted by the Prov. Grand Master of Devon, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., members of the Craft appeared in full Masonic clothing. Nearly one hundred ladies and gentlemen were present.

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AT a Stated Communication of St. John's Lodge, on the 27th January, Brother E. R. Hall W.M. in the chair. After the usual business, Bro. Higham advanced to the pedestal and addressed the W.M. as follows:—"Words not ending in deeds are idle and sinful waste of speech. Accomplished deeds have a language of their own, speaking directly and effectively to the heart, causing vibration of its chords, which awaken, as I trust in this instance, very pleasurable emotions. Worshipful Sir—I am sure you will feel that this your first act is a very delightful one, it is as it were crowning your predecessor with the wreath which Masons one and all have contributed to procure, an imperishable wreath, one which will gladden the members of his home, one which will be his passport perhaps in lands beyond; one the possession of which can never be absent from the mind, and which will be as the widow's cruse—the unfailing medium for the supply to his Masonic Lamp, which I trust he will keep brightly shining to the end of his career. May it not also act powerfully as an incentive to yourself and those who follow after? I feel pleased with the cheerful response of the numerous brethren which enabled me to obtain these beautiful tokens of our affection, and I am thankful to our brother Garry Thibou for requesting me to co-operate with him in this laudable duty, but I do not know whether to thank him for slipping his harness after a day or two, leaving me to draw alone, not the Juggernaut Car, but the Chariot of love, to this its Masonic home, for transfer of its freight at your hands to our worthy Brother Este, who takes pleasure in designating me his Masonic father or sponsor. I trust he will not be dissatisfied with these proofs of my love, esteem, and earnest effort to convince him that his Masonic career has gladdened my heart in these closing days of life; and I trust to see the true spirit of our Order revive in our midst—that Masonic Charity may regain and preserve its renowned and universal fame. Worshipful Sir, permit me to hand to you this testimonial, jewel and ring, purchased by contributions of the Masons who have subscribed their names, that you may ask our brother, the immediate Past Master, to accept as tokens of our high appreciation of his successful work in the chair during the two years ending 1887." The W.M. in handing the testimonial, ring and jewel said:—"Bro. Este,—It is indeed a pleasant duty which devolves on me to ask your acceptance of these beautiful memorials, procured with our united contributions, placed in my hands by Bro. Higham, which I am sure you will receive as tokens of our united appreciation of the truly valuable services rendered to our Lodge during your two years occupancy of the chair. I feel that the able words Bro. Higham has uttered will make an impression on your heart, needing no enforcement from me. I therefore perform most heartily this pleasant task, the opening act of my Masonic *duties* in the chair, and I would fain hope that T.G.A.O.T.U. will enable me to perform my allotted work as Master of this Lodge so worthily that I may gain, at least, the approbation of the brethren, though I may fail to merit such tangible recognition as it is my privilege to bestow upon you. Wishing you long life and prosperity in whatsoever sphere it may please T.G.A.O.T.U. to place you." Bros. C. P. Chambers of Athol Lodge, No. 438, C. W. Farquhar of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 358, and Bro. J. W. G. Thibou, having addressed the brethren in support, Bro. Este replied:—Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—I am deeply sensible of the high honour which you have been good enough to confer on me in the presentation of an address, accompanied by so valuable a Past Master's ring and jewel. I appreciate it, as a mark of very great esteem, confidence and affection.—I view it especially as an expression of the goodwill and kindly feeling entertained towards me by each and every individual member of this Lodge, and the value of the gift is further increased by the fact that its cost was contributed in small sums, given by all the brethren, attached and unattached, thus rendering it a most gratifying memento of a most interesting occasion in my life. You may rest assured, brethren, that I shall continue my efforts to sustain the prestige and usefulness of the Lodge. It is not my intention to pass into the idle stage now that I have left the chair, but I shall strive earnestly in the future, as I have done in the past, to forward the interests of the St. John's Lodge, and to assist to the utmost of my power in carrying out the great work to which we have all set our hands. In all my Masonic working I have been guided by the beautiful words of Eliza Cook:—

"Should ye see afar off that worth winning
Set out on the journey with trust;
And ne'er heed if your path at beginning
Should be among brambles and dust.
Though 'tis by footsteps ye do it,
And hardships may hinder and stay,
Walk with faith, and be sure you'll get through it,
For where there's a will there's a way."

During my term, brethren, I have only done my duty, as every Master should, and my work in connection with the Lodge during that term has been truly a labour of love. I am proud to think that my humble efforts to advance its interests have been so highly appreciated, I am unable to find words in which to express my sincere thanks to Brother Thibou, and my highly esteemed and respected friend and veteran Brother Higham, for the special interest and zeal manifested by them, and to you, brethren, for the great, the undeserved, and in the history of this Lodge, the unprecedented honour, you have conferred on me. The Lodge was then closed according to ancient custom.

The address is on illuminated vellum, in gilt frame 24 by 10, and does credit to Bro. H. T. Lamb, of St. John's Square, Clerkenwell, to whom Bro. Higham entrusted the order.

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CORNWALL MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

THE third annual general meeting of the members of this Association was held at Truro, on Wednesday, the 8th instant. By the combination afforded by this Association the members obtain, by means of an annual ballot, life votes in the Central Masonic Charities of the value of five or ten guineas, according to the amount of annual subscription, whether one or two guineas. The amount received during the year now ended was reported to be 266 guineas, and after deducting for nominations fully paid, &c., there remained to submit to the ballot 235 guineas, being exactly the same sum as was available a year ago. In the first ballot for five-guinea votes, thirty-three members were successful. In the second drawing for votes of the value of ten guineas each, the following Lodges were successful, viz. :—Hayle, Liskeard (2), Redruth, St. Ives, Camborne, and the Mark Lodge at Helston. Since the formation of the Association three years ago it has collected over eight hundred guineas, and this success is so great as to warrant its promoters in claiming for it a prominent position among the Masonic Institutions of the Province of Cornwall. Several of the Lodges are still indifferent as to the work it is doing, and to little or no extent participate in the honours and benefits of its success. It is hoped, however, that they will soon unite in liberally supporting what is the pride of their Order—Charity. The following were elected Officers for the ensuing year :—Bro. Right Hon. Earl of Mount Edgcumbe President, Bros. Charles B. Graves Sawle, Bart, and Thomas Chirgwin Vice-Presidents, Brother E. D. Anderton Treasurer, Bros. Gilber and B. Pearce Secretaries, Bro E. Milford Cock Auditor, Bros. Frank Harvey (Hayle), B. Courtney (Liskeard), John Jose (Mellingey), S. Grantham Bake (Camelford), Wellington Dale (Penzance), and G. H. B. Reed (Falmouth), together with Bro. Charles Truscott (ex officio), Committee.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 298, by special invite of the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Monday, 27th February 1888. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock punctually. Bros. Cohen P.M. 205 W.M., Kirk 1767 S.W., Galer P.M. 1366 J.W., Fenner P.M. 1227 1693 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Yates, Simmons, Turner, Lone, Dixie, Case, and Catling. Second Lecture—Bros. Brown, Patrick, Solomons, Kirk, and Fenner. Third Lecture—Bros. Galer, Snelling, and Gush. Brethren are cordially invited to attend; the accommodation is both ample and comfortable. The Lodge meets every Monday evening, at eight o'clock, throughout the year. Bros. Fenner P.M. 1227 1693 Preceptor, Free W.M. 1227 Treasurer, Hayward S.D. 1227 Secretary.

By the members of the Eclectic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1201, at the Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, on the evening of 26th February, at six p.m. Bros. Corby P.M. 957 W.M., Farwig P.M. 180 S.W., Brindley P.M. 1604 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Ham, Larkin, Harnell, Harnell, Kirk, Reed, and Farwig. Second Lecture—Bros. Grist, Brindley, Hardy, Smith, and Coope. Third Lecture—Bros. Dusterwauld, Curzon, and Cobbam. Bros. Smith P.M. 1563 Preceptor, Watts P.M. 1201 Treasurer, Sedgwick P.M. 180 Secretary.

The Board of Masters met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when the agenda paper for the Quarterly Communication of 7th March was submitted to the brethren. The Board of Benevolence was then held, Bro. R. Grey P.G.D. President presiding, with Bros. James Brett P.G.P. Senior Vice-President, and W. H. Perryman G.P. as Junior Vice-President. Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd and W. H. Lee were present from Grand Secretary's office, and a large number of Craftsmen. The President, in opening the proceedings, said there was a large amount of business before the brethren, who would be pleased to see again among them an old President of the Board, Bro. J. M. Clabon P.G.D., who had not been there for many years. The brethren confirmed the recommendations to the Grand Master at the January meeting, to the amount of £320, and afterwards proceeded with the new list, which contained the names of 52 petitioners. In the course of a four-and-a-half hours' sitting, the brethren dismissed three of these cases, and deferred three, relieving the remainder with a total of £1205. There were two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £100 each, five of £50 each; two recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, ten of £30 each; ten grants of £20 each, two of £15 each, fourteen of £10 each, and one fo £5.

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MARK MASONRY

BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 48.

A REGULAR meeting of this Mark Master Masons' Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hobart Street, Stonehouse, to instal Bro. G. Ellery S.W. as the Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The Installing Officers were Bros. C. Marshall (retiring W.M.) P.G. Organist, S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.M.O., J. Gidley P.M. P.G.T., and J. Bartlett P.M. The new Officers were :—Bros. Marshall I.P.M., Webber S.W., Worledge J.W., Geack M.O., Williams S.O., Radmore J.O., Price Treasurer, Marshall I.P.M. Secretary, Eden Reg. of Marks, Davis S.D., Wingate J.D., Donnelly I.G., Lunt D.C., Eden Organist, Moses S.St., Parsons J.St., Bartlett Tyler.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—A most enjoyable Smoking Concert, the fourth in connection with this Lodge of Instruction, was given at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., on Thursday, 16th inst. The proceedings commenced at 7·30, when a capital selection of songs, recitations, and sketches were given. Mr. Frank Knight, R.A.M., and Herr Lehmeyer proved themselves accomplished accompanyists. The company, numbering something like 120, was ably presided over by Bro. W. H. Paddle, who was supported by Bro. James Stevens, while Bro. Ball looked after the comfort of the visitors. These gentlemen were most successful in their efforts; the concert was kept going merrily. We can compliment Messrs. Healy and Webb on their really beautiful rendering of Balfe's "Excelsior." An enthusiastic encore was demanded, when these gentlemen obliged with "The Moon has raised her Lamp." The usual votes of thanks were proposed and carried during the evening.

Judging from the experience we have gained during the past few years, we think we are justified in saying Masons as a rule enjoy good appetites, and considering the healthy appearance of some of Masonry's warmest devotees, we are equally entitled to believe they have good digestions. Shakespeare tells us that health is the outcome of a good digestion waiting on appetite; besides, have we not experienced the ill effects of a bad digestion, with little or no appetite? It is on such occasions the skill of man comes forward to assist the work of nature, and in some cases restore to us that appetite which seemed never likely to return. Those who can supply us with really enjoyable relishes are therefore deserving of our warmest thanks, and in this list the inventor, the compounder, or whatever he loves to call himself, of Batty's Nabob Pickles, is worthy of a foremost place. Many a time we have, with their help, relished a meal which without them would have been literally untouched, and often has a liberal allowance of "Nabob" caused us to thoroughly enjoy a repast for which we had but little desire. We have had reason to bless them in the past, and so would many others if their use became more general. On this account we cordially recommend the Nabob Pickles to our readers, who, with ourselves, may sometimes like a stronger appetitiser than fresh air, albeit that is good in its way; unfortunately its way does not appear to be around the busy centres of commercial life. A short time since we made reference to the vinegar manufactured by Messrs. Slee, Slee and Co. This firm, we understand, supply Messrs. Batty with the vinegar used in the preparation of both their pickles and sauces, and this no doubt to a very great extent accounts for the excellence of these commodities.

An entertainment of an exceptionally interesting kind was given to the subscribers and friends of the Masonic Amateur Dramatic Society, on the 22nd instant, in the Bath Saloon, Sheffield. Hitherto the society has generally provided a programme of a couple of plays, but for this occasion those responsible for the arrangements boldly decided upon presenting a four act drama, which should occupy the whole of the evening. The play chosen was Meritt's melodramatic romance, "The Golden Plough," and this not only afforded work for several of the best members of the society, but proved a source of interest and delight from the inaugural rising of the curtain to its final descent shortly after ten o'clock. The professional ladies who assisted were Miss Kitty Claremont (the frequent engagements of whom by the society indicate how popular she has made herself), Miss Ada Melrose, and Miss Lillian Hingston.

Our popular and versatile Brother G. S. Graham announces his Twenty-third Annual Grand Evening Concert, for Friday, 2nd March, at the St. Andrew's Hall, Balham. Bro. Graham will be assisted by Madame Lansdell Sims, Miss Maude Hayter, Miss Maude Newmarch, Mdlle. Bertha Colnaghi, Mr. Herbert Sims Reeves, Bros. Henry Prenton, Eustace Jay, Arthur Thomas, and McCall Chambers. Solo Flute, Mr. Charles Spencer West; Solo Pianist, Miss M. Norton; Mr. James Hallo at the Pianoforte. Tickets—Reserved Seats, 3s; Unreserved Seats 2s; and 1s each—can be had of Bro. G. S. Graham, Hazledean, Cornford Grove, Balham, S.W.; or at the St. Andrew's Hall, on the night of the concert.

The Directors have announced that they have arranged for a complete decoration of the Alhambra, and concluded a contract with the eminent firm of Messrs. Campbell, Smith and Co. for the execution of the work. Out of regard for the interests of the artistes and the numerous employés of this popular place of amusement and others engaged in the business (numbering upwards of 500), the Directors consider it their duty to keep the Theatre open during the progress of these works. The management have, however, made such arrangements that, during the progress of redecoration, visitors will not be put to any inconvenience or discomfort.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 25th 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)
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)
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

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Mettham
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1462—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, 27th FEBRUARY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gaulen 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
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gaulen Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1435—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 302 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, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Cour House, Enfield

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
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)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 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
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst).
115—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst).
258—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
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)
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
891—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)
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)
1714—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1904—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 18—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 704—Canaden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
M.M. 3—Kerstone, 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)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
778—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1543—Roslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1566—Ellington, Town Hall Macclesfield
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
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, 29th FEBRUARY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, at 5.30, for 6 o'clock
Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
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.
229—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)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
868—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1904—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1981—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)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
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
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Horusea, Hull (Instruction)
1845—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
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THURSDAY, 1st MARCH.

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.
235—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
654—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 345 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)

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1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction.)
1319—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
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, Kennington, S.E.
1548—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 4 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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.)
1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, 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, Nottingham-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
125—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Hastingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
288—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
289—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Faversham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
348—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
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
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.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
702—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Ballingdon, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stourbridge
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Saville, Royal Hotel, Elland
1262—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1264—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
1509—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Pattern, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
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. 326—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. 765—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 63—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 2nd MARCH.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 7
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
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, Holborn-viaduct, 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)
880—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1076—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1145—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1229—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns Kennington. (Instruction)
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2076—Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
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)
44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Brighton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzw Bl[illegible], at 8 (Instruction)
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
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1618—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Saltaire, Shipley.
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. 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, 3rd MARCH.

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' 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)
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.)
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1223—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
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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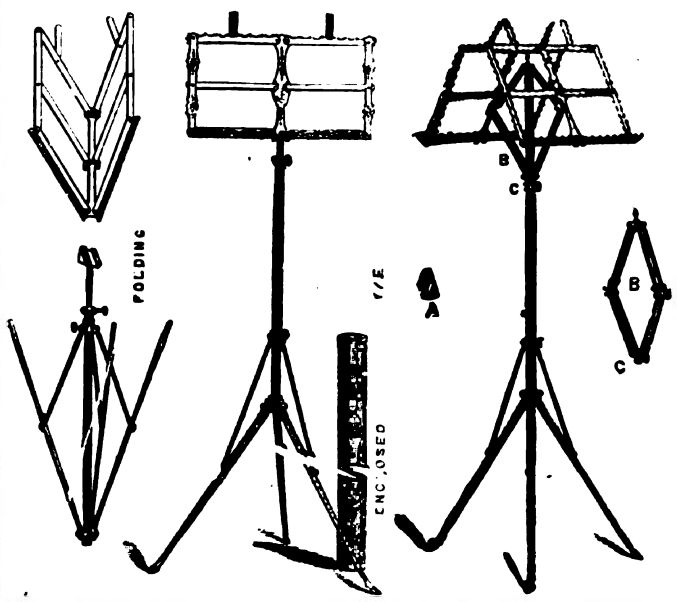
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THE EVENT OF THE WEEK.

AFTER months of anxious anticipation the First Annual Celebration of 1888, on behalf of the Central Masonic Charities, has become an event of the past, and ere these lines appear in print the result will have been made known throughout the length and breath of the land as another grand success in the cause of Charity, for undoubtedly the total contributed on Wednesday, at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, justly merits such a designation. As our readers are aware, there has been considerable uneasiness in regard to this Festival, and up to the last moment its result was looked forward to with anxiety by all who take an interest in this the youngest of the great Masonic Institutions. Only last week, in closing our remarks in anticipation of the event, we predicted a severe falling off in the returns as compared with what had been realised in previous years, but we also said we were prepared for an agreeable surprise. Well, the result has proved an agreeable surprise to us, and it will, no doubt, be equally agreeable to others, for notwithstanding the fact that the total is far short of the amount reached last year, when donations amounting to £18,700 were announced, it is far greater than was generally expected would be the case on this occasion. With a Board of Stewards numbering in all two hundred and seventy-four, Brother Terry was on Wednesday enabled to announce a total of upwards of fifteen thousand pounds as this year's contributions from the Craft on behalf of the Aged Masons and Widows whose circumstances in life compel them to crave the help of their fellows. The actual figures were £15,081 18s 6d, with ten lists outstanding, and two or three of those handed in described as incomplete. London was represented by one hundred and twenty-seven stewards, and the sums subscribed and collected by these amounted to a total of £5,752 14s, while the Provinces and outside Districts, represented by one hundred and forty-seven Stewards, sent up a total of £9,329 4s 6d. These totals give a very high average per Steward—no less than upwards of £55 per head, taken all round, or £45 6s as the average of the Metropolitan Stewards, and £63 9s 3d as that of the Provincials, the latter being on this occasion particularly fortunate in having among their contributions more than one Provincial Jubilee Memorial offering.

Of the London Stewards there were three whose lists each exceeded two hundred guineas, while among the one hundred and twenty-seven representatives of the metropolis we find, for the third time only in the history of the Institution, a lady acting as Steward. This fact is one which might well be taken to heart by our fair sisters, whose kindly aid we should very much like to enlist on behalf of the Masonic Charities. The subject received attention from one of the speakers later in the evening, and is one to which we shall refer again at no very distant date. We may mention that it was Miss H. M. Cotter who was the lady Steward on this occasion.

The East Lancashire total of £2,873 11s 6d included the Jubilee offering of the brethren of that Province; and the one thousand guineas contributed by the Masons of Cumberland and Westmoreland is also to be regarded as the outcome of the rejoicings of last year in celebration of the Fiftieth year of Her Majesty's reign, so that even at this late date the cause of Masonic Charity has not ceased to reap benefit from the thankfulness displayed by the people of England in connection with that auspicious event. The total of Northumberland (£900), brought up by the respected Provincial Grand Secretary of our northern county, is described as incomplete; indeed it is all but certain the total will be raised to one thousand pounds by the 16th of the present month, but as the money is not yet actually voted our esteemed brother did not feel himself at liberty to add it to his list. The Eastern Division of South Wales, presided over by the Chairman of the day, comes fourth on the roll of honour, the total of its contributions, which included a personal donation from Sir George Elliot of £126, being no less than £854 10s. The immediate result of the efforts made by the Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales on behalf of the Benevolent Institution do not, however, appear to cease with his own Province, for we find the adjoining districts, doing remarkably well, no doubt in compliment to their neighbour. Monmouthshire, for instance, contributed the largest sum ever sent by its brethren to the Benevolent Institution, its total on the present occasion being £438 3s, a sum which places it sixth among the contributing Provinces. The Western Division of South Wales, too, appears to have caught the epidemic of kindliness which pervaded the district, and as a result sent up £108 10s, by one Steward—Bro. J. A. Jenkins, of Tenby,—to swell the total of the year. Suffolk has on this occasion eclipsed all its previous records, and with a total of £451 10s takes the fifth place in order of merit; this sum is the largest amount it has ever contributed to a Festival, and it reflects the greatest credit on the five brethren who worked as Stewards to secure it. The Western Division of Yorkshire did so well last year—when its members paid into the Institution a total of nearly three thousand pounds—that it might have been expected to repose awhile in regard to contributions to the Benevolent Institution, but results show it has not been wholly content to rest on its laurels, and to prove its earnestness in the cause it sends up £400, at the hands of ten Stewards. Middlesex is seldom behind when we come to make a reckoning in the cause of Charity, and this occasion proves no exception to the rule, for the contributions from its midst figure up to

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£393 9s, secured through the exertions of twelve Stewards. Kent does not appear in so prominent a place as usual at this Festival, but this is to be accounted for by the fact that its Provincial Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl Amherst, is among the brethren enrolled as Stewards for the interesting coming event—the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School. Under such circumstances it would not have caused much surprise if Kent had devoted its entire energy this year to support its ruler, but its contribution of £362 17s to the Old People's Fund proves that it recognises the claims of the Aged as well as those of the young. Herts, despite its "littleness," again proves its large heartedness, five of its brethren acting as Stewards for this Festival, and bringing up a total of £145 16s. We then have Somersetshire and Essex making a close race for next honours, the former being represented by two Stewards, and contributing £137 5s, and the latter sending up £135 19s 6d, at the hands of three of its members. Northumberland, to which we have already referred, had a zealous and warm-hearted neighbour in the Province of Durham, one of whose brethren acted as Steward, with the result that £122 15s was added to the total of the Festival. Then in order comes Berks and Bucks, with a total of £112 8s, brought up by three brethren. The other contributing Provinces are each below a three-figure total—we give the actual amounts below—and in dismissing them we may remark that the Cheshire total of £57 15s is returned as incomplete, as also is that of Cornwall, the single Steward from which district presents his list with the terse remark—"More to come;" may the same prove to be the case in other instances. We must not omit a word in reference to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight total, which is small from this district. It must be remembered that, last year this Institution had its Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. as the Chairman of its Festival, and on that occasion the contributions of the Province amounted to about £1,800, while we are also informed that this year its members are devoting themselves to a special celebration of the Girls' Centennial. It will be seen there are two Stewards accredited to Foreign parts, but as neither of them has yet made a return we are unable to say how much will this year be received on behalf of the Benevolent Institution from across the seas.

We turn once more to the London Stewards. As already stated, there were two brethren whose lists exceeded two hundred guineas, viz.: Bro. Stephen Hayward, who represented the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, and brought up a total of £225, and Bro. R. Pittam Stevens, the Worshipful Master of the City of London Lodge, No. 901, who collected £210 10s. Bro. William Smith, the Inner Guard of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, comes next in order, the amount of his list being £159 1s. Then follows £136 10s, from the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, at the hands of its Worshipful Master, Bro. Louis Elijah Eagle, after which we have the list of Bro. Jas. Herman de Ricci, who represented the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, and succeeded in securing £126 1s. Brother James Terry's list occupies the next place of honour, the worthy Secretary of the Institution adding £125 to the announcement of the day. He was closely followed by a very old friend of his, in the person of Bro. Charles Lacey, a Past Master and Treasurer of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, which he represented on this occasion, with a list of £120 16s. Bro. R. S. Cushing, W.M. of Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, pressed hard on Bro. Lacey, he having secured a total of £118 2s 6d. Bro. W. Walker, Worshipful Master of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, brought up £114 14s, and Bro. G. E. Fairchild, of the Urban Lodge, No. 1196, £106 1s. We then have three lists of one hundred guineas each, the Stewards who collected these amounts being Bros. J. G. Milbourn, W.M. Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13; Bro. W. Shurmur, P.M. of the Islington Lodge, No. 1471; and Bro. H. Cattermole, W.M. of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839. Bro. W. A. Scurrah comes next, just managing to secure a place among the three figure totals, with a list which he brought up as representative of the Hendon Lodge, No. 2206, of which he is at present the Worshipful Master. Bro. Scurrah hardly enjoys the gratification of being the Steward of the youngest Lodge represented at the Festival, there being one from No. 2217 among the Provincials, but the splendid amount of his list—£100 15s—taken in connection with the fact that his Lodge is only in the first year of its existence speaks volumes, especially when we consider that nearly every London Lodge is, in one form or another, making a feature of supporting an Institution this year, so that the Metropolitan brethren cannnot count on much support outside the Lodge with which they associate their Stewardship. We give elsewhere a list of the other amounts raised from London, but as space is pressing we refrain from any special reference to those lists below £100, although we fully recognise that each of the brethren who brought them up is as deserving of praise as any to which we have devoted special attention Each of the lists represents the work of a brother who has earnestly devoted himself to the cause, and if all of them have not succeeded in raising as much as he desired, he has no doubt secured as much he found possible to be collected among his friends and the members of his Lodge.

In another part of our present issue we give a detailed list of the amounts brought up by the respective Stewards, and shall, therefore, content ourselves by giving here a summary of what each Province contributed, and the number of Stewards each was represented by. As already stated there are ten lists yet to be received, while additional contributions are expected from two or three of those actually announced, so that the result of the Festival will be somewhat in excess of the figures now given, which are the totals announced on the evening of the Festival.

	No. of Stewards	Contributions £	s	d
London	127	5752	14	0
Lancashire (East)	39	2873	11	6
Cumberland and Westmoreland	4	1050	0	0
Northumberland	1	900	0	0
South Wales (East)	9	854	10	0
Suffolk	5	451	10	0
Monmouthshire	11	433	3	0
Yorkshire (West)	10	400	0	0
Middlesex	12	393	9	0
Kent	8	362	17	0
Hertfordshire	5	145	16	0
Somersetshire	2	137	5	0
Essex	3	135	19	6
Durham	1	122	15	0
Berks and Bucks	3	112	8	0
South Wales (West)	1	103	10	0
Worcestershire	2	94	10	0
Surrey	3	87	1	0
Gloucestershire	3	74	0	6
Guernsey	1	68	5	0
Norfolk	1	63	0	0
Cheshire	3	57	15	0
Nottinghamshire	1	52	10	0
Devonshire	1	47	5	0
Oxfordshire	3	47	5	0
North Wales	1	46	4	0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	2	36	15	0
Lancashire (West)	3	31	10	0
Sussex	1	31	10	0
Yorkshire North and (East)	1	31	10	0
Derbyshire	1	26	5	0
Shropshire	1	26	5	0
Cornwall	1	10	10	0
Norths and Hants	1	10	10	0
Foreign	2	not yet known		

Thus ends one of the most pleasing tasks we have this year been called upon to fulfil; all we can hope is that we may have results equally gratifying to record ere we are called upon to sum up the doings of

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1888. The Festival was held under peculiar circumstances, and the outlook appeared most gloomy, but the clouds have been swept away, and, thanks to the untiring exertions of the Secretary, Bro. James Terry, and the Board of Stewards he was able to secure in support of the Chairmanship of Sir George Elliot, we have a result which fully deserves all the encomiums which can be passed upon it. As an immediate effect we venture to think there is yet a ray of hope for some, at least, of the many candidates who will be unable to succeed in winning one of the vacancies which will be competed for at the next election.

The Consecration of the Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2243, restricted to members of Rowing Clubs, will take place at the Cromwell Hall, Putney Bridge Road, Putney, S.W., on Monday, the 12th instant, at 4 p.m. Bro. Eugene Montennis P.M. P.G.S. is the W.M. designate, Brothers J. C. Radford P.M. and J. F. Savory the Wardens designate. The Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be performed by V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England; assisted by Bros. E. Letchworth P.G.D. as S.W., R. H. Thrupp P.G.A.D.C. as J.W., G. W. Weldon G. Chap. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Dir. of Cers., J H. Matthews P.G.Std.B. as I.G. Gordon Smith W.M. 2041 is the Sec. pro tem.

Three candidates for the eleven vacancies in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will be filled by the Election on the 14th April, hail from Devon, viz., from St. John's Lodge, No. 39, Exeter (also No. 710, Totnes); Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, Stonehouse; and the Devon Lodge, No. 1138, Newton Abbott. There are two also from Cornwall:—St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, Liskeard, and Fowey Lodge, No. 977, Fowey. It will not be at all an easy task to secure one for each county out of the total of five candidates on election day, but doubtless the local managers will succeed, as they usually do. The average subscriptions at the Festivals from Cornwall during the last seven years amount to £288 per annum, while those from Devon run up to £331, but as the sums to be received in annuities and grants for 1888 exceed, £400 and £1100 respectively, for those two counties, it is evident that it will require very large contributions from local brethren and Lodges to meet the fair claims that these Institutions have on Devon and Cornwall Masonically.

As will be seen by an advertisement in another column, the proprietors of the Holborn Restaurant have made preparations for the entertainment of any brethren who, prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday next, may desire to dine, and no doubt their resources will be put to the test by brethren from the Provinces, or those in London who cannot leave their business until a late hour. It is not necessary for us to dilate on the capabilities of this establishment, justly described as "one of the sights of London." It has a reputation throughout the country, and its managers evince their desire to meet the wishes of patrons when, on occasions such as Wednesday next, they make a departure from their ordinary routine, with the view of offering greater facilities than are usually afforded, even by them.

We are extremely glad to hear that "Frankenstein" has "caught on" at the Gaiety to such an extent that it is likely to prove as great a success as "Monte Cristo" and "Little Jack Sheppard." The house is absolutely full night after night, there not being a seat to be had a short time after commencing. We need hardly add that this success is due to the way in which the principals have worked the business up, while all co-operate with a will that can gain but one verdict—approval.

On Wednesday next will be produced, at Toole's Theatre, a new and original comedy, in three acts, entitled "The Don," by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Merivale. Mr. J. L. Toole will be supported by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Messrs. Billington, E. W. Gardiner, C. M. Lowne, Aubrey Boucicault, C. H. Brunton, F. Montague, George Shelton, W. Brunton, C. Payne Silk; Misses Kate Phillips, Marie Linden, Violet Vanbrugh, and Emily Thorne.

When Mrs. Bernard Beere gives up management at the Opera Comique Theatre, in August, Mr. F. J. Harris will resume control, producing comic operas, the first of which will be called "Carina," composed by Julia Woolf, libretto by Messrs. E. L. Blanchard and Cunningham Bridgman.

Obituary.

Bro. FRANCIS BUCKLAND.

We regret to hear of the death of Bro. Francis Buckland, solicitor, who practised in London and Kingston-on-Thames. Deceased was "made" in the Lodge of Israel; on taking up his residence at Kingston, he joined the Dobie Lodge, 889, and Chapter, of which in due time he became P.M. and P.Z. respectively. He was the last surviving founder of the Brownrigg Lodge, 1638, first held at Thames Ditton, but removed to Kingston; and both in Craft and Arch worked in a way which excited the admiration of all. Bro. Buckland's health compelled him to retire from practice, and two years ago he went to Southsea to live, but passed to and fro to visit the Kingston Lodges as often as he was able. His last working was in September 1886, when he installed Bro. John Drewett, as W.M. of 1638, and soon after, on resignation of membership, he was elected an honorary member of the Brownrigg, in recognition of past services. Since the opening of the year, Bro. Buckland's malady (dropsy) grew upon him, and on the 22nd ultimo he passed away. His last days were cheered by visits of brethren from Kingston, and by his own desire his body was brought up to be buried at Kingston, in their midst. The funeral took place on Saturday last, and in spite of the bitterly cold wind there was an assembly of from fifty to sixty, representing the Lodges in which Bro. Buckland was well known and highly respected. On behalf of the Brownrigg Lodge, the W.M. (Bro. G. Moorman) placed a beautiful floral device upon the coffin, and the well known emblem was carried by every brother present. Bro. W. Lane, P.M. of 1638, conducted the funeral. Our deceased brother was fifty-five years of age.

Bro. J. C. COLLINGRIDGE.

Another worthy Craftsman has departed this life, in the person of Bro. J. C. Collingridge, who was for many years a member of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, and of the Joppa Chapter, No. 188. Our deceased brother was well known and respected, both in Islington, where he resided, and in Clerkenwell, where his place of business was located.

NORTHS AND HUNTS.

THE Freemasons of the Province of Norths and Hunts held a ball in the Northampton Town Hall, on Monday evening, the 13th ult., and the gathering was the most brilliant that has been held in the Province for a number of years. The last invitation Masonic Ball was held on the 25th January 1872, at the Corn Exchange, which was elaborately decorated for the occasion, and the number present was 470. A return ball followed, at the Peacock Hotel, and was well attended. The previous gathering of a similar character was held on the 26th January 1843, and that was followed by a return ball, at the Angel Hotel, which proved very successful. The ball of Monday evening was under the patronage of Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn P.G.M. of Scotland, Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., Ex-Lord Mayor of London, P.M. P.G.W. Eng., Major Cook P.G. Assist. D.C. Eng., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary Eng., Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts Past Grand Standard Bearer Eng., W. Well, J.P., P.M. 442 P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, Lord Lilford 607, E. P. Monckton, J.P., 466, the Hon. and Rev. C. J. Vernon 607, the Rev. F. M. Stopford P.M. 607, the Hon. J. Powys W.M. 607, J. A. S. Bouverie P.M. 360 1911 P.P.S.G.W., Major Sandys 1911, Major F. C. Turner 1911. The decorations of the large room, and indeed throughout, were strikingly pretty and effective, and reflect credit on the firm of Messrs. Smith Bros., and Mr. Alfred Smith, by whom the work was superintended. The corridor downstairs was tastefully adorned, and at the entrance was a trellis-work porch. Large fir trees and several shrubs also lined the front vestibule. The upper corridor was also treated with great decorative taste. The Council Chamber was used as a smoke-room, and an ante-room adjoining was set out as an oyster buffet. This was supplied by Messrs. Brown and Co., of George Row, and was under the superintendence of Mr. Dougworth. Light refreshments were served in a portion of the old reading-room, and the remainder and the old Museum-room were used as supper rooms. Mrs. Forth, of the Peacock Hotel, was entrusted with the catering, and the tables were prettily decorated and set out with choice viands of a varied character. Although the invitations were said to be limited to 200, it was found necessary to issue a much larger number of tickets, and the company numbered nearly 250. Dancing, which commenced at nine o'clock, was kept up till between four and five o'clock in the morning. Bro. Nicholson's Band played an excellent and well-selected programme of dance music.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am rather surprised that you, in your usually interesting appeals on behalf of our Masonic Institutions, seldom, if ever, urge an extension of the number of annual subscriptions. They are small fry, it is true, but little fish are sweet, and in time an annual subscription may do as much, or even more, good than a pretentious donation. I think there is room for a very widely extended system of annual subscriptions to our three Institutions, and if the Craft could enlist your sympathy it might stand a better chance of success in this respect. Will you kindly give the matter consideration?

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR R.M.B.I.

MASONIC PATRONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cannot imagine a more mischievous application of Freemasonry than that suggested by your correspondent "P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.C., 18°, &c.," in your last issue. Surely he cannot be sincere in what he writes? Personally I do not attach much importance to the views he expresses—further than to wholly dissent from the —for the reason that I do not think there is any fear of Freemasonry ever becoming a power in influencing the distribution of Church Livings, but I am extremely surprised that any one—particularly one apparently high in the Craft—should even suggest the use of Freemasonry's influence for such a purpose, which, after all, is only worldly preferment.

Your correspondent commences by telling you the matter is one which exercises his own mind, in common with those of many of his Clerical Masonic brethren. Once for all, I very much doubt the accuracy of the latter portion of this sentence. I cannot believe his views are "common with many Clerical Masonic brethren," and I hope, for the sake of the Church and the honour of Freemasonry, that some means will present itself to prove how erroneous his views are. I am of opinion his ideas would be repugnant to every true Freemason, be he Lay or Clerical, and from instances which have come under my notice, where Freemasonry has been made use of in business, any attempt to combine the two would have an exactly opposite result to what was desired. I argue a man could be neither a good minister of religion nor a good Mason who would seek to advance personal ends through the influence of the Craft.

I cannot believe you will allow any discussion in your pages on the general question of Church Patronage, and I will therefore confine my remarks to the Masonic aspect of the case, pure and simple, except that I would like to say I consider it impossible for any man to assign a reason—except in a small number of cases—for a Patron's choice, when it becomes his duty to appoint some one to a Living. Who knows but that Freemasonry itself may have been at the bottom of the selection, and that the very power your correspondent asks for had not been the means of deciding the question? More is the pity if it was.

I feel your correspondent is a disappointed man, and on that account we should "be to his faults a little blind," else how can we excuse such an exposition of Freemasonry's "Brotherly Love and Relief" as he gives, or the remarks with which he concludes his letter—that he is "becoming sadly awakened to the fact that (with the exception of the support rendered to our Masonic Charities) there is *little beauty* and *less truth* in the *practice* of the tenets and principles of our Order." Oh! that a Past Provincial Grand Chaplain should have occasion to thus express himself to the Craft at large! Religion, apart from Freemasonry, should teach him better, unless I have misunderstood the lessons set me, or my tutors have wrongly instructed me. He appears to have profited by neither the one nor the other—Religion or Freemasonry—and, to make matters worse, has attempted to mix the two, a proceeding which I am convinced will never be tolerated by the Craft or listened to by the leaders of the Church. For this reason I feel it would be in vain for your correspondent to Masonically address the present Lord Chancellor, or any other Masonic Patron of Church Livings. If he cannot secure preferment in the ordinary course, I strongly urge on him to refrain from departing from the spirit of Freemasonry, which enjoins on its members to be uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives in all their dealings with the Craft. I should heartily rejoice to hear that my brother's 25 years' active work had been rewarded, but not in the manner he suggests, and which, on further consideration I hope he will admit, is hardly consistent with the teachings of the Craft.

Fraternally yours,

MYSTIC.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter you published last week under this head might have gone further than it did. The experience of your correspondent is confined to one subject, that of Church Patronage; but I would ask why it is that Freemasons do not always give the preference to Masons, all other things being equal? I am of the same opinion as "P.M., &c.," only that I would carry his ideas throughout life; if "Masonry means anything" it should mean that one brother should give preference to Masons on every occasion, if equal advantages were offered by the Mason; whereas in practice I find very little attention is paid to the principle of one Mason helping another.

I did not join Freemasonry for what I could make out of it, but I certainly thought there would be more mutual help among its members than I have since discovered. It seems to me that the fact of being a Brother Mason counts for nothing outside of a Lodge, unless it is to be appealed to by those who profess to be brothers in distress, but who in many cases are, I believe, nothing but professional beggars.

I consider there are plenty of cases, occurring every day, where one could help another, and that, too, without doing wrong; but most, if not all, of such opportunities are neglected, and, as a consequence, Masons become disgusted with the Order, which, as your correspondent says, is all very well *in theory*, but a little *less beautiful* and *less truthful* in practice.

I am, yours fraternally,

A BELIEVER IN MUTUAL HELP.

OUTSIDE TITLES IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If you have not already in type a reply to "I.G.'s" last letter in your issue of the 25th inst., I offer this one for your acceptance.

"I.G." is evidently not so young as he pretends to be, and possibly knows, or thinks he knows, a great deal more than the brothers he disagrees with (as he states in his previous letter). I do not therefore write for *his* benefit, but for the benefit of those young Masons who, when placed in the position of I.G., would be desirous of doing their duty to the best of their ability. I tell *them* that when a gentleman of rank or high standing in society becomes a Mason he does not reduce himself to the level of men who think, and act, like "I.G."; but that he, of course, retains his social position in Lodge, as well as out of Lodge, and should be treated accordingly.

I tell I.G.'s that they are to use "that dear term of equality" Brother, but that it is right and proper to add thereto the titles, Masonic or otherwise, of the brother they announce. "I.G." would probably say in answer to the "report," W.M., Bro. Burdett. The W.M. would no doubt say, Ask what Lodge the brother belongs to? "I.G." would reply, without asking, "Oh, the Tyler said he was the Grand Master for Middlesex!" Now the proper way to announce such a brother would be—W.M., the R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

If a nobleman is to be announced who is not a Grand Officer or Provincial Grand Officer Present or Past it should be—Bro. Lord, or Bro. Sir William, or Bro. General, or Bro. Admiral; but if he be a Grand Officer or Prov. Grand Officer his Masonic title should be added.

The Tyler, if a visitor be unknown to him, has the opportunity of seeing the signature and Masonic title of the visitor, and is generally intelligent enough to give the proper announcement to the I.G.

Yours fraternally,

P.G.A.D.C.

Sydenham, 29th February 1888.

OUTSIDE TITLES IN FREEMASONRY,

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—While I consider you and your correspondent "I.G." perfectly right in objecting to add the prefix of "Churchwarden, Town Councillor, or Vestryman" to that of a brother in Masonry, or, for the matter of that, outside of it, he is wrong in wishing to drop naval, military or similar distinctions; and for this reason:—A brother holding Her Majesty's Commission in either of the Services is by right entitled to be addressed by such title on all occasions, either in public or private life, and for such reason in Masonry also. The same does not apply to parish or other officials of a similar character, any more than it does to distinguished Craftsmen. It would certainly be out of place to address a Vestryman as Mr. Worshipful Master So-and-so, and for the same reason equally out of place to bring the title Vestryman into Freemasonry. But, as I have said, the same does not apply in the case of Commissioned Officers, and, I may add, Clergymen, Doctors, and a few others who, by right, custom and courtesy, are entitled to distinction.

Although I feel perfectly convinced in my own mind as to which titles should be mentioned and which ignored, I admit I am unable to give exact details to "I.G." as to where he should draw the line. I do not think, however, there is any one outside of those mentioned above who are entitled to an "outside title in Freemasonry."

Hoping my expression of opinion may be of service to your correspondent,

I remain, yours, &c.

PROVINCIAL.

[The above is the generally accepted opinion in regard to titles.—ED. F.C.]

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THE FESTIVAL OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, on Wednesday last, under the presidency of Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, who was supported by an influential Board of Stewards from various parts of the country. As one of the best known supporters of our Institutions observed at the close of the gathering, the doings at the Festivals seem to become year by year smaller by degrees and beautifully less. Whether it is that the brethren are less inclined to listen to long speeches, or the speakers become less disposed to deliver them, we know not, but it is certain Wednesday's Festival was concluded at an exceptionally early hour, a result which afforded satisfaction to many of those present. Perhaps no small portion of the credit of the early finish is due to the good start which was made, the first part of the proceedings—the banquet—being served in excellent form by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, whose manager at this establishment, Bro. Madell, is so active by nature as to induce activity in all under his charge. The banquet having concluded, the Chairman proceeded with the toast list, which he disposed of in brief but appropriate terms. The health of Her Majesty the Queen having been drunk, and the National Anthem sung, that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family was submitted. The Chairman was quite certain no speech was expected from him in connection with this toast. The ability of the Prince of Wales was well-known, he supposed, to every one he was addressing, while his genial behaviour was of such a character as to delight all who came into contact with him. The next toast was that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. To this Bro. Saunders P.D.G.M. Madras responded. He regretted the duty of replying to the toast had fallen on him, as he felt sure there were many who could do greater justice to it. It was, however, a somewhat easy task to perform, inasmuch as it embraced the Pro and Deputy Grand Master, than whom no better Masons could be found, together with those brethren whom the Grand Master had called around him to assist in the Government and maintenance of the Craft. He did not possess the power of speech to properly portray the ability of either the Pro Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master, while in regard to the minor Officers of Grand Lodge the brethren around him were quite capable of forming an opinion as to their merits. He should, therefore, content himself with a simple acknowledgment of their hearty thanks for the toast just proposed in their honour. The Chairman then rose to propose the toast of the evening, Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. Before submitting the toast, he desired to make one observation. The room was a very large one, and he had a large audience; as he should like to think that every word he uttered was heard in every part of the room, he appealed to the brethren to be as quiet as possible while he gave them a few particulars of the very important Charity they were that night assembled to honour. He then proceeded:—The duty now devolves upon me of proposing the toast of the evening Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and as the purpose for which we are now assembled is that we should use our utmost efforts to advance that prosperity, I am confident I shall have the sympathy of all present in the remarks I am about to make. The merits of the case are simple; nor is it necessary I should adopt a tone of exaggeration in laying them before you. As many of you know already, this Institution consists of a Male Fund and a Widows' Fund. The former was established by Grand Lodge in 1842, towards the close of the Grand Mastership of the late Duke of Sussex, and in the forty-six years that have since elapsed it has supported 711 aged and necessitous brethren. After the election in May of last year it provided Annuities of £40 each for 179 brethren, the amount required annually to meet this expenditure being £7160. But the permanent income of the Fund is only £1986, and there is therefore a deficiency of £5174, which the Committee of Management have faith will be supplied by the voluntary donations and subscriptions of the Craft. The Widows' Fund, which was established by Grand Lodge in 1849, in the Grand Mastership of the late Lord Zetland, has since supported 463 Widows of Brethren, and after the election in May last provided annuities of £32 each for £227 Widows. While in addition there are 15 Widows who receive for three years, and without election, the half of their late husband's Annuity—the total expenditure for the Widows' Annuities and half Annuities being £7564. But the permanent income of this branch is only £1548, and consequently there is an annual deficiency, which we hope will be made good by the brethren, amounting to £6016. Besides all this, there is the Asylum at Croydon (which accommodates 32 of the Annuitants) to be maintained, and there are also the working expenses, or expenses of management, which, I need hardly tell you, in an Institution of this magnitude amount to a considerable sum annually. Last of all, for the election, which will take place on the third Friday in May next, there are on the Male Fund 67 candidates and only 16 vacancies to be filled, and on the Widows' Fund 64 candidates and only seven vacancies, so that even under the most favourable circumstances, and in spite of the periodical increases in number which have taken place during the last few years, there will still remain quite 100 poor old brethren and widows of brethren for whom no provision can be made this year. Was I not right in saying that the facts of the case are simple, and do not need to be exaggerated in order to assure your sympathy? But I should be discharging my duty as Chairman very imperfectly if I did not say something as to who and what these annuitants and candidates are, and what they have been. The candidates are all of them brother Masons of good standing, that is to say, they have been subscribing members of one or more of our Lodges for at least 10 years, and some of them over 40 years. Many have held high office, and some in their palmy days have contributed towards the support of our Masonic Institutions in the same manner, and by the same means, that we hope to employ successfully on this occasion. All were once in reputable circumstances, many being even wealthy, but Fortune has been unkind, and now they are old and feeble, and, but for the benefits which they hope to obtain from this Institution, they would be in a condition of hopeless and absolute poverty. And as with the Male Annuitants and Candidates, so it is with the Widows—their husbands were once in good standing in Freemasonry and in good worldly circumstances; but now, as for themselves, they are without means, save what are provided, or they hope will be provided, by this Charity, and are too aged and infirm to earn their livelihood. This, then, is the Institution whose cause it is my privilege to advocate this evening. I have told you what it has done in the past, and what it stands pledged to do in the present. I have shewn you how small are its permanent resources by comparison with its expenditure. I trust, therefore, my earnest appeal to you all for that support which is so imperatively necessary will not be in vain, and that the announcement which it will be the duty of Bro. Terry, as Secretary, to make in the course of the evening will shew that the members of the Board of Stewards have succeeded in obtaining, in donations and subscriptions, a sum sufficient not only for the expenses of the current year, but also to justify the Committee of Management in recommending an increase, however small, in the number of Annuitants on the two funds, so that when the day of election comes round in May next, as few as possible of the 131 applicants may be left unprovided for. Let me again remind you that these poor old people were formerly in good circumstances, but they have been sore stricken in the battle of life, and in their utter helplessness and poverty they have, humanly speaking, no other trust than in your kindness and in the generous exercise of that Masonic principle of Charity which, I rejoice to say, is never appealed to in vain. Without further preface I give you Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and I couple with the toast the name of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, the worthy Treasurer of this admirable Charity.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer acknowledged the toast. He thanked Sir George Elliot for the very kind manner in which he had proposed Success to the Institution, and assured him the Committee thanked most sincerely for presiding there that evening, while they were equally thankful to the Board of Stewards for what they had done on behalf of the Charity. Bro. Terry was then called upon to read the list of amounts contributed for the Festival. Never, perhaps, was he more heartily received than on this occasion, and if there were any present who previously entertained the opinion that his efforts as Secretary are less appreciated now than they have been in the past, they must have been forcibly convinced that such was not the case. Cheer after cheer resounded throughout the hall, and it was only after an outburst of some minutes' duration that he could attempt to proceed with the task before him. On the present occasion he said the Institution had the advantage of a Board of Stewards, two hundred and seventy-four in number, and as an instance of the feeling which actuated many of them, he might mention that at that moment the number was eleven greater than it was when they made up their return the day before. This he considered a great personal compliment to the Chairman of the day, as many of these latest arrivals had no doubt given in their names at the last moment in order to secure for Sir George Elliot as strong a body of followers as possible. Bro. Terry then read out the lists of donations (full particulars of which we give elsewhere, together with alterations and additions up to the time of our going to press). The final announcement called forth another hearty round of applause, and when this had subsided, the toast of the Chairman was honoured, as also was that of the Sister Institutions, to which latter Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G. Swd. B. Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, responded. He tendered his warmest thanks for the toast, and begged to congratulate the Benevolent Institution on the magnificent result of that day's Festival. As the brethren were aware, they would this year celebrate the Centenary of the Institution with which he had the honour of being associated—The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He had hoped to have been able to announce that night the date of their Festival, and some other information in regard to it, which was anxiously awaited by the Craft, but he was unfortunately unable to do so, although he assured them his Committee would take the earliest means of informing the Craft on the several matters. They fully recognised the kindness and great liberality with which so many brethren were coming forward in support of the Centenary, and hoped, although they at present had a splendid roll of Stewards, that the number would be largely increased before the date of the Festival. It was true those associated with the Girls' School were looking forward to a grand Festival, and they were anticipating a heavy total as its outcome, but they did not believe it would prove detrimental to the other Institutions. Experience had taught them that when the Craft undertook to support any particular object in a special manner, it did not do it to the detriment of other and equally deserving objects. The result of that night's gathering had confirmed this opinion, and he hoped that when the announcement came to be made in connection with the Boys' School Festival, that also would go to prove the truth of his surmise. Bro. Major Woodall, P.G. Treas., submitted the next toast. The duty allotted to him was a very pleasant one, and one which he felt sure would meet the approval of all around him. It was to propose the toast of the Stewards of the day, the health of those good brethren by whose exertions the Institution had secured so gratifying a result for its Annual Festival. He might say, in the language of the brave fishermen who toil upon the deep, that they had given a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together, with the result that they had landed a grand prize on this occasion. Bro. Tennant, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Eastern Division South Wales, replied. As President of the Board of Stewards he acknowledged the toast which had been so heartily

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proposed and received by the brethren. The Stewards had this year had many difficulties to contend with, obstacles which they had great difficulty in surmounting, and yet they appeared to have done well. Not the least of these obstacles was the attractions in connection with the Centenary celebration of the Girls School, yet they all wished the efforts of the Stewards for that Charity would be crowned with success. They could not, however, close their eyes to the fact that any special efforts made for one Institution must prove detrimental to the others, but he was proud to say that such had hardly been proved to be the case in regard to the efforts they had made on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. The brethren who had acted as Stewards were heartily pleased with the result of their efforts and congratulated themselves that they had been able to do so much. There were one or two points in connection with the support given to the Charities, which he considered worthy the consideration of the Craft. These had reference to the way in which the funds devoted to Charity were raised. His experience was, a few only contributed, and not the many, and while he would wish to retain the support of the few, he would like to have the interest of the many. He hoped to see some feasible plan adopted to extend the number of supporters of the Institutions. Bro. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D. was entrusted with the next toast. It was that of a Sister Institution, which he knew would appeal to their feelings—it was, the Ladies. This being leap year, a lady would not have been out of place in the chair that night, when she could have dilated on the many virtues and excellencies of her sex, and given the brethren a far better version of their capabilities than it was possible for him to do. However, as the unworthy representative of the Ladies on that occasion, he should attempt to act on their behalf. He concluded his remarks by asking the brethren to drink to their very good health. Bro. Major George Lambert P.G.S.B. replied. Once he was young, now he was old, but he loved the ladies as well as ever. He thought the brethren would be doing a good turn to the Institutions if they could enlist the good offices of the ladies on their behalf. Many a ten guinea donation would roll in if the fair sex would undertake the advocacy of the cause those assembled had so near at heart. Speaking of the Institution they were that night honouring, he believed the ladies could do much on behalf of the Widows' branch—he would not ask them to labour for the men; while in regard to the Schools it was impossible to estimate what they might accomplish. If the ladies would take up the cause he felt sure there would soon be raised a large extra fund for the Charities, from what he might describe as an extra source. This concluded the proceedings in the Banquet Hall, and the brethren repaired to the Temple where, with the ladies, they enjoyed the music provided for their amusement.

The following is a List of the Stewards, with the respective amounts collected by each, revised to the time of our going to Press.

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	£	s	d
Miss Harriet M Cotter	26	5	0
Br W Belchamber	26	5	0
John Barnett jun			
Charles Belton	10	10	0
Robert Berridge	10	10	0
Edgar Bowyer	52	10	0
C W Carrell	10	10	0
Robert Grey	10	10	0
W H Kempster, M.D.	10	10	0
J H Lane	23	2	0
W R Palmer			
E L P Valeriani	36	15	0
William Clarke	10	10	0
John A Farnfield	23	1	0
Charles F Matier	10	10	0
H B Marshall, J.P.	52	10	0
H B Marshall jun., B.A.	26	5	0
Walter J Nicholls			
Charles J Percival	15	15	0
Raynham W Stewart	15	15	0
James Terry	125	0	0
Alfred Williams	10	10	0
William J Crutch	15	15	0
R Peter Forge	10	10	0
J W H Thompson	5	5	0
A Le Grand	10	10	0
John Newton	10	10	0
A H Tattershall	28	15	6
J H McQueen			
G F Cook	11	11	0
John Dorton	43	1	0
Rev J H Rose, M.A.	10	10	0
George Reed	31	10	0
Asher Barfield	10	10	0
G H Grimwood	10	10	0
E St Clair	10	10	0
Matthew Mildred	10	10	0

LONDON.

Lodge		£	s	d
1	Br H H Crawford	44	2	0
2	Edward J V Husey	22	1	0
3	John Larkin	21	0	0
4	Fred T Bennett	21	0	0
5	A C Langdale	44	2	0
8	Edward E Cooper	17	17	0
11	Fred C McQueen	53	5	0
13	John Geo Milbourn	105	0	0
14	Valentine Robinson	10	10	0
15	Benjamin Burton	59	17	0
18	Capt Clifford Probyn	26	5	0
19	Henry Glenn	26	5	0
27	Thos J Maidwell	52	10	0
28	Henry Newland	36	15	0
29	Edward Terry	12	12	0
29	Frederick Burgess	24	3	0
30	Alfred Couldrey	57	18	6
33	A C Tauqueray	49	17	6
55	George Laker	42	10	6
60	Horace Slade	15	15	0
65	William Walker	114	14	0
73	Hy Geo Marsden	43	15	6
141	Chas W Frommholz	78	14	0
157	Thomas Cubitt	75	12	0
162	W H Causton	24	3	0
167	C H Fry	47	4	0
169	Temperance Lodge	60	0	0
172	Br C T Fleck	52	10	0
619	Charles Meierhoff			
174	Charles Lacey	120	16	0
Chapter				
176	Comp J B Sorrell	54	12	0
Lodge				
179	James W Cain	74	11	0
181	Alfred T Layton	22	1	0
Chapter				
181	Comp E W Stanton	52	10	0
Lodge				
186	William W Westley	80	17	0
197	George L Eyles	28	7	0
198	Major G Lambert, F.S.A.	10	10	0
205	R J Paton	80	0	0
228	James F Quartley	58	14	6
235	E Luxmore Marshall	15	15	0
259	J C Parkinson, J.P., D.L.	31	10	0
554	Hugh Cotter	75	0	0
733	Chas John Biorn	31	10	0
749	Henry John	44	18	0
754	Edwin Holt	68	0	0
780	Charles Coombs	38	1	0
781	Stephen Hayward	225	0	0
813	L C Haslip	59	17	0
822	H W Chambers	40	8	6
861	Fred Hallowes	36	15	0
890	Major J C Gant	32	0	0
901	R Pittam Stevens	210	10	0
902	Charles Castell	30	0	0
907	R W Duncan	56	3	6
907	Richard Jennings			
933	William Smith	159	1	0
1056	Samuel Cochrane	86	1	6
1118	Rev. Cooper-Smith, M.A.	26	5	0
1158	James Bunker	52	10	0
1196	Geo E Fairchild	106	1	0
1288	R V Davies	43	1	0
1329	J C Bradley	53	0	6
1366	J H Gregory	90	3	6
1383	Jas Herman de Ricci	126	1	0
1420	W J Kennaby	39	18	0
1421	Thomas S Taylor	63	0	0
1441	John Abbott Taylor	40	8	0
1446	G W Perry	55	0	0
1471	William Shurmur	105	0	0
1475	John Vickery	23	12	6
Chapter				
1507	Comp W J Ferguson	36	17	0
Lodge				
1602	Br Reuben A Homan	25	19	6
Chapter				
1604	Comp James Gibson	47	5	0
Lodge				
1607	Br R S Cushing	118	2	6
Chapter				
1642	Comp William J Murlis	63	0	0
Lodge				
1708	Br James C Hayes	56	14	0
1716	John C Pittam	31	10	0
1719	Walter King	38	16	6
1732	C Sydney Mote	48	11	0
1791	Edward Austin	78	15	0
Lodge of Instruction				
1804	J Taylor	40	13	6
Lodge				
1839	H Cattermole	105	0	0
1900	O Phillippe	10	10	0
1901	Louis E Eagle	136	10	0
1922	William G Cannon	15	0	0
1964	John Tuck	18	18	0
2012	F Lawrence, M.D.	52	10	0
2021	Charles Kempton	85	0	0
2128	H J Giller	21	0	0
2192	Major W H Baker	47	14	0
2206	W A Scurrah	100	15	0

THE PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

Lodge		£	s	d
574	Anthony Kersley	26	5	0
945	John T Morland	68	0	0
1887	Sidney Payne	24	3	0

CHESHIRE.

1045	The Hon. A. de Tatterton Egerton, M.P.	5	5	0
1357	Geo L Collier	21	0	0
1357	Alfred Hough	26	0	0
1505	J H Evans	10	10	0

CORNWALL.

The Province	Br C Truscott	10	10	0

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

The Province	Bro C J McKay	911	11	6
Lodge				
129	Herbert Moser	75	8	6
1074	Edward Armitage	36	15	0
2217	T Atkinson Argles	26	5	0

DERBYSHIRE.

1179	H F Daykin	26	5	0

DEVONSHIRE.

1402	John Chapman	47	5	0

DURHAM.

The Province	Br C S Lane	122	15	0

ESSEX.

Chapter				
51	Comp Richard Clowes	14	14	0
Lodge				
453	Br Fred Chas Dixie	63	10	6
1437	Henry Thos Hardy	57	15	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

82	J Brook-Smith, M.A.	5	5	0
	R V Vasear-Smith	31	10	0
1067	W C Heane	37	5	6

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

487	J W Boughton	15	15	0
2068	T Tufnell	21	0	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

	C E Keyser	21	0	0
403	Rev C Wigan Harvey	36	8	0
404	Geo E Lake	31	10	0
1385	W H Lewis	33	5	6
1580	R H Halford	23	12	0

KENT.

	Rev Hayman Cummings	21	0	0
127	F. W. Willett	95	0	0
709	F Hughes-Hallett	66	3	0
829	W. Geo Mison	36	15	0
913	Henry Mason	63	0	0
1206	R Joynes Emmerson	25	4	0
1223	Philip S Darnell			
Lodge and Chapter				
1414	Rev T S Curteis	55	15	0

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LANCASHIRE (EAST).

Lodge		
42 & 191	Br J W Kenyon	
244	Alfred B Bennett	
262	N A Earle	
262	John Chadwick	
1146	Thos Nightingale	
1204	William Bagnell	
210	James Bromley	
215 & 283	W V Stallon	
317	W B Akerman	
317	W J Cunliffe	
317	J W Edwards	
317	J Wilson	
317	J Garside	
317	J Robinson	
317	V M Vultchoff	
325	John Ramsbottom	
325	Evan Williams	
346	John Dewhurst	
348	John Kenyon	
350	Titus Fletcher	
645	Max Weigenthaler	
815	Colonel Hy L Rocca	2873 11 6
993	C D Cheetham	
993	John Stovold	
1009	George Hunt	
1009	George W Wilson	
1009	George Everatt	
1052	Samuel Warburton	
1055	Robert Williamson	
1077	Joseph Bridgford	
1161	Arthur H Jefferis	
1634	Henry Heys	
1697	R Rawlinson	
1723	E G Haywood	
1723	Matthew Fielding	
1723	A Cosgrave	
1773	W Hardcastle	
1798	George Board	
1798	J D Bogliaco	
1798	L Frankenstein	

LANCASHIRE (WEST).

1393	W C Erwin	21 0 0
1570	A J J Bamford	10 10 0
1570	Robert Foote	

MIDDLESEX.

1237	William Binnie	52 10 0
1238	Job Gillingham	52 10 0
1238	Eliab Rogers	
1326	J C Goslin	15 15 0
1326	Frederick Stanley	11 15 6
1567	R H Dillon	154 4 6
1567	John Mason	
1579	H W Greenwood	24 3 0
1597	Dr. William Cock	21 0 0
1733	Alfred Tucker	35 8 0
1897	John Weston	10 18 6
2183	J Frost Creswick	15 15 0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Lodge		£	s	d
	Capt. S G Homfray	26	5	0
457	F Atkinson Powell	36	15	0
471	William Pickford	105	11	6
683	A Herbert Oliver	73	10	0
818	John Owen Marsh	27	6	0
1096	John J Williams	26	5	0
1258	Hartley Feather	5	5	0
1429	Alfred Taylor	68	5	0
1562	J T Thomas, M.D.	37	0	0
2186	Rev. Dan G Davies	11	0	6
Rose Croix Chapter				
34	Lt.-Col. A T Perkins	21	0	0

NORFOLK.

Lodge		
100	Br. Walter Diver	63 0 0

NORTH WALES.

1849	Lt.-Col. the Hon. W E Sackville-West	46 4 0

NORTHS AND HUNTS.

445	James Jenkins	10 10 0

NORTHUMBERLAND.

The Province	Br B J Thompson	900 0 0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Chapter		
411 Comp	S G Gilbert	52 10 0

OXFORDSHIRE.

Lodge		
340	Br Edward Horne	31 10 0
340	J M Dormor	
1895	W A Simmons	15 15 0

SHROPSHIRE.

611	Theo John Salwey	26 5 0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

329	S R Baskett	137 5 0
1199	C L Fry Edwards	

SOUTH WALES (East Division).

	The Chairman	126 0 0
The Province	Br Mar. Tennant	
Lodge		
36	Br C W Page	
110	W Howfield	
Chapter		
237 Comp	Rev. T Walters, D.D.	
Lodge		728 10 0
960	John Munday	
1323	J Buckley Wilson	
1573	Robert Parry	
1578	Henry N Davies	
1754	F P Adey	
1992	David Williams	

SOUTH WALES (West Division).

The Province	Br J A Andrews	108 10 0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Province	Br Alfred B Jones	

SUFFOLK.

The Province	Br J G Oliver	162 15 0
Lodge		
225	Br George Abbott	57 15 0
376	J Hunt	84 0 0
388 & 1983	Br John M Canova	84 0 0
1452	Hugh W H Elwes	63 0 0

SURREY.

1638	W J W Baltz	30 7 0
1892	William Pile	31 10 0
1929	E M Lott	25 4 0

SUSSEX.

1797	Walter Finch	31 10 0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

252	E J Chambers	57 15 0
2034	Thos R Arter	36 15 0

YORKSHIRE (N. and E.)

The Province	Br Col. R G Smith	31 10 0

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

Lodge		
139	Br Alexander Tyzack	
139	John Taylor	
521	John W Turner	
521	Jimmy Firth	
750	Rawson Kelley	
904	Frederick Cleeves	400 0 0
904	Frederick Romain	
904	V G S Dearden	
1513	T W Embleton	
1545	Thos M Holmes	

GUERNSEY.

168	A C Quick	63 5 0

FOREIGN.

	Br Lieut.-Col. Aubrey W O Saunders, Past Dist. G.M. Madras	
1160	William Franks, P.A. Dist. G. Sec. Bengal	

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OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution. Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic afflictions he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

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ALICE VASEY,

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Bro. Samuel Vasey was a ship's provision merchant, at Wapping, 1848-1880, where he was unsuccessful in business, and died shortly after, leaving his widow quite without means. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in 1854; W.M. 1860; subscribed 12 years. Joined Unity Lodge, No. 183, in 1866; W.M. 1869; subscribed 12 years. P.Z. of Yarborough Chapter. Self and wife Life Subscribers R.M.I.B.

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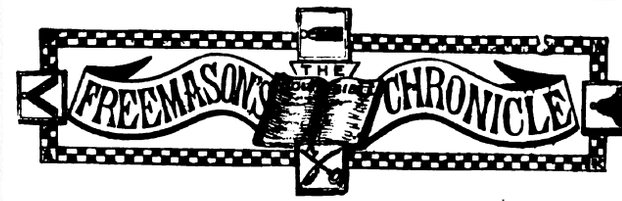
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 7th March 1888, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th December 1887 for confirmation.

2. The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master will move:—

"That this Grand Lodge offers to the Most Worshipful Brother His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Germany, Protector of Freemasonry in that country, its most fraternal and heartfelt sympathy in the affliction under which he is suffering, and begs to express its earnest hope that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to restore His Imperial Highness again to health."

3. Election of a Most Worshipful Grand Master.

4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

5. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

A Brother of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, Goole	£50	0	0
A Brother of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Trinity Lodge, No. 254, Coventry ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Humphrey Chetham Lodge, No. 645, Manchester	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. George's Lodge, No. 1098, Tredegar	50	0	0
A Brother of the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, London...	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Somerset Lodge, No. 973, Frome	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 1914, Kidsgrove	50	0	0
A Brother of the Vale of Catmos Lodge, No. 1265, Oakham	50	0	0
A Brother of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. Maughold Lodge, No. 1075, Ramsey, Isle of Man	100	0	0
A Brother of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, London	100	0	0
A Brother of the Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874, Tunbridge Wells	100	0	0
A Brother of the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, London	50	0	0

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A Brother of the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, Shrewsbury	50	0	0
A Brother of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, London ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, London...	50	0	0

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of February, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £5,712 18s 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 £17 7s 10d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
21st February 1888.

7. Report of Bro. John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1887.

8. APPEALS.

1. By Brother William Henry Messenger P.M. of the Canterbury, Lodge, No. 1048, Christchurch, New Zealand, against his expulsion from the Craft by the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand.

2. By Brother John C. Cobbe P.M. of Lodge Goodwill, No. 465, Bellary, Madras, against a decision of the Deputy District Grand Master, in charge, of Madras, declining to interfere in a matter at issue between Brother Cobbe and Lodge No. 465, relative to a proposed presentation from it to him.

3. By Brother Henry Alfred Michael, of the Emulation Lodge, No. 2071, Sydney, N.S.W., against a ruling of the District Grand Master of New South Wales declaring that Brother Joseph James Allen J.W. had been duly elected Worshipful Master of the said Lodge.

List of brethren nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer.

STEPHEN BARTON WILSON P.M. of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, London. Nominated by Brother Frederick Joseph Tyler W.M. No. 59, London.

ASHER BARFIELD P.M. of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, London. Nominated by Brother George Read P.M. No. 511, 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. 2236—The Kaikoura Lodge, Kaikoura, New Zealand.
2237—The Earl of Leicester, Wells, Norfolk.
2238—The Rewa Lodge of Viti, Nausori Rewa, Viti Levu, Fiji.
2239—The Norman Lodge, Normanton, Queensland.
2240—The Arrow Lodge, Kington, Herefordshire.
2241—The Cordwainer Ward Lodge, London.
2242—The Tyssen-Amherst Lodge, Hackney.
2243—The Argonauts Lodge, Putney.
2244—The Cowper and Newton Lodge, Olney, Buckinghamshire.
2245—The Advance Lodge, Brunnerton, Westland, N.Z.
2246—The Cyclist Lodge, East Molesey, Surrey.
2247—The Albert Lodge, South Melbourne, Victoria.
2248—The Shakespere Lodge, Melbourne, Victoria.
2249—The Jubilee Lodge, Rushworth, Victoria.
2250—The Caulfield Lodge, Caulfield, Victoria.
2251—The Alberton Lodge, Port Albert, Victoria.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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WINDSOR CASTLE LODGE, No. 177.

ON Tuesday, 14th ult., Bro. T. Page, was duly installed W.M. The installation ceremony, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, was performed in an excellent manner by Bro. Henry Daly Marshall I.P.M. Prov. G.S.W. After the newly-installed W.M. had invested his Officers, he presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Marshall. Business ended, the brethren repaired to the Castle Hotel, where Bro. W. J. Drake provided a capital banquet, the menu containing the choice things of the season. Thirty-eight brethren sat down, including several Provincial Officers and four W.M.'s of neighbouring Lodges. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. W. F. Summers Prov. G.O., and Organist of the Lodge.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

THIS Lodge held its winter banquet on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at Bro. Rontly's Farley Hotel, Plymouth. The W.M. Bro. John Ward presided, supported in the vice-chairs by Bros. F. R. Thomas S.W., and W. M. Robins J.W. pro tem. Toasts were given, and an entertainment of vocal music furnished by brethren. Among the entertainers were Bros. J. Ward, Rev. T. W. Lemon, J. W. Cornish, R. Blight, George Hawken, J. Leonard, W. M. Robins, D. C. Herbert 1212, and C. Haly 2025.

ST. GERMAIN'S LODGE, No. 566.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, the Crescent, Selby, on Friday, the 24th of February. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The former included Bros. Cheesman W.M., Barlow S.W. W.M. elect, Dunn P.M. as J.W., Rev. T. Cheese, B.A., Chaplain, Hudson Treas., Rawling P.P.G.O. Secretary, Webber as S.D., Turner J.D., Mould Organist, Townend Steward, Weddall P.M. P.P.G.S.D., Staniland P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Hodgson, Wilkinson. Visitors: Bros. Tew R.W. Prov. G. Master West Yorks, Warburton P.M. 163 P.P.S.G.D. East Lancashire, Bedford P.M. 304 P.P.G.D. West Yorks, José Rickard W.M. 304, Stott W.M. 337, Briggs W.M. 630, Dyson W.M. 1611, Tanner I.P.M. 337, Brown I.P.M. 1611, Shaw P.M. 337, Walsgrove P.M. 725, Tanner S.W. 337, Dalton S.W. 1611 P.P.G. Steward, Lockenby J.W. 1611, Shaw J.D. 630, Cheesman J.D. 2078, Millington Steward 1221, Halliwell Steward 1611, Turner 1221, Scott 1611, Cheesman 2078, and others. The Lodge having been formally opened the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, and Brother Barlow having been presented as W.M. elect, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Staniland P.M. P.P.G.S.B. The following Officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. Turner S.W., Hudson J.W., Cheese, B.A., Chaplain, Cheesman I.P.M. Treasurer, Rawling P.P.G.O. Secretary, Rev. H. Greeves P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Charity Steward, Hodgson S.D., Eggleshaw J.D., Staniland P.M. P.P.G.S.B. D.C., Mould Organist, Townend I.G., Watson and Wilkinson Stewards, Pearson Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Staniland, performed the ceremony in a very impressive and efficient manner. The working tools in the three degrees were presented and explained by Bro. Cheesman I.P.M. After the completion of the business, and hearty good wishes having been expressed by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet at the Londesbro' Arms Hotel, which gave complete satisfaction to all present, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with songs and glees, which thoroughly delighted all present, by Bros. J. W. Tanner, Shaw, T. W. Tanner, Rawling, and Eggleshaw, Bro. Mould presiding at the pianoforte.

CAMALODUNUM LODGE, No. 660.

THE annual installation and banquet took place on the 21st ult., there was a goodly gathering of the brethren at the Masonic Hall, Yorkersgate, Malton. After the opening business had been transacted, Bro. Mosey F. W. Williamson was duly installed as Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed by Bro. A. W. Walker P.M. and Treasurer. The newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Buckle I.P.M., the Rev. W. G. Chilman S.W., Metcalfe J.W., the Rev. E. A. B. Pitman Chaplain, Walker Treasurer, Marshall Secretary, Winpenny S.D., Holmes J.D., Lucas D.C., Marshall Organist, Decley I.G., E. St. Clair Rogers and Waligate Stewards, Stockdale Tyler. The usual banquet was afterwards held at the Talbot Hotel.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 852.

AT the meeting held in the Masonic Hall, the Crescent, on Wednesday, 8th ult., an interesting ceremony took place, on the occasion of the marriage of the Worshipful Master (Bro. Thos. Pike), who entertained the members of his Lodge and a number of visiting brethren to a banquet. The circular contained a heavy list of business. There was a large gathering of brethren, Provincial Officers and others, amongst whom were Bros. J. Barker, Williamson, W. Nichols, G. A. Packwood, J. Corney, Councillor Holland, C. H. Wheeler, J. Young, Smith, Donohoe, Garside, Walter Lee I.P.M., W. H. Fulford S.W., A. Wooley J.W., and the rest of the Officers. The W.M., Bro. Pike, opened the business by initiating into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry Mr. George Hackin, also two passings, the work of which he did in a truly masterly style, and he was warmly congratulated by the whole of the brethren present as to his efficiency, it being his first night in the chair. The Immediate Past Master Bro. Walter Lee, and Bro. C. H. Wheeler, also took part in the passings. After the loyal and patriotic toasts had been honoured in an enthusiastic manner, the toast of the newly-installed brother was proposed, after which Brother P. M. Young proposed the Worshipful Master, in highly eulogistic terms. He asked the Worshipful Master to accept from the Past Masters and Brethren of the Lodge a small token of their esteem, in the shape of a tea urn, enclosed in a glass shade, and a cruet, bearing the following inscription:

"Presented to Bro. Thomas Pike, W.M. Zetland Lodge, 852, by the brethren, as a mark of esteem, on the occasion of his marriage, January 17, 1888."

Bro. Pike thanked the brethren for their kind expressions towards himself and his wife, and also for the handsome articles that had been presented to him. He assured them that in the past he had endeavoured to fulfil the duties of the office of W.M. to the best of his ability, and to the satisfaction of the Lodge, and he should strive to merit their good wishes in the future. Bro. Lee was then presented with the Past Master's jewel and collar, subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge as a mark of respect and in acknowledgment of his services during the Jubilee Year of 1887. Bro. Lee responded. Bro. Donohoe, who had been specially invited by the Worshipful Master, delivered an appropriate speech, after which Bro. Baxter invited the brethren to dine with him, at the Royal Hotel, Pendleton. During the evening a programme of music was performed in a creditable manner.

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BURGOYNE LODGE, No. 902.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, on Monday, 27th February, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Charles Castell. Lodge was opened at 4·15, when the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Pillinger, Leary and Larter were passed to the degree of F.C. The ballot was brought into requisition for Mr. Walter Robert Gadd, who was proposed as a candidate for our mysteries by the W.M., seconded by Brother Jefferys P.M. and Secretary. The result was favourable to the candidate, and he was regularly initiated into the Order. Bro. Sprinks was then raised to the sublime degree. All the ceremonies were carefully and impressively conducted by the W.M., who was ably supported by the following Officers:—Bros. J. C. Cross S.W., W. Smith J.W., H. C. Jefferys P.M. Secretary, George Gabb P.M. Treasurer, W. Batty D.C., J. Beddoes S.D., E. S. White J.D., H. James Organist, John Gilbert Tyler; P.M.'s S. J. Byng, W. Wilkins, R. N. Field and H. A. Pocock also supported the W.M., while the following is a list of the Visitors present:—Bros. W. Lestocq W.M. 1319, F. Dray 2021, G. Powell W.M. 889, D. Ferguson P.M. 1793, W. Drewett W.M. 889, Morgan P.M. 211, E. A. Mitchell, Louis Beck P.P.G. Organist Middlesex, J. W. Thomas P.M. 1641, &c., Williams P.M. 173, S. G. Bonner, P. A. Hornburg 8 (Norway). In the course of the routine work, two candidates for initiation were proposed, for whom the ballot will be taken at the next meeting. An old member of the Lodge tendered his resignation, in consequence of change of residence; this was accepted, with regret. The Worshipful Master referred to the fact that he was working a Stewardship on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, the Festival of which would take place two days later. He forcibly impressed upon the brethren the urgency of the appeal he was then making on behalf of that Institution. He stated that later in the evening he should give the brethren a practical opportunity of exercising their Charity. Bro. Castell's appeal was so far successful, that he was enabled to take up to the Festival, later in the week, a sum of £30, as the contribution of his Lodge to the funds of the Benevolent Institution. Notice of motion was given that the Lodge vote ten guineas towards the Girls' School Centenary Festival, which motion will be considered at the next meeting. Bro. E. Floydd was elected as a re-joining member of the Lodge, after which good wishes were tendered, and the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and at its conclusion the Worshipful Master submitted the customary toasts. He said it was not his intention to occupy any great length of time over the various sentiments. Speaking of the Queen, he said that the mind of Her Majesty was much exercised at the critical condition of her son-in-law, the Crown Prince of Germany. He (Bro. Castell) had that day received the agenda paper for the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, and foremost on that document appeared a proposition, in the name of their respected Deputy Grand Master, which would adequately convey, he felt assured, the sentiments of the Craft in regard to this, he might almost say, national calamity. The second toast needed no words from him. All knew how zealously the Prince of Wales performed his Masonic functions. This year would be celebrated the silver wedding of the Royal couple, and Craftsmen all wished them many happy returns of the day. After the Grand Officers had been duly honoured, Bro. Jefferys P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. But for the state of his health Bro. Castell would have presided over the Lodge last year; now all the members congratulated him on his restoration; he was worthily fulfilling his functions. He was a constant attendant in the Lodge's behalf at the councils of the Craft, and had displayed tact and ability in the conduct of his work in the Lodge. In reply, the Worshipful Master acknowledged the kindness of Bro. Jefferys, and congratulated himself on being restored to health, so far as to be enabled to attend to the affairs of the Lodge. He trusted that when it came for him to hand the Warrant down it would be as unsullied as when it was entrusted to his keeping. The initiates they had had during the period of his Mastership were men, he felt, who would do credit to the Lodge, which at the present time stood well. He ventured to hope his efforts would be appreciated, and that he should prove his ability to "rule the roost" in a kindly spirit, and in a way that would give pleasure to all. Before sitting down he would propose the health of the Initiate, who was a very old friend, and one whose antecedents might lead them to expect he would shine as a Freemason. In reply Bro. Gadd said it was a pleasure for him to be present. What men wanted in this world was sympathy and brotherhood, and as far as he knew Freemasonry supplied both. He did not regret the step he had taken; the initiatory ceremony had deeply impressed him; he was not entirely a stranger to Freemasonry, inasmuch as his father was a Mason of upwards of fifty years' standing and his brothers were also in the Order. His introduction into Masonry that night had caused considerable pleasure to the various members of his family, as well as to himself. Bro. Gadd concluded a capital speech by thanking the brethren for the compliment they had paid him. The next toast was that of the Visitors, and replies were elicited from Bros. Hornburgh, a native of Christiania, Morgan, Beck, Thomas, Drewett, and Ferguson. Brother Wilkins responded for the Past Masters, expressing gratification at seeing so many members of that body present. All had the interest of the Lodge at heart, and would do what they could to advance its welfare. In speaking of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Castell said they were both excellent Officers, ever ready to perform any task in the interests of the Lodge. Brother Geo. Gabb (Treasurer), in his reply, said it was gratifying to know that the Lodge was financially now in a better condition than at any period within his knowledge. He thanked the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him by electing him as their Treasurer. Brother Jefferys followed. He was pleased to think his services were appreciated by the members of the Lodge. Whatever he undertook became essentially a labour of love to him. After the remaining Officers had been complimented, and the necessity of attending the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge had been impressed on the Wardens, replies were made, and the Tyler was summoned to give the parting toast. Some capital songs, &c., were contributed in the course of the evening.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE, No. 1321.

THE second annual Ball of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday evening, the 23 d ult. Great praise is due to the Committee for their exertions to make the ball a success. Nearly two hundred ladies and gentlemen attended. Dancing commenced at 9 p.m. to the strains of Busby's Band, and was kept up with spirit till 4 a.m., with the exception of the interval for supper. The supper programme was very ably carried out, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. R. Boyell, assisted by the following brethren: Bros. Englefield I.P.M., Forrest, Hunter, and Kirkaldy P.M.'s, Esling S.W., Price J.W., Potter S.D., Kent I.G., Matthews, and Mulford, the last named being the indefatigable M.C. At the conclusion of the supper the W.M. gave one or two appropriate toasts, and the company returned to the Ball-room to finish their enjoyment.

ST. KEYNA LODGE, No. 1833.

THE annual installation meeting was held in the Public Hall, Keynsham, on Tuesday the 21st ult., when Brother S. J. Lewis S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. R. C. Else D.P.G.M., in presence of a number of distinguished brethren of the Province. The W.M. elect appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. James Stagg I.P.M., Hobkirk S.W., Mitchell J.W., Gay Treasurer, Newall Secretary, Charles Burn S.D., Naish J.D., Grubb D.C., Ben Read I.G., Parminton Organist, Williams and Stokes Stewards, and Stoate Tyler. In the evening the usual banquet was held, at the Lamb and Lark Hotel, Brother S. J. Lewis presiding, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. A capital dinner was provided by Brother Cox.

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

A LODGE of Instruction has been formed in connection with this flourishing young Lodge. Bro. W. A. Scurrah P.P.G.S.W. Middx., the popular W.M. of 2206, P.M. 2048, &c. &c., is the Preceptor, and Bros. A. J. Hearn, D.C. 2206, and Fraser, J.W. 2206, are respectively Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. E. W. Wheeler, Organist 2206, has kindly consented to undertake the same duties in the Lodge of Instruction; he will be assisted in the vocal parts by Bros. F. Hearne, Hudson, Dobbs, and Eason. The Lodge meets on Wednesday evenings, at 8.15, at the Lodge Room, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon. Train from St. Pancras at 7.20 p.m. A Charity Association has been formed in connection with this Lodge of Instruction, and is, we are glad to say, making rapid progress. Brethren are cordially invited to pay this Lodge a visit.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1981.—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, Islington. About 50 brethren whose Masonic zeal was not of the kind to be influenced by the severity of the weather attended the weekly meeting of this excellent Lodge of Instruction on the 18th ultimo. The regular work, consisting of the rehearsal of the third ceremony, was satisfactorily gone through by the Officers. Bros. L. Solomon W.M., Stallard S.W., Yates J.W., Ashton S.D., Witte J.D., and Brown I.G., under the able guidance of Bro. I. P. Cohen Preceptor. The Lodge was then dismissed from labour to refreshment, and after a brief interval was called on, and resumed in the first degree, for the purpose of hearing a lecture from Bro. Sadler, the Grand Tyler, who, some months previously, had been invited by a resolution of the Lodge to give the brethren the benefit of his ability and experience in this branch of Masonic instruction. After an introductory address, having reference chiefly to the origin of tracing boards, which, although of considerable length, was delivered in a masterly manner, and was listened to in a way that plainly evinced the interest of his audience, Bro. Sadler proceeded to explain the meaning of the different symbols on the first Tracing Board, in which he was ably assisted by Bros. Cohen, Galer, Fenner, Solomon, Larkin, Hurdell, and Hodges, who, when requested, readily gave the different illustrations and definitions which are comprised in the first lecture. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, on the motion of Bro. I. P. Cohen, who informed the brethren that Bro. Sadler was already an honorary member of the Lodge, for services previously rendered, or he would have had much pleasure in proposing that he should now be asked to accept that compliment at their hands; as it was, he must content himself with simply moving the resolution, and, in addition, express his own gratification and thanks for the treat Bro. Sadler had afforded them. Several brethren were then proposed as members, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

DEATH.

COLLINGRIDGE.—At his residence, 134 Cloudesley Road, N., on Tuesday, 28th February, Bro. J. C. Collingridge, of 60 and 62 Clerkenwell Road, London, E.C., aged 66 years. Many years a member of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, and of the Joppa Chapter, No. 188.

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

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THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

WORSHIPFUL was a mediæval title of honour and respect which our forefathers in the Craft justly deemed appropriate to the presiding Officer of a Masonic Lodge. In Shakespeare we find the term used thus:

"My father desires your Worship's company."
"This is worshipful society."

The title is not used in Masonry as a term of adoration, but of sincere respect and deference. It accords supremacy in the Lodge.

To leave no doubt of the power of the Lodge's chief Officer, he is styled not only Worshipful, but Master. He is a Master of Masters. All are Master Masons, but he is the Master of Masters—their Worshipful Master. His authority in the Lodge is unquestionable—there he not only has no superior, but no equal. As the orb of day sweeps majestically and beneficently through the sky, the ruler of the material universe, with all the starry hosts of heaven silently and willingly doing his bidding, so the Worshipful Master with equal regularity and wisdom rules and governs his Lodge. And just as above that sun is the sun's Creator—the Lord of all life and being, animate and inanimate, by whose infinity of wisdom the worlds were made, and in accordance with whose will all are governed; so above the Worshipful Master is the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, with its Right Worshipful Grand Master—the constitutor of his Lodge, and to which alone an appeal from his action lies.

The Worshipful Master of a Lodge is infinitely more than the presiding Officer of the Masonic society. There is no Officer in sacred or profane usage that is his equal in privilege, power and honour. As a Master Mason all Freemasons are his peers, but he is the "first among his equals." Elevated by his fellows, through their exercise of that universal suffrage which embraces every affiliated member of the Craft, when installed in the Master's station his authority in the Lodge none there may question. Notwithstanding such absolute power is accorded him, we have never known a case where that power was exercised to serve merely personal ends. Misjudgments, no doubt there have been, but malicious judgments never. The Brother who feels the weight of responsibility resting upon him, as every Worshipful Master must, has too much heart in his office to permit his head to go wrong. The most radical Brother on the floor often makes the most conservative Master of a Lodge.

The Worshipful Master has two fields for the exercise of his talents—in the Lodge when at Labour, and in the Banquet Hall when a table Lodge is open, or the brethren are informally gathered to enjoy a feast of creature comforts and a flow of animal spirits. The ancient Romans had a *rex convivii*, or an *arbiter bibendi*, to preside over their banquets, and encourage hilarity or check excess. These officers are rolled into that of a Worshipful Master. At the banquet table as in the Lodge room he is Master—Master everywhere. And *here* he is infinitely more than a mere presiding officer. We have many of us been at Civic banquets where, notwithstanding the fact that an eminent and honoured citizen presided, he was powerless to maintain order. The tables have been mounted, the glasses tossed in the air, each end of each table became a law unto itself, having each its song and speech and would-be moderator who had no power to moderate. Such a scene gives an idea of pandemonium. But did you ever behold pandemonium at a Masonic banquet? Did you ever see the Brother, however full of self will, or of anything else, that would not obey the sound of the Gavel? There is no severer test of authority than a hundred or more men, armed with knives, forks, tongues, plates and glasses, and the wherewithal to replenish them and keep them replenished. And yet the Worshipful Master is as supreme at the Lodge banquet table as in the Lodge-room during the hours of Labour. Chaos is impossible, and if it were, in a moment he could bring order out of chaos.

It is not surprising that brethren should feel a laudable pride in exercising the authority of Worshipful Master, and a laudable desire to reach his honourable station. He occupies the chair of King Solomon. Since his time a succession of worthies, in the State, the church, the learned professions, and all of the reputable vocations of life, have filled that chair. A Washington and Marshall have graced it in Virginia, a Franklin in Pennsylvania, and besides these a host of others of world-wide renown, while abroad kings and princes have esteemed it an honour to be addressed as Worshipful Master. For this, as well as for many other reasons, let us maintain our devotion to our ancient and honourable Fraternity, and our respect for the Worshipful Masters who preside over the individual Lodges. King Solomon is dead, but his representative in the Masonic Lodge never dies. King Solomon, all hail!—*Keystone.*

On the kind invitation of Bro. Augustus Harris (the spirited Lessee of our National Theatre), the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, accompanied by the head-master, the teachers, and several members of the House Committee, were present at Drury Lane Theatre, on Monday afternoon, to enjoy the performance of the Pantomime. By the kindness of the Earl of Londesborough the boys were supplied with cake, fruit, &c. Bro. Harris celebrated the 100th representation of "Puss in Boots" on Saturday last, when a handsome souvenir of the event was presented to each of his patrons.

Major George Lambert, F.S.A., Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, Bro. H. Tickle, C.C. (Bon Accord), Lt.-Col. Perry Godfrey (J.W. Alliance), and Sir Francis Burdett, took part in the induction of Admiral R. Mayne, M.P., C.B., and Bro. Henry Wright (Alliance Lodge), as members of the Order of the Secret Monitor, at the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday, the 20th ult. Alderman Sir Robert N. Fowler, Bart., is also a member of the Order.

NEWSPAPER STATISTICS.—From *The Newspaper Press Directory* for 1888 we extract the following, on the present position of the Newspaper Press:—

"There are now published in the United Kingdom 2,177 Newspapers, distributed as follows:—

England—		
London	454	
Provinces	1,273	1,727
Wales		82
Scotland		189
Ireland		158
Isles		21

Of these there are—

136	Daily Papers published in	England
6	Ditto	Wales
21	Ditto	Scotland
16	Ditto	Ireland
1	Ditto	British Isles

On reference to the first edition of this useful Directory, for the year 1846, we find the following interesting facts—viz., that in that year there were published in the United Kingdom 551 Journals; of these 14 were issued daily—viz., 12 in England and 2 in Ireland; but in 1888 there are now established and circulated 2,177 papers, of which no less than 180 are issued daily, showing that the press of the country has nearly quadrupled during the last forty-two years. The increase in Daily Papers has been still more remarkable; the daily issues standing 180 against 14 in 1846. The Magazines now in course of publication, including the Quarterly Reviews, number 1,508, of which 399 are of a decidedly religious character, representing the Church of England, Wesleyans, Methodists, Baptists, Independents, Roman Catholics, and other Christian Communities."

A LIFE WORK.—Freemasonry is a life work. From the moment the entered apprentice receives his first instruction concerning the erection of his Masonic edifice he is to be engaged in Master-building till his life here ceases. He is not to labour for a few years in the quarries, or in the middle chamber, or in the sanctum sanctorum, but is to work until the capstone is laid, and all the ornaments of the temple he is erecting are finished and fixed. The rough ashlar must be finished as a perfect one ere he can rest. How many Craftsmen forget this, and lay aside their working tools ere their labour is half completed? How many weary in well-doing and lag by the way? How many fail to attain the crown because not faithful until death? All need to be often reminded of the great need of perseverance unto the end, as their work must be perfect to pass the test of the unerring square and be awarded a place in the eternal temple.

MASONRY AND WOMAN.—The Mason's wife, mother, sister and daughter, are specially sacred in the eyes of the brotherhood. No libertine, no jester at woman's virtue, can be a true Mason. The neophyte is taught to hate and shun blasphemy, obscenity, drunkenness and licentiousness, as he would some deadly thing; to keep out all coarse and impure thoughts from the mind, as he would spiders and cobwebs from his bed-room. There are bad Masons, as there are bad members in the church, but what we insist on, as one of the chief excellencies of the Order, is the way it upholds woman, guards her purity, glories in her society, and when falsely accused, or in trouble, comes to her rescue, if within our power.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. SUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
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)
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
1223—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
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 5th MARCH.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
48—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
73—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)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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, 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, 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, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2088—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—Paumure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Bixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
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
822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
950—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 108—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth

TUESDAY, 6th MARCH.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 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
859—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
879—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1011—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, Borns 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
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
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.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
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.
392—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (In st.)
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—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, Lindlade, 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
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, 148 Derry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
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
2134—Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
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, 7th MARCH.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall
3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 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)
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)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1288—Royal Standard, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S.W
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1981—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1987—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, Chiswick New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
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.—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
208—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton

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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
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Bolton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1002—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chesterle-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
1693—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
1843—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. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds.
R.A. 369—Lumeston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 8th MARCH.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.
667—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
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)
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., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., 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
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)
1596—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)
1613—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1628—Trafalgar, 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)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
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, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)

35—Medina, 85 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Cardigan 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
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Newcastle-on-Tyne
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, Prudhoe, Northumberland
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1147—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, Stalybridge
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Tewkesbury
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1882—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De la Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Grayestone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
R.A. 230—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees
R.A. 617—Bradon, Masonic Hall, Shrewsbury
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny
R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 9th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
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.)¶
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)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
1056—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.
1228—Beaucroe, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2009—Earl of Mornington, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
2050—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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. 830—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. 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
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Chigwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Crane Street, Goole
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Greenwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
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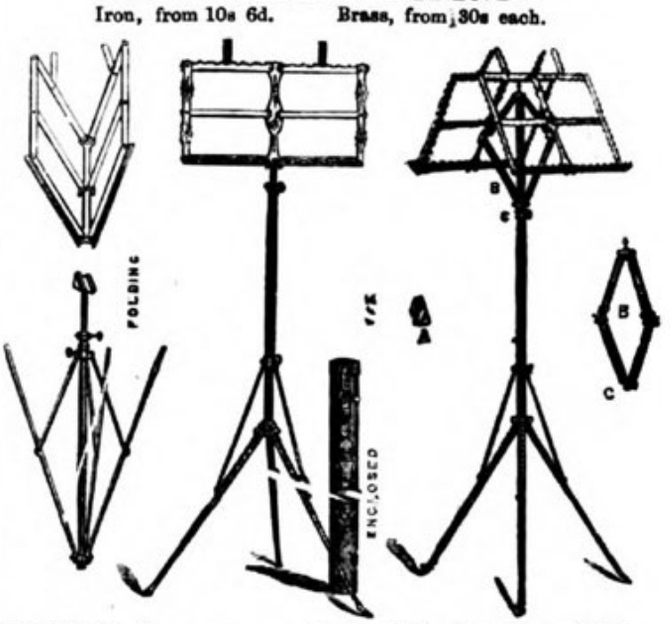
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THE Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of the Deputy Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, who was supported by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Hampshire and Isle of Wight, as Deputy Grand Master; T. W. Tew Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire as Past G.M., together with nearly one thousand members of the Order. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. filled the chair of Senior, and Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W. that of Junior Grand Warden. Grand Lodge having been regularly opened, the business of the day—of which we gave particulars in our last issue—was proceeded with. The minutes having been confirmed, the Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, reported, for the information of Grand Lodge, the manner in which the Grand Master had distributed the £500 placed in his hands, by the vote of Grand Lodge, for the relief of the unemployed of the metropolis. This information we have already published in our columns. He also reported that the £500 voted as a present to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, on the celebration of her Silver Wedding, had been expended in the purchase of a diamond ornament, that being the form which Her Royal Highness had desired the gift to take, as ascertained by the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom. That Brother then rose to propose the resolution standing in his name:

> "That this Grand Lodge offers to the Most Worshipful Brother His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Germany, Protector of Freemasonry in that country, its most fraternal and heartfelt sympathy in the affliction under which he is suffering, and begs to express its earnest hope that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to restore His Imperial Highness again to health."

Few words were needed, he considered, to recommend this motion. He believed there was not a single person in the country who did not watch, with the deepest anxiety, the reports which were published from time to time in reference to the condition of the German Crown Prince. The reason for this was that he was known to be one of the most honest and upright men of his day; a man who had made himself beloved by all; an example as a son, a husband, a warrior, and a statesman. The brethren knew how the destinies of Europe were hanging on this one man's life, and they also knew how closely allied he was to their own beloved Royal Family. His wife, the Princess Royal of England, had followed in the footsteps of her mother, and had shown what a watchful, untiring nurse she was during his long period of trial and suffering. Earl Lathom felt he was saying what all would say—that she and all her family had their deepest sympathy. Bro. Beach seconded the proposition, feeling assured it would be carried with unanimity, both on private and public grounds; the private one from the relationship the Crown Prince bore to the Sovereign of our country, and the public one from the important position he occupied among potentates of the world. As the acting Grand Master had said, on the life of the Crown Prince hung the destinies of Europe, because he was well known to incline to that love of peace which must tend so much to the benefit of the civilised world. They could, then, but hope that the Great Architect of the Universe might be graciously pleased to spare his life. The proposition was carried unanimously, deep sympathy being expressed by the assembled company. Bro. Gabriel Prior Goldney then proposed the re-election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. The nomination was seconded by Bro. John Smith, and unanimously approved of by Grand Lodge. The election of Grand Treasurer was next proceeded with, the two brethren nominated for the office being Bros. Asher Barfield P.M. 511, and Stephen Barton Wilson P.M. 59. The ballot resulted in the return of Bro. Barfield, by a majority of about four votes to one, out of 800 recorded. The grants recommended by the Board of Benevolence were confirmed, while the Reports of the Board of General Purposes and of the Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts were adopted. The appeals before Grand Lodge were next dealt with, that of Bro. William Henry Messenger P.M. 1648 being allowed, on the ground that the offence of which he was guilty was outside the cognizance of Freemasonry; while the others, presented by Bros. John C. Cobbe P.M. 465, and H. A. Michael of No. 2071, were dismissed. This concluded the business, and Grand Lodge was closed.

MERIT.

"Popular glory is a perfect coquette; her lovers must toil, feel every inquietude, indulge every caprice, and perhaps at last be jilted into the bargain. True glory, on the other hand, resembles a woman of sense; her admirers must play no tricks; they feel no great anxiety, for they are sure in the end of being regarded in proportion to their merit."

THE present is not the first occasion on which we have addressed our readers on the question of merit in Freemasonry, and inasmuch as it is a subject on which there is a very wide diversity of opinion, it is one which may profitably be considered at any time, or under any particular circumstances which the events of the day may bring prominently to the fore. We are aware our opinions on this subject do not coincide with those of many members of the Craft, but that is hardly to be expected in regard to any matter, even in Freemasonry, for notwithstanding its universality we question if there is any subject on which the Craft is of one mind, or on which all its members can agree. Indeed, we do not consider that unanimity would be of any real advantage to the Order, even if it were possible; rather, it might become detrimental to the best interests of the Craft, for without

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diversity of opinion we should have no desire on the part of one brother to emulate another, while there would be no incentive for one Mason to improve on the work as performed by his predecessors, or to carry out his duties in a better or more painstaking manner than those around him, for the simple reason that all would be agreed things were being done as well as was possible, and if perfection were arrived at, what more should we have to strive for? Such a condition of affairs is not, however, possible. As long as life lasts there will be some who can see a better way to perform a task than others complete it in, and in striving to demonstrate their views they will aim at excelling their fellows, with results more or less meritorious in different cases.

There is also another consideration which induces men to emulate their fellows, which, in the words of the quotation from Goldsmith given above, may be termed the love of "popular glory." There are few men wholly free from this—may we term it vanity? and unquestionably both Freemasonry and the world at large owe much of their advancement to the efforts of those who aim at securing it. The desire for popularity will induce a man to undertake tasks, and will lead him to achieve successes which sober reasoning would have deemed impossible, and on this account the uncertainty attending the final result is correspondingly great. A lover of popular glory "must toil, feel every inquietude, indulge every caprice, and perhaps at last be jilted into the bargain." Freemasonry supplies numerous instances proving the truth of these remarks. Proposals have been made which appeared to possess every qualification for success; their promoters toiled hard to secure it; they altered their plans with the view of indulging the whims of every objector, and yet, in spite of all their exertions, they failed to win the glory which seemed to be within their reach. It may be answered that, despite the meritorious character of their proposals, they aimed too high; they strove to win that "perfect coquette, popular glory," and met the fate which attends so many of her lovers. Can it be said they secured a reward in proportion to their merit? The world must answer, "Not in every case," and such must be the opinion of every Freemason who measures results from the usual standpoint.

Turn we now to the second portion of our quotation, and we have a lesson equal to any which Freemasonry strives to teach. The seekers after true glory, it tells us, "must play no tricks," but on the other hand they need "feel no great anxiety, for they are sure in the end of being rewarded in proportion to their merit." It is just the matter of merit which here becomes the prime factor in the question—a man must possess it, or he cannot win true glory. From this we may infer that popular glory is to be secured by any one, provided he is ready to toil for so fickle a lover; while true glory is a reward which only falls to the lot of the meritorious. But who is meritorious, and what is merit?

As the basis from which we have to regard our subject is essentially a Masonic one, it is our present duty to attempt to determine what is merit in Freemasonry, and who among its members are deserving of being dubbed meritorious? Merit we may in a few words dismiss, as being Masonry of the heart as opposed to Masonry of the tongue, in brief—acts not words. A meritorious Mason will show a strict observance of the spirit, even if he neglects the actual letter of Freemasonry, and it is on this ground that a man of comparative ignorance, in so far as education is concerned, may become a far better Mason than another possessed of the most profound knowledge. The one will succeed, although quite incapable of expressing himself in public, and making a lamentable failure when the smallest tax is put upon his memory, while the other will fail, in spite of the most brilliant powers of elocution, the ability of discussing or arguing a subject with any one, conjoined with a splendid memory, simply because the one possesses and the other lacks the power of promoting happiness and spreading goodwill among his fellows. The one may, perhaps, win popular glory, while the other will merit, and will assuredly secure, true and lasting glory.

Now, as to the particular events of the day which have brought this subject prominently to the fore on the present occasion. A correspondent, signing himself "A Freemason," wrote to the *Court Circular*, and that paper gives the writer's remarks prominence in its columns in reference to recent doings at the Drury Lane Lodge. The correspondent says:—"I was glad to see the Lodge give Bro. Parkinson a testimonial; he deserved it. But it was not satisfactory to reflect that it was given for doing the work which should have been done by the Master of the Lodge. During the whole of Brother Augustus Harris's Mastership he did none of the iniations and so forth, and, in fact, delegated his work to Brother Parkinson. This sort of thing is becoming increasingly common, and brings discredit on Masonry." We must at once say we do not agree with the views which our Brother "A Freemason," holds, or which he may be inferred to hold from his remarks. Our argument has always been that the Mason who does his best—no matter what his best may be, when compared with the acts of others—has done well. It is not necessary that a Mason should be qualified to work the various ceremonies of the Order ere he can be described as a good Master, nor does it follow that the strictest disciplinarian in regard to the ritual of Freemasonry makes the best ruler. We have known cases which have proved actually the reverse, and where a punctilious Worshipful Master has upset the peace and harmony of his Lodge by his rigid adherence to the letter of the ceremonies. Everything was made subservient to his pet hobby, and although he was letter perfect, he sadly lacked the spirit of Masonry. We do not wish our remarks to become too much identified with any particular body, and on that account shall dismiss from our minds, for the present, the name of the Drury Lane Lodge, and attempt to answer the remarks of "A Freemason" on broad and general lines.

There are brethren in Freemasonry who strive to secure for themselves and their Lodges the reputation of being perfect, or nearly so, in some particular respect. It may be notoriety they strive for, but we will adopt the language of our quotation, and describe it as glory — whether "popular" or "true" it is not for us to decide, time alone will help us to a solution on that score. Some strive to make their Lodge a pattern for good work, others work to make for it a reputation for geniality, good fellowship, or hospitality, while others again pin their faith on Charity, and let everything else sink into the shade, so that the one object for which they strive may stand out in bold relief. Such tactics cannot always be described as meritorious, although it would be wrong to describe them in harsh terms; but Freemasonry should be universal, and on that account any particular whim or fancy is opposed to its tenets, and any undue prominence may perhaps give offence to some among its members.

We will assume for the nonce, and particularly on account of the remarks of "A Freemason," that a Lodge desires to secure and maintain a reputation for the perfection of its working. It is not reasonable to suppose that all its Masters can find time to qualify themselves for the performance of the ceremonies as they desire to see them worked, while it may happen they do not all possess the ability to do as well as they wish. Does the admission of this inability become a Masonic crime, or does it reflect "discredit on Masonry?" Certainly not, it rather proves a willingness to sacrifice one's self rather than oppose the wishes of the other members. The brother who stands aside on such occasions feels he cannot give as much satisfaction as others would, and gives place so that the reputation or the particular hobby of the Lodge may not suffer through his imperfections. It would be unjust to say that such men were personally incapable of performing the ceremonies, because we believe, after what we have seen and heard, that any man capable of repeating the words of the ritual after his neighbour, is capable of performing them, if such a jumble is worthy of being called a performance. It is true we do not approve of a Worshipful Master invariably delegating the work of his Lodge to another, but there is certainly nothing wrong in even that extreme, if by so doing he falls in with the wishes of his fellow members. Besides, a Master's duty does not cease with the working of the ceremonies of the Order; the maintenance of the comfort and happiness of his Lodge is of equal, if not of greater importance, for although it may be true that first opinions have a wonderful effect on the future of a candidate, it is equally certain it is the general working of Freemasonry which will make the greatest impression on him.

Speaking generally it is very difficult to decide who is the most meritorious Master of a Lodge. One excels in one thing, and another in something else: it is only by watching the general effect of a man's rule that we can form any reliable guess as to his merit, or lack of it. By

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simply comparing the way in which the ceremonies were worked we may discover who was the most brilliant as an orator, or who possessed the greatest aptitude for learning to repeat certain sentences, but Freemasonry should go far beyond the utterances of the tongue—it should be grafted in the heart of a man, from which source alone can spring truly Masonic thoughts and actions.

The correspondent previously quoted goes on to say that "a man should not be made Master of a Lodge unless he is prepared faithfully to discharge the duties of that honourable office." This is quite true, but what are the duties of that "honourable office?" He is entirely wrong if he imagines them to consist only of ability to work the ceremonies. If this were so rewards for merit in Freemasonry would have disappeared and rewards for natural gifts or greater knowledge would have taken their place. This is not what is intended. In Freemasonry we are all equal, and the dunce should stand as good a chance as the scholar of rising to eminence, provided he be imbued with an equal share of the spirit of Freemasonry, and his ignorance does not become too prominent—so as to bring ridicule on the Order. We cannot all be masters of the work, and if this were possible what would become of those who now love to boast of their superiority over all others in the matter of knowledge of Masonic ritual? We think there is no greater egotist in Freemasonry than the brother who is "letter perfect" in its various forms and ceremonies.

The concluding paragraph of "A Freemason's" letter is also in accordance with our views, and his remarks will be equally endorsed by our readers. He says: "Masonry means something more than giving dinners and getting your name into the papers." Just so! We have already said enough to show what we deem needful in a Mason, and "giving dinners and getting your name into the papers" are not included in those qualifications, and yet the ability to properly preside at a Masonic dinner, and power to merit notice, either in the papers or by other public means, are not to be despised, even if they are not among the acquirements which every Mason should strive to secure, and that, too, with the conviction that true glory will await him in proportion to the merit he displays. As we have all through argued, it is very difficult to decide what merit really is, but there is no gainsaying the fact that what is popular is not always meritorious, while that which is meritorious is not always popular, and on this basis we may dismiss many of the attacks which are levelled against particular practices in Freemasonry. Because certain practices are not popular they are deemed to be without merit; a most erroneous conclusion to arrive at; at the same time it is one which throughout life governs many of our actions.

The final meeting of the Committee for the Ball which took place in January last, in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held last week, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, when it was reported that the gross receipts amounted to £392 15s 6d, the expenditure to £184 6s 3d, leaving a balance of £208 9s 3d to be paid to the above-named institution. The accounts were passed, and the ballot was taken for Life Governorships amongst the Stewards, when the following were elected:—Bros. Banner, Coxon, Jarman, Hart, Jude, H. H. Smith, Kelly, Sowden, Wood, Hallwood, and Leake. Cordial votes of thanks were given to the executive officers, the services of the honorary secretary (Bro. Leake) being especially recognised.

Under the auspices of the Unity Lodge, No. 567, a largely attended and successful ball was held at the Court House, Warwick, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. The room had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. Mr. J. Boddington officiated as M.C., and Mr. Rigg's string band accompanied the dancing, which commenced about half-past nine o'clock, and continued until five next morning.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—In all outward complaints a desperate effort should be made to at once remove these annoying infirmities, and of establishing a cure. The remarkable remedies discovered by Professor Holloway will satisfactorily accomplish this desirable result, without any of those dangers or drawbacks which attend the old method of treating ulcerative inflammations, scrofulous affections, and scorbutic eruptions. The most timid invalids may use both the Ointment and Pills with the utmost safety, with certain success, provided a moderate attention be bestowed on their accompanying "Directions." Both the preparations soothe, heal, and purify. The one assists the other materially in affecting cures and renewing strength by helping exhausted nature just when she needs such succour.

A MASONIC ALPHABET.

XXIII.—"WORK."

The toiling ant, the busy bee,
Work all the smiling day:
Then when the pleasant sunbeams flee,
To rest, they haste away.

Without a pause their toil to break
They use the shining hours,
Lest storm may bid them work forsake,
Or drench their zeal with showers.

Each Mason should be swift to grasp
The moments as they fly;
If but to give a friendly clasp
Of tender sympathy.

Each minute has its present call,
For some kind deed to do—
Some generous act, however small,
May gild the moments through.

Work well then ere the day is past,
Ere strength and life be done;
For night is falling very fast
When no *Work* can be done.

XXIV.—"EXAMPLE."

The years they come, the years they go,
To shelter in the past—
The wat'ry tides they ebb and flow
Each earnest as the last.

The sun each day sends forth his beams,
To bless us, year by year;
And certain, his expiring gleams
Proclaim the night is near.

These teach the world the path of right,
And point a moral clear;
To do the good with all of might,
And duty, without fear.

Our Order's aims are fair and free,
Still reaching for the good;
And faithful Masons e'er should be,
As patterns, understood.

Should have the passions at command,
And shew enlightened mind;
And like the friendly beacon stand,
Examples for mankind.

—*Sydney Freemason.* WM. H. ORR.

SCOTLAND.

CALEDONIAN RAILWAY LODGE, No. 354.

THE annual Festival was held in the Langham Hotel, Glasgow, on Friday, the 27th ult. Dancing commenced at 7 p.m., and continued till ten o'clock, when the company, which numbered about one hundred, sat down to supper. The chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. D. T. Colquhoun R.W.M., was occupied by Brother Dr. Jas. Steel Muir, the croupiers being Bros. C. Petrie S.W. and Horrower J.W. Among others present were Bros. D. Reid W.G.B.B. P.G.S., A. Grey No. 3 bis, J. Wardop No. 3 bis, Jas. Findlay P.M. 333, J. Goodfellow 354, Wm. Anderson 354, Baillie J. Colquhoun, Mr. A. Gordon, Mr. P. Drummond, Rev. Parry Thomas, and the Rev. J. M'Master Chaplain of the Lodge.

CLYDE LODGE, No. 408.

THE regular by-monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall 30 Hope Street, on Friday, 17th ult. Bro. James Leitch, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. John M'Innes D.M., William Clinton P.M., Angus Rankin acting S.W., John Simpson J.W., William Mullan S.D., Robert M'Crone Treas., Chas. J. Dunn Tr. R.F., J. Macnaught Campbell Secretary, John Robinson J.S., Carl Gutzke acting I.G., Charles Stewart P.M. 4, D. Davidson D.M. 354, John Callen P.M. 609, &c. The Lodge being opened in the usual manner, Mr. John C. Ross was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the R.W.M., and thereafter the Lodge being passed to the square degree, Bros. J. C. Ross and A. Finlay were instructed in this degree by Bros. J. M'Innes. A Lodge of Mark Masters was then opened, when the following brethren received that degree from Bro. J. Macnaught Campbell, viz., Bros. Duncan Campbell, Jas. Wilson, G. Wilson, John Rice, William Porter, James Allen, and Alexander M'Innes, and Bros. Morris Cohen and Peter M'Gregor of Lodges Nos. 354 and 609 respectively. The Lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

The members of the Union Lodge, No. 127, gave their annual dinner and tea, at the Foresters' Hall, on the 22nd ult., to 250 of the aged poor of Margate. The dinner consisted of roast beef, roast legs of mutton, roast veal, hams, Christmas puddings, &c. of which, it is needless to say, there was a bountiful supply.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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

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ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I, too, am of opinion that much more might be done for our Charities in the way of annual subscriptions. The correspondent who mooted the point in your last issue is, I see, a supporter of the Benevolent Institution, which holds out the best attraction for annual subscribers—a donation of five shillings to its funds securing a vote. In the case of the other Institutions nothing lower than a guinea is recognised, although, I suppose, neither of them would refuse a smaller sum. For this reason I consider the first step should be to secure a recognition from the Boys' and Girls' Schools for sums below 21s. This, of course, could be done by offering a vote at one election for half a guinea, but I should prefer to offer something similar to what is done by the Benevolent, and give a vote for each five shillings. If this could be brought about I believe many Life Governors would continue support as annual subscribers; perhaps not at first, but as soon as it became fashionable to do so; this ought not to be long, if the matter were properly taken up.

To show the extent to which these annual subscriptions might rise, I assume that of the total subscribed to the three Institutions during any year at least twenty thousand guineas comes from Life Governors. The total amount received last year by the three Charities was £61,059 0s 11d, so that I only apportion one-third to Life Governorships. This gives 2,000 contributors, and if one-half of these became annual subscribers of 5s each they would provide an income of £250. Now, supposing they continued their subscriptions, on an average, for ten years, it would give a contribution of £2,500 as the outcome of one year's work, and that among Life Governors only. I am quite of the opinion expressed by your correspondent, that "there is room for a very widely extended system of annual subscriptions to our three Institutions," and co-operate with him in asking for your support. I would remind my brother Masons that the five shillings per year required for the vote referred to above is less than five farthings per week; indeed, five shillings per year could be given to each of the Institutions for one half-penny per day. Here is a splendid opportunity for Lodge Secretaries, and especially those connected with Lodges of Instruction, to advance the welfare of the Charities. Fourpence per week collected from any Mason would be ample for the three subscriptions, and would allow a good margin for working expenses.

Yours fraternally,

A SUPPORTER OF THE THREE INSTITUTIONS.

THE MASONIC RIGHT OF VISITING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The brother who wrote to you last week on the subject of "Class Masonry," and signed himself "TOLERATION," is just one of those—if I may be allowed to say so—of whom I spoke in my last letter to you, as lacking enthusiasm. I hope he will not think me obtrusive, but I cannot help urging him to read your article, if he has not already done so, and also my letter, which appears under his own. After this he might systematically devote himself to a study of the principles and practices of Freemasonry, and if he does so I fancy he will soon form a different opinion to that he expresses in his letter on the subject of visiting. I take it that visiting among Freemasons is a right, and that he is wrong in assuming that one Mason cannot force his presence on a Lodge or assembly of Masons met for the practice of Freemasonry. I base my opinion on the injunction in the Book of Constitutions, that the Master and Wardens of a Lodge should visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft and a good understanding cultivated amongst Freemasons. If it is good and desirable that the Master and Wardens should visit, I suppose it is equally good for others, even private members, to do so. Perhaps your correspondent would give his authority for the opposite opinion.

Yours, &c.

STUDENT.

MASONIC PATRONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your last issue gives evidence of the widely opposite opinions which may be entertained in regard to any one subject by different brethren. I favour the view which "MYSTIC" takes of the letter of "P.M., &c.," which appeared in your issue of the previous week. No good can certainly accrue to Freemasonry from a more extended use of its influence in matters of personal advancement or trade. I consider we do very well if we leave Masonry entirely alone in all matters of business. A Mason should not even be expected to give the preference to a brother Mason, all other things being equal, or we should immediately open the doors of the Order to a crowd of speculators, who would join on the chance of being the only Mason interested in a particular contract or tender. That something of the sort must necessarily exist among the members of a particular Lodge is but natural, just as mutual help must exist anywhere among friends, but to extend the system throughout the Craft would be a mistake likely to lead to disastrous consequences.

I should have imagined "P.M., &c.," would have as much influence with Church Patrons, as a Churchman, as anything in connection with Masonry would confer, and if he made use of his association with the Craft, no doubt others would do the same, so that he would not stand a much better chance of preferment. Such actions might cause a scandal in the Craft, or set one section of the Order at variance with another, and for this reason I believe the less we have to do with patronage through Freemasonry the better it will be for all concerned. Take for example the opinions expressed by "P.M., &c.," and "A BELIEVER IN MUTUAL HELP," in regard to Freemasonry. They are not so much disgusted with the Order, as they are disappointed that it has not proved of greater advantage to them from a mercenary or other unworthy point of view, and their opinions must necessarily increase in proportion as the cause for them increases.

Yours fraternally,

CRAFTSMAN.

OUTSIDE TITLES IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In thanking you and your correspondents for the remarks which appeared in your last issue, under this head, I hope you will excuse my observing that the subject appears to be one of those for which no fixed rule exists. All I see it is possible for me to do in the future is to follow the same course as I have hitherto adopted, that is, use Outside Titles or ignore them as I deem best. I feel not a little flattered by the remarks of P.G.A.D.C., and assure him, if I am "not so young as I pretend to be, I certainly am not so young as I wish, but at the same time I am sincere in asking for information, and this, with all due deference to him, he does not give, or, at least, he does not settle the questions I am doubtful about. I do not think I should have announced a Provincial Grand Master as simply Bro. So-and-so, nor do I imagine I should introduce an Admiral or other high dignitary simply by his name, but how does the matter stand when we come to Captains, Lieutenants, Serjeants, or even Corporals? If I announce Bro. *Corporal* Jones, the dignity of Captain Smith is touched, and if I ignore Jones's "title" he is snubbed, and so, as I said before, I am in a difficulty. Even "PROVINCIAL," in his letter last week, stops his definitions at "Commissioned" Officers, and so his otherwise useful advice does not wholly satisfy me. If I am not trespassing too much on your space, I should like to hear from "P.G.A.D.C.," or "PROVINCIAL" as to what I am to do in the case just mentioned. We have in our Lodge, either as members or visitors, Commissioned Officers of the two Services, and I have to announce a Mason, holding the rank of Corporal. Am I to use his "Outside Title in Freemasonry"?

I remain, yours, &c.,

I.G.

HUYSHE ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

THE annual meeting was held on the 28th ult., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess Place, Plymouth. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The business commenced with the election and perfection of three new candidates—Bros. W. Jamieson, J. M. Hifley, and F. Donoghue. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31° presided. The M.W.S. elect, E. and P. Bro. E. Aitken-Davies was then installed by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon. The following brethren were invested as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Rogers I.P.M. W.S., Rev. T. W. Lemon High Prelate, Bayly Treasurer, Westlake Recorder, Bond 1st General, Daniel Cross 2nd General, James Griffin Grand Marshall, Regar Raphael, Derry Herald, Westcott C.G., Dunsterville D.C., Hearder O., Phillips E. The Audit Committee presented a very favourable statement of the financial prosperity of the Chapter. Large photographs, capital likenesses of the nine members of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the A.A.R., enclosed in a very handsome gilded and glazed frame, were presented to the Chapter, with the following inserted on an ornamental tablet on the frame:—

"Presented to Huyshe Chapter, S.P.R.C. of H.R.D.M., No. 88, Plymouth, by the Illustrious Brother the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31° P.M.W.S. and High Prelate, 28th February 1888."

The presentation was very courteously received, and an unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lemon for his admirable present so suitable to a Rose Croix Chapter. At the close of the business the members of the Chapter and Visitors adjourned to the new Freemasons' Hall and Club's premises in Princess Square, where the annual banquet of the Chapter was held. The banquet-room of the Club was very tastefully laid out for the occasion, Bro. E. Aitken-Davies presiding. After the toast-card had been exhausted, the M.W.S. suggested success to the Freemasons' Hall and Club Company, and thanks to Bro. Symons (the Steward) for his excellent catering. The spirited enterprise of the Company, he said, promised every success. He had the honour to preside at the first Masonic lunch and dinner, which had been provided on their premises, and must say that in his long experience he had never seen either excelled. The toast was very warmly applauded, and Bro. Symons called in and thanked. Several capital songs and recitations were given between the toasts. Bros. W. S. Hearder, Rev. T. W. Lemon, Donoghue, T. Goodall, Jamieson, Clemens, Watson, and others assisted.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 70.

THIS Lodge—the senior in South Devon—was, at its meeting on the 6th inst., at the Huyshe Temple, Plymouth, the recipient of some very handsome presents. The Secretary, Bro. J. B. Gover, announced that one of the members, Bro. D. P. Cama, had presented ten guineas to entitle the Lodge to a life subscribership to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Cama is a Parsee, and the senior member of a London firm. This being the Centenary of the Girls' School, his gift is in commemoration of that event. The Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain presented to the Lodge a handsomely-framed picture of the installation of the Duke of Connaught as P.G.M. of Sussex, by H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., at Brighton, 22nd June 1886, and also framed photographs of the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, London, as it appeared after the fire, 4th May 1883, and of the laying of the stone of the New Masonic Buildings, Plymouth, in December last.

STRICT BENEVOLENCE CHAPTER, No. 97.

THE annual convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland, on the 16th ult. Comps. J. G. Kirtley Z., J. R. Pattison H. and T. Sharp J. were the presiding Principals, and were supported by Comps. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G. 1st Principal, B. Levy P.P.G.H., R. Hudson P.G.S.B. England P.G.S.E., T. Coulson P.P.G.S.B. J., Sedcote J. 1119, T. Henderson P.Z. 94, J. J. Clay P.P.G.Dir. of Cers., Wm. Liddell P.P.G.J., M. Douglass Past Provincial Grand Registrar, &c. The installation of the Principals for the ensuing year took place, as follows:—Comps. Robson Pattison Z., Sharp H., Singleton J., Walter Beattie S.N., Wake S.E., Liddell Treasurer, Shadforth P.S., Gray and Smith Assist. Soj., Watson Dir. of Cers., Porteous Org. The installation ceremony was splendidly performed by Comp. B. Levy.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday, 20th ult., when Bro. A. Marks was installed Master of the Lodge, and the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. J. M. Levy S.W., L. L. Bloomfield J.W., Asher I. Myers Secretary, J. D. Barnett Organist, S. Rosenfeld S.D., J. Eisenmann J.D., E. Barnett Dir. of Cers., M. Marks and Lewis Levy Stewards. There was a very large attendance, and at the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were given in felicitous terms by the new Master, who was greeted with much enthusiasm. Among others who took part in the proceedings were Bros. Algernon E. Sydney, N. Moss, R. Z. Bloomfield and S. Rosenfeld.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 1028.

THE twenty-third anniversary was celebrated at Alfreton on Tuesday, the 28th ult. There was a numerous gathering of brethren. Bro. Holland Rowbottom S.W. was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. R. Knowles, the retiring Master. The Officers were appointed, as follows:—Bros. Knowles I.P.M., Cupit S.W., Wild J.W. Wilson Treasurer, Coope Secretary, Hardstaff S.D., Shardlow J.D., Briddon I.G., Taylor Organist, and Bunting Tyler. The brethren, to the number of about forty, subsequently sat down to banquet at the George Hotel.

STAMFORD LODGE, No. 1045.

THE annual meeting was held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on the 5th instant, when Bro. Robert H. Potter was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The Installing Masters were Bros. Chas. G. Bonnstow and Bro. John Siddeley. The Officers were invested, as follows:—Bros. the Hon. Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.G.S.W. as I.P.M., Lindsell S.W., Foden J.W., Rev. R. Hodgson Chaplain, Siddeley Treasurer, Richard Newhouse Secretary, Worthington S.D., Blunson J.D., Clarke Organist, Naylor I.G., Harrison Tyler. There was a large attendence of Provincial and other brethren.

PHŒNIX LODGE OF ST. ANN, No. 1235.

ON Wednesday, the 22nd ult., the annual meeting and installation took place at the Court House, Buxton, when Bro. Lomas S.W. was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of brethren from Derbyshire, Lancashire, and Cheshire. The Lodge having been duly opened, the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. M. Smedley, and the newly-appointed W.M. then invested the following Officers: Bros. Cooper S.W., Lane J.W., Varley S.D., Sutton J.D., Hall I.G., Jacques Secretary, Broadbery Organist, Rowland and Scatt r Stewards. The annual meeting of the Royal Arch Chapter was also held, when the Principals elected and invested were:—Comps. Jones Z., Harrison H., and Ormo J. Companion Cartwright performed the ceremony. On the motion of Companion Milligan the sum of £2 2s was voted in aid of the Buxton Distress Relief Fund. The brethren afterwards, to the number of fifty, had dinner, at the George Hotel, Bro. Lomas in the chair.

ASHBURTON LODGE, No. 2189.

THE first banquet was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at Brother Ford's, Commercial Hotel, Ashburton, Devon. The W.M. the Hon. Richard Dawson presided, and the vice-chairs were filled by Bros. H. Steele S.W. and W. S. Jervis J.W. The inclement weather and other unforeseen circumstances prevented some of the members from attending, but a very enjoyable evening was spent by those present. Sundry toasts were given, and some instrumental and vocal music was contributed by Bros. Crowe and Ford.

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE BALL.

THE members of The City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1963, held a Ball at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. An excellent Board of Stewards was formed, under the presidency of Bro. Edmund B. Cox W.M., with Bro. C. H. Radclyffe as Hon. Sec., and, thanks to the excellent arrangements made, the members and their friends—to the number of over 250—spent a most enjoyable time. The Great Hall was gaily decorated with flags and banners, and the musicians' platform tastefully adorned with flowers and ferns. The brethren, in accordance with a dispensation obtained from H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., appeared in Masonic clothing and jewels. Owing to an unfortunate accident which recently occurred to the W.M. Bro. Cox, he was prevented from participating in the enjoyment provided. Dancing commenced shortly after half-past nine o'clock, to the strains of Mr. Pritchard's Band, which played an excellent selection of music in an admirable manner, which was continued with great spirit until shortly after midnight. An adjournment was then made to the supper rooms, where a repast was served which fully maintained the reputation the proprietors have so deservedly gained. The large company present included Bro. E. B. Cox W.M. and Mrs. Cox, Bro. Hill S.W. and Mrs. Hill, Bro. Brunder J.W., Mrs. Brunder and daughters, Bros. Shand P.M. Secretary, Eastgate P.M., Bro. and Mrs. Millis, Bros. Neat and Hewitt, Bro. and Mrs. Ferris, Bro. Marks, Bro. and Mrs. Berther, Brothers Clarke, Emanuel, Beach, Piccidillo, and Dennis, Bro. and Mrs. Radclyffe, Bro. Le Clere, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bro. J., Mrs., and the Misses Diprose, Bro. and Mrs. Coombes, Bro. and Mrs. Morgan, Bro. and Mrs. V. Larner, Bro. and Mrs. Valeriani, Bro. Kirby, Miss Alice Pritchard, Miss Estelle Tuck, Bro. and Mrs. Jackson, Bro. and Mrs. Lusty, Bro. Madell, Bro. and Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Pailthorpe, Bro. and Mrs. King, Bro. and Mrs. Hatton, Brother and Mrs. Dukey, Bro. and Mrs. Batchelor, Bro. and Mrs. Land and daughter, Bro. Von Joel, Mrs. Von Joel and daughters, Bro. Kay, Mrs. Hermon, Bro. Bellerby, and many others too numerous to mention.

EARL OF SUSSEX LODGE, No. 2201.

THE fourth meeting of this newly established Lodge, was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, 25th ult., when a large number of visitors attended to do honour to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, who is the W.M. There was a large muster of members and visitors, including Grand Officers. The chief business of the evening consisted in the raising of Bro. J. P. Knight, son of the late respected Bro. J. P. Knight, General Manager of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, which was carried out in an excellent manner by the W.M., assisted by Bro. J. H. Matthews, who gave the traditional history, and Bro. the Rev. F. F. J. Greenfield, who delivered the charge. Several minor matters were then taken into consideration, and the W.M. informed the brethren that he had prepared an address of congratulation to be sent from the Province to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his Silver Wedding. He also announced that arrangements had been made to hold an "At Home" at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday, 9th March, to further celebrate the auspicious event, and that a dispensation would be granted to wear Masonic clothing on the occasion. After this the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where an excellent dinner was served, supplied by Bro. D. Mutton.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2968.

THERE was a large and influential muster of members of the Masonic Craft at the Soldiers' Institute, Portsmouth, on Monday, the 27th ult., when Bro. T. Tufnell was installed as the Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. Apologies were received from the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) and the D.P.G.M. (Bro J. E. Le Feuvre), who had signified their intention of being present, but were prevented. The Provincial Grand Lodge was represented by Bros. Mortimer Grand Junior Warden, Edgar Goble Grand Secretary, Hooper-Eastrick Grand Treasurer, Holbrook Grand Registrar, Felton Lancaster Past Grand Registrar, Downing P.G.A.D.C., Berry G.A.D.C., Hobbs Standard Bearer, Pocock, Dupree, Gilbert, Pratt P.G. Steward, Beale P.P.G.S.B., Wilkins P.P.G.S.B., Dart P.G.S., &c. There were several other Visitors and a goodly muster of members of the Lodge. The ceremony of installing the new W.M. was carried out in a highly impressive manner by Bro. J. Palmer, who gained the highest encomiums from all present for his eloquent rendering of the ritual. Brother Tufnell appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Bevis I.P.M., Miller S.W., Cecconi J.W., Adames Treasurer, Pither Secretary, Williams S.D., Fisher J.D., Pearman Organist, Palmer D.C., Woodthorpe I.G., Porter and Making Stewards, Wells Tyler. The W.M. referred in high terms of praise to the services of Bro. Palmer, and proposed that the hearty thanks of the Lodge be passed to him for his efficient conduct of the installation ceremony. This was carried with acclamation, and the W.M. then presented to Bro. G. F. Bevis a handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a recognition by the Lodge of his valuable services to the Craft and as W.M. for the past year. Bro. Bevis, who said he was taken entirely by surprise, thanked the brethren in a neat speech. A letter was read from Bro. G. F. Lancaster, Hon. Secretary of the Hamp-hire and Isle of Wight Masonic and Benevolent Institution, thanking Bro. Bevis (who acted as Steward) for his exertions in connection with the Festival of the Institution, and complimenting the Lodge on having taken the foremost place with its subscriptions. The musical service was conducted by Bro. Pearman, with marked ability. After the Lodge had been closed a récherché banquet was served in the hall of the Institute, at which Bro. Tufnell presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and interspersed with the excellent music of the string band of the 2nd Connaught Rangers.

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BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 446.

THE 52nd anniversary was celebrated on Monday, at the Town Hall, Wells, when there was an unusually large attendance of brethren, there being Visitors from Frome, Glastonbury, Langport, Axbridge, &c. The W.M. Bro. A. Law Wade presided, and after some preliminary business installed Bro. J. Motes Atkins P.P.G.A.D.C. W.M. for the ensuing year. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Wade I.P.M., McWilliam S.W., Wickenden J.W., Manning P.M. Treasurer, Rev. J. J. Downes Chaplain, Thrale Perkins P.M. P.G.D. Secretary, Knight S.D., Harte J.D., Drayton D.C., George I.G., Coates Organist, Tate and Taylor Stewards, Horn Tyler. After the business of the Lodge was concluded the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where a splendid banquet was supplied.

CHERWELL LODGE, No. 599.

THE anniversary festival took place at the Masonic Hall, Banbury, on the 27th ult. The chair was taken by Bro. J. S. Palmer P.M., whose thorough knowledge of Masonry, and whose great services to the Craft justly entitle him to the highest honour that it is in the power of a Provincial Grand Master to bestow. Preliminary business having been disposed of, two brethren were passed. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. R. Cooper Prov. G.D., was then presented, the ceremony of installation being performed in a masterly and impressive manner by Bro. Palmer, who was highly complimented by several distinguished brethren from London and the neighbouring Province of Warwickshire. Brother Wells P.M. presided at the harmonium. The Officers for the year were invested, as follows:—Bros. Wynne I.P.M., Wood S.W., Edmunds J.W., Rev. W. A. Marshall Chaplain, Palmer Treasurer, Hartley Secretary, Johnson S.D., Strange J.D., Humfrey Dir of Cers., Hood Assist. Dir. of Cers., Hiscroft Organist, Nathan I.G., Forrester and Wilks Stewards, Moss Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, and sat down to an excellent banquet.

PARRETT AND AXE LODGE, No. 814.

ON Wednesday, 29th ultimo, Brother A. Hart was installed as W.M. The ceremony was performed by Brother Else D.P.G.M., in the Lodge room, Crewkerne, in the presence of a large number of brethren, including many visitors. When the ceremony had concluded, the Worshipful Master appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Pamphlett I.P.M., Bartlett S.W., Catford J.W., Tompsett Treasurer, Parry Secretary, Walter S.D., Lye J.D., Coombe D.C., Read Organist, Alford I.G., Wicks and Smith Stewards, Lacey Tyler. The Worshipful Master received several congratulatory telegrams during the day. In the evening a banquet was partaken of.

PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 904.

ON Thursday, the 23rd ult., the installation of Bro. Bancroft Coward took place at the Lodge Room, Ship Hotel, Rotherham. There was a good attendance of members, and visiting brethren were present from Branston Beach, Friendly, Wentworth, Hereford, William Preston, St. George's, Bishop Stortford, Wharncliffe, and Royal Brunswick Lodges. Bro. Dickie I.P.M. was the installing Officer. After the ceremony of installation, the W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bro. Smith S.W., Oakes J.W., Wordsworth Treasurer, Buttenshaw Secretary, Gibbs S.D., France J.D., Bingham D.C., Harvey Organist, J. France I.G., Le Tall and Illston Stewards, Chester Tyler. After the meeting, the annual banquet took place, the caterer being Mr. H. Doel.

BOOTLE LODGE, No. 1473.

THE annual meeting took place at the Assembly Rooms, Merton Road, Bootle, on Thursday, 1st instant, and was numerously attended, over thirty Past Masters and Provincial Grand Officers being present. The Lodge has been closely connected with the progress of the municipality of Bootle, many members having filled high offices in the local council and magistracy. The chair was taken by Brother Job Clarke W.M., supported by his Past Masters and Officers. The Worshipful Master elect, Brother Dr. H. Taylor S.W., was presented by Bros. Platts and Scott, and the ceremony of installation was effected by Brother John Duncan jun. for the tenth time in the Bootle Lodge; after which the following Officers were invested:—Bros. Job Clarke I.P.M., Forsyth S.W., Alexander J.W., Ibbs (father of the Lodge) re-elected Treasurer, Wyatt re-appointed Secretary, Hale S.D., James Gill J.D., Pope I.G., Rawlinson S.S., Fletcher J.S., Isaac Platts re-appointed D.C., Blake re-elected Tyler. Dinner was afterwards provided by Brother Scott, of the Wyndham Hotel, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bros. Newell, M'Arthur, and Bargery responding for the Provincial Grand Officers. Brother Ben Brierley, well-known Lancashire author of characteristic sketches, gave some of his recitations; and Bros. Cockerham, Murphy, and Hogarth gave musical selections, under the direction of Brother Forsyth. During the evening the I.P.M., Bro. Job Clarke, was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel by the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge.

OLICANA LODGE, No. 1522.

THE annual meeting was held in the Masonic Rooms at Ilkley, on Tuesday, 28th ult. The brethren assembled at 6 p.m. Bro. Lupton P.M. P.P.G.D. presented Bro. Kaye, the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The following are the Officers for the year:—Bros. Balfour S.W., Bates J.W., Critchley Treasurer, Evers Secretary, Brotherton S.D., Bennett J.D., Wedgewood I.G., Sykes Tyler. Bro. Gaunt P.M. P.P.G.W. was unanimously re-elected as Charity Steward. The winter festival of St. John was afterwards celebrated by the brethren.

SOUTHDOWN LODGE, No. 1797.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, at the New Inn, Hurstpierpoint. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. G. L. Hawken Prov. G. Steward. The chief business of the afternoon was the installation of the W.M. Bro. G. Rawlinson. The ceremony was performed by Bro. G. L. Hawken, while the charges to the W.M., the Wardens, and the Brethren were delivered by Bros. H. Beaumont, H. Kent, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Gerard Ford P.G.D., respectively. The W.M. then appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, viz:—Bros. Hawken I.P.M., Fitch P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Berks and Bucks Treasurer, Hollands S.W., Pearce J.W., Masters Secretary, Abell S.D., Buckwell J.D., Wickham D.C., Clarke I.G., Broad Steward, and Parsons Tyler. Bros. Golding, Bailey, and Robinson were elected on the General Purposes Committee, and Bro. Hawken Charity Steward. Brother Hawken was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel, in appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the year. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served up in admirable style by Bro. Sayers, of Western Road, Brighton.

ROYAL LEEK LODGE, No. 1849.

THE annual installation took place on the 1st inst., at Bangor. Bro. Rev. Hugh Thomas, Rector of Llanellian, Anglesey, was installed W.M., the Installing Officer being Bro. J. Lloyd Griffith, Holyhead P.M. 597 P.P.G.S.D. The W.M. appointed as his Officers: Bros. Pryce I.P.M., Platt S.W., Dr. Greig Hughes J.W., R. Munro Hughes S.D., Laurie J.D., Kyffin P.P.G. Chap. Treasurer, Pritchard P.M. St. Tudno Secretary, Owen, Llandudno, Chaplain, Stubbington Tyler. The Rev. Daniel Morgan, Vicar of Bodewryd, Anglesey, was duly initiated. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren. The banquet was served at the Masonic Hall. Messrs. Brown and Pughe, of the British Hotel, were the caterers. The musical arrangements were under the Direction of Bro. E. W. Thomas P.G.Org., Organist of St. Ann's, Bangor.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 2136.

THE installation meeting took place at the Chequers Hotel, Bishop Stortford, on Tuesday, 6th inst., when Brother W. R. Willcocks, the oldest members of the Craft in East Anglia, formerly of Colchester, was inducted into the office of Worshipful Master. The following brethren were elected as Officers:—Smith I.P.M., Scarr S.W., Brazier J.W., Mardon Treasurer, Rattray Secretary, Collis S.D., Adams J.D., Taylor D.C., Marcus Organist, Waylett I.G., Miller Steward, Bowie Tyler. About thirty sat down to a very choice repast, served by Host and Hostess Kindred. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

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ISRAEL CHAPTER, No. 205.

THE installation meeting was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E. installed the Principals into their respective chairs:—Companions Da Silva M.E.Z., Phillips H., and Gartley J. The Officers appointed were Comps. Hogard P.Z. Scribe E., Norden Scribe N., Rev. M. Haines P.S., Ebrenfeldt and Lichtenfeld Assist. Sojs., Cohen Treas. Comp. Maurice Bash was exalted. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Col. Clerke for the honour conferred on the Chapter by his performance of the ceremonies. A handsome gold jewel, of chaste design and set with diamonds, was presented to the retiring M.E.Z. Comp. Henochsberg. Five guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

NORMAN CHAPTER, No. 1334.

A CONVOCATION was held on the 28th ult, in the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, for the purpose of installing the three Principals for the ensuing year. In the absence of Comp. W. H. Turner, Comp. Hillier assumed the first chair. Comp. Whitehead was installed in the second chair by Comp. William Coxon. Comp. Dr. L. Booth was installed in the third chair by Companion R. Hudson. Amongst the brethren present were Comps. R. Hudson P.G.St.B. England, Turnbull P.P.G.J., Coxon P.P.G.J., Gray P.Z. P.P.G.A.S., John Mitchinson P.P.G.H., Fenny P.P.G.S.B., Halfnight, &c. The following were appointed:—Comps. Chambers S.N., Shaw S.E., Willan Treasurer, Rutherford P.S., Hauxwell 1st A.S., Farthing 2nd A.S., Grant Janitor. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Banqueting Hall.

On Monday, 27th ult., a Royal Arch Chapter was consecrated at the Freemasons' Hall, Faversham, the ceremony being performed by Earl Amherst Provincial Grand Superintendent for Kent, assisted by Comps. Rev. Thomas Robinson P.G.A.S. England, Rev. T. S. Curteis P.G.J., Horatio Ward P.P.G.H. Wilts, T. S. Warne P.P.S.E. and Henry Penfold P.G.S.N. The following were installed as 1st Principals:—M.E. Comp. F. F. Giraud as M.E.Z., M.E. Comp. J. M. Godfinch as H., and M.E. Comp. F. W. Underdown as J. The Officers of the new Chapter were duly invested, as follows:—Comps. C. Eltham S.E., Philip Phelps S.N., F. A. Gauge P.S., W. Barnett and Rev. H. M. Vaughan Assistant Sojourners, J. W. Ward Dir. of Cers. Visitors attended from Chapters at Rochester, Chatham, Canterbury, Sheerness, Ramsgate, Folkestone, Deal and Sittingbourne, in all about fifty. After the business a banquet took place at the Dolphin Hotel, Comp. Giraud presiding.

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DESIRES to express thanks to the many friends who attended the QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE, on Wednesday, and recorded their votes, on his behalf, for the Office of Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England.

26 Charges Street, Mayfair, W.
8th March 1888.

In the Press.

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THE LATE EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

THE deceased Emperor, who for many years occupied the position of Protector of German Freemasonry, died yesterday morning at half past eight o'clock. For some days past the gravest fears had been entertained in regard to the condition of His Majesty, and news of his death was hourly expected. A report reached London on Thursday afternoon that he had passed away, but this was contradicted later in the evening; only to be followed, the next day, with authoritative news of his demise. The career of the late Emperor will doubtless be sketched by more able pens than ours, it is only necessary for us here to express a word of sincere sympathy with our Brother Masons in Germany at the loss they have sustained by the death of one who had for so long occupied the most prominent position it was in their power to confer, both in the Masonic Order, and in Imperial affairs.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

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CONSECRATION OF THE F. R. SEWELL LODGE, No. 218.

THIS event was celebrated at the Freemasons' Hall, College Street, Whitehaven, on Friday, the 27th ult. The three Officers designate were Bros. Colonel F. R. Sewell D.P.G.M.M. first N., P. de E. Collin P.M. 151 P.G.D. England first J., J. Ryrie P.M. 213 P.S.G.W. first S. This being the first time in the History of Freemasonry that this degree has ever been held in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, there were twenty-four candidates on the agenda to ballot for, and twenty-one being in attendance, they were elevated to the degree. The consecrating Officer deputed by the M.W.G.M. to perform the ceremony was Bro. J. Murray P.C.N. P.G.St.B. England. Bro. F. R. Sewell was installed as first C.N., and invested the following as his Officers, viz., Bros. P. de E. Collin J., Geo. Ryrie S., Nicholson Treasurer, Rev. J. Anderson Chaplain, Dalrymple

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Scribe, Atkinson S.D., Gardiner J.D., Carlyle D.C., Cook Organist, Brackenridge G., Harper and Tyson Stewards, and Casson W. The customary oration was delivered by the Grand Chaplain. Brother Murray, on the unanimous vote of the Lodge, was elected an honorary member of the Lodge, and we may add the name of the new Lodge, F. R. Sewell, is that of our highly esteemed Brother Colonel Sewell D.P.G.M.M. of the Province. On the completion of the business Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Black Lion Hotel, where a banquet was served, which even surpassed Bro. Roll's former efforts to please. The usual loyal toast list was gone through and a very agreeable evening was spent.

SIR HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON'S SILVER WEDDING.

ON the afternoon of the 27th ult. the Freemasons of the Province of Durham presented to Sir Hedworth Williamson, their Grand Master, a massive silver punch bowl. The gathering took place in the Masonic Hall, Durham, where there was a very large gathering of brethren of the Craft from every part of the Province. Sir Hedworth was well supported. The bowl, which occupied a conspicuous position on a table at the head of the room, is designed from the celebrated beautiful marble basin of a fountain still in existence at the Villa Albani in Rome. The subject represents the apotheosis of Hercules. The original is esteemed one of the finest productions of the kind, and is of Greek workmanship. The bowl bears the following inscription :—

"Presented to Sir Hedworth and the Lady Elizabeth Williamson, on the celebration of their silver wedding, by the Freemasons of the Province of Durham, 3rd of February 1888."

Accompanying the bowl was a handsomely illuminated address, gorgeously bound in rustic-coloured plush, with orange blossoms, and a pair of love birds worked upon the side. The address ran as follows :—

To Sir Hedworth Williamson, Baronet, R.W.P.G.M. of the Province of Durham.

Right Worshipful Sir,—On behalf of the Freemasons of the Province of Durham, whom you so ably rule, we are deputed to approach you, on this occasion of the celebration of your silver wedding, in order to express our hearty congratulations and our sincere trust that the great Architect of the Universe may accord to you and the Lady Elizabeth many years of domestic happiness, surrounded by loving children and true friends. We also earnestly hope that you may have health and strength to discharge for many years to come those high Masonic duties which you now perform with conspicuous efficiency and genial tact, to the advancement and credit of Freemasonry.

As a memorial of the happy celebration, and as a token of esteem, we ask your acceptance of a silver vase from the Freemasons of the Province of Durham.

On behalf of the brethren,

H. B. Tristram W.D.P.G. of Durham Chairman.
R. Hudson P. G. St. B. Secretary, and also Prov. G. Secretary.

Dated 3rd February 1888.

Canon Tristram, on rising to make the presentation, was received with hearty cheers. They as Freemasons, he said, must take an interest in the domestic happiness and welfare of him who ruled over them. Sir Hedworth was connected with Freemasonry in general and with the Freemasonry of that Province in many ways. He was not the first of the name who had held the highest position which a Freemason could hold in that Province. They had not forgotten how for many years Sir Hedworth had served with distinction in that high office for which he had, with an impartiality he (the speaker) could not defend, selected himself (Canon Tristram) to succeed him. He had filled office for many years under him who was the first Freemason of the Kingdom, he meant the senior P.G.M. of England, their late Worshipful Brother John Fawcett. He had had yet further experience in serving under their late Revered Master, the Marquis of Londonderry, who filled that chair with such dignity and grace and urbanity. Right worthily had he been selected by his Royal Highness the Grand Master of England to occupy in succession to that noble brother the chair which by his death was left vacant. They welcomed him then, and still welcomed him when he came amongst them. They recognised, too, how often he had sacrificed his personal convenience in his devotion to his Masonic duties. After so many years of service in Masonry, years which extended beyond the quarter of a century of his married life, it was a happy thought which suggested that they ought not to allow the occasion of his silver wedding to pass over without recognition. They did it with pleasures of anticipation, as well as with pleasures of memory, because they anticipated, looking at his robust and vigorous frame, that their sons in Masonry hereafter, twenty-five years hence, might be called upon to make another presentation. Let him, in conclusion, draw his attention to that small testimony of the regard and esteem in which he was held by the brethren. That Albani vase was an exact model of one of the most celebrated *chefs d'œuvres* which, he believed, was still to be seen in the Albani Province at Rome, or in Paris, or Dresden. They trusted that it might remain an ornament and a heirloom in the house of Williamson. The presentation was then formally made, amid great applause, the Rev. Canon being enthusiastically applauded as he christened the bowl and pledged the health of Sir Hedworth. Sir Hedworth Williamson, on rising to reply, was received with hearty cheering. He said he must ask his hearers to discount the high encomiums Canon Tristram had poured upon him, by 90 per cent. If half, or even a quarter of what had been said was true, it must be quite clear to himself that, during his reign over that important Province, he must have arrived as near perfection as possible. He had tried to do his best. He was sure he would not have succeeded so well as he had done if it had not been for the great and zealous support he had received from all his Officers in Grand Lodge during the years in which he had had the proud happiness to appoint them. Not alone to the office of the Masters and Wardens of the various Lodges in his Province, for their excellent work, he must ascribe the success of which Canon Tristram had been kind enough to speak. It was quite true that this was the anniversary of his silver wedding. He could only say that he hoped every member present who had been married 25 years could look back upon those 25 years as he could. The speaker continuing said, he was afraid he was more or less of a bigamist, because long before he married his good wife he was wedded to Freemasonry. If he was spared a few more years, they might have to congratulate him upon, not his silver wedding to Masonry, but his golden wedding. Should he ever celebrate his golden wedding to Masonry, he would not expect another testimonial, for the one he had received was quite as much as any one man could expect, and much more than he deserved. He did not care where the original of the vase was situated, so long as he had that most beautiful copy. He looked upon it not only as a gift from the Freemasons of this county, but he hoped it might be considered as a personal gift from many private friends. It was impossible for him to know every Mason in his Province, as it was impossible for every Mason to know him, but nothing should be wanting on his part to try and extend his personal acquaintance amongst the Masons of the Province during the time he was in power. He should take pains that the vase should become an heirloom in his family. Sir Hedworth then invited those present to partake of refreshments, and this having been done, the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Canon Tristram, moved by Ald. Blackett, and seconded by Mr. T. Bell of Durham.—*Newcastle Chronicle.*

WEST LANCASHIRE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

THE annual report of this West Lancashire Masonic Charity, recently published, is of a highly satisfactory nature, showing that the "pet charity" of the province is doing a work worthy of the highest commendation, and most cordial approval. The hon. secretaries (Bros. G. Broadbridge and R. Martin, whose zeal and self-sacrificing labours command universal admiration) say :—

Your Committee, in presenting their report, have again the gratification of announcing another year of continued prosperity and usefulness, with a still increasing interest and regard by the brethren of the Province for this favourite Charity. The income from donations and subscriptions for the year 1887 amounted to £1514 19s 2d ; included in this amount is £125 19s 2d paid since the Treasurer's accounts were made up. The annual festival and ball produced £265 11s 4d. The interest on invested capital and cash in banker's hands yielded £750 11s 8d. A sum of £41 8s 6d was received for returned income tax, and £60 was received from the Court of Chancery on account of one of the boys on the combined fund towards his maintenance, making the total income from all sources £2632 10s 8d, being the largest sum received in any one year in the history of the Institution, the increase in donations and subscriptions over the previous year being £463 3s 7d. This large increase is to be attributed to the special efforts made in several Lodges to celebrate the jubilee year of the Patroness of our Order, and for which we express our grateful thanks. You will note with pleasure in the lists a reduced number of Lodges with the words "No return" against the names. Still the number is more than it should be, and we should like the unspeakable pleasure of announcing in the next report that every Lodge had sent a list, however small. During the year 183 children received the benefits of the Educational Fund, at an outlay of £1138 0s 4d. Twenty children were on the combined fund, the fund which provides for the children's maintenance, in addition to clothing and education; the outlay under this head, reckoning the annual value of the presentations to public schools was £616 8s 3d, and a sum of £42 10s was paid for the advancement in life of eight children. The Treasurer's statement shows £1635 8s 7d paid on behalf of the children on the foundation, but to this must be added £161 10s, the proportionate annual value of presentations, making the total outlay for 1887 £1791 18s 7d, being the largest sum yet expended in any one year. Expense of administration, including the cost of printing and distributing the reports, and the purchase of a fireproof deed box, was only £77 9s 8d; this, we think you will agree, is a pleasing feature in the accounts. During the year five rights of presentation to public institutions were purchased, at a cost of £1575, and an agreement has been entered into for another on payment of £350. These rights of presentation secure to the Committee the privilege for twenty-one years of having a child who is on the combined fund in the respective schools, where they are entirely educated, clothed, and maintained. By this arrangement the cost per child under three of the presentations is £25 per annum, and as to other two only £18 15s. This economic plan enabled your Committee during the year to declare several vacancies on the combined fund, which but for this scheme they otherwise could not have done, the amount set apart for the purposes of this particular fund being limited to a fixed sum per annum. Fifty-six children were elected on the foundation during the year, being all applicants duly qualified; seven of them being placed on the combined fund. Twenty-six children

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ceased to be on the foundation. In the majority of cases letters of thanks had been received from the children or friends, acknowledging the favour conferred upon them by the Institution. At the close of the year two hundred and three children remained on the foundation, and during the ensuing year 27 children will have attained the age when they cease to be entitled to the benefits of the Institution; but at the March Court of Governors, nineteen children will come up for election on the educational fund and one for the combined, so that we may conclude the expenditure for the year 1888 will equal, if not exceed, the large expenditure of the past year. We have had to record during the past year the loss by death of one of our Vice-Presidents, and a larger number than usual of Life Governors; among the latter was our esteemed Bro. Dr. S. J. M'George, who for so many years acted as one of the honorary medical officers. To the donors and subscribers who have so nobly supported the institution during the past year, and to those brethren particularly who have, by their efforts as Charity Stewards in their respective Lodges, contributed in no small degree in obtaining the splendid results disclosed in the printed lists, our warmest thanks are tendered, and we ask on behalf of the helpless little ones, deprived of the fostering hand of paternal tenderness, a continuance of these efforts and of that fraternal feeling in favour of this Institution. Doing this, we may delight ourselves with the reflection of a venerable patriarch—"When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, then it gave witness to me; because I delivered the poor that cried and the fatherless and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy."

From the statement of the hon. treasurer (Bro. J. T. Callow), it appears that the total value of the invested funds of the Institution, on 31st December last, was £20,344 13s 8d, including five rights of presentation to certain public Schools for 21 years.

THE LEEDS MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting of this prosperous Institution has just been held at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds. Brother Richard Wilson was elected President, Bros. Dr. Smyth and C. L. Mason Vice Presidents, and the following Committee:—Bros. McGill 1311, Dyson 306, Hollingsworth 1311, Thompson 1042, Kingston 1221, Asquith 1311, Trevor 2069, Tomlinson 304, Brownfoot 304, Banks 1042, Warren 1211, Winn 1211, Dobson 289, Jaques 1211, Stansfield 1211; Bros. Cowbrough Treasurer, Lowrey Secretary.

The Hon. Sec. (Bro. Chas. Lowrey) submitted the eleventh annual Report of the Committee, as follows:—

Brethren,—Your Committee, in presenting their eleventh annual Report of the working of this Institution, have again to congratulate the Patrons, Governors, Subscribers, and Friends on its continued success. During the year last past the capital account has been increased by the creation of two Perpetual Governorships of £10 10s each, in the persons of the Senior and Junior Deacons of the Zetland Lodge, and the further sum of £2 4s 7d, on account of a further Perpetual Governorship, in the name of the Inner Guard, the whole being the result of an entertainment, in which Bro. Sir Geo. W. Morrison and other members of the Zetland Lodge took a prominent part; also by the sum of £18 4s 4d, being the amount of the offertory after a sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. Canon Bullock; two Life Governorships of £5 5s each, in the persons of Bro. Sidney Galvayne, of the Fidelity Lodge, and Bro. Thomas Sutton, of the Excelsior Lodge; £2 2s, being the completion of the purchase of a Life Governorship, by Bro. Wm. Furze, of the Goderich Lodge, under Rule 14; £2 2s from Jno. Grimshaw; and £1 1s each from Bros. Yates, Rickard, Hattersley, Pocklington, and Suddick, all of the Philanthropic Lodge, being payments on account of Life Governorships, under Rule 14; and £2 2s from the Charity Box of the Fidelity Lodge—and now amounts to £1,560 1s 1d.

This fund is invested as follows, viz.:—in the purchase of £1,000 Leeds Corporation 4 per cent. Stock, at a cost of £1,036 11s 8d, and in the purchase of £450 3½ per cent. Leeds Corporation Stock, £454 18s 11d, and the balance in the Leeds and County Bank.

The Revenue account for the year is as follows, viz.: Balance brought over from last year, £38 15s 4d; Interest from the Leeds Corporation, £54 2s 6d; Bank Interest, £1 14s; and Subscriptions, £54 13s; making together the sum of £149 4s 10d. The payments for education have amounted to £51 6s 7d, and for incidental expenses to £11 10s 11d, together £62 17s 6d, leaving to carry forward the sum of £86 7s 4d.

There are now on the books of the Institution, six boys and three girls. This report was unanimously adopted.

PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

WE have recently given at intervals statistics showing contributions during the septennial period of 1881-7 of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School, and we are now able to add the contributions in respect of the third great Charity, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The figures are: 1881, £299 5s; 1882, £196 17s 6d; 1883, £375 5s 6d; 1884, £512 1s; 1885, £234 5s; 1886, £507 5s 6d; and 1887, £21 only; the total being £2,145 19s 6d, or an annual average of £306 11s 4d. The year's cost of maintenance, &c. of boys of the Province was £282 6s 3½d; the average annual excess of contributions over cost thus being £24 5s 0½d. The neighbouring Province of Dorset contributed during the same period £463 1s, or an annual average of £66 3s; the cost being £120 19s 10 0½d, and the yearly deficiency £54 16s 10½d. Sussex contributed £2140 8s during the seven years, or an annual average of £305 16s 10d; the cost being £201 13s 1½d, and the annual excess £104 3s 8½d. London contributed £41,639 14s 5d during the seven years, and the annual excess was above £3,044.—*Hampshire Independent.*

PERCY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 198.

FROM an interesting Report of the year's proceedings at this Lodge of Instruction, we glean the following particulars:—Method of Working—The First Ceremony and Sections first Saturday in the month; Second Ceremony and Sections, second Saturday; and Third Ceremony and Sections, third Saturday. The fourth and fifth Saturdays, when they occur, at the discretion of the W.M. elected for the evening, thus giving a diversity of work. According to good authority, this Lodge is the oldest in existence. Minute books bearing the date of 1791 are in the possession of Bro. G. Lambert P.G.S.B., who has been five times W.M. of the Mother Lodge, while the venerable P.M. who initiated him over forty years ago is still a member. Many distinguished brethren have been associated with it, amongst them we may mention Bros. Stephen Barton Wilson, Peter Gilkes, and P. Cama Past Grand Treasurer. During the past year meetings have been held on forty-two occasions, the initiation ceremony has been rehearsed sixteen times, passing thirteen times, raising ten times, and installation once, together with 182 Sections. Forty-six new members, making a total of 650 brethren, have joined the Lodge of Instruction since its reanaitation twelve years ago.

The number of attendances has been 1078, making an average of 25¾, or three more than last year. The receipts have been £13 0s 6d, against £12 19s 3d last year, an average of £11 7s 10d during the twelve years; a donation of £5 5s 0d has been given to the Boys' School, making a total of 69 7s 0d to the three Institutions.

The Secretary (Bro. R. W. Galer), with the assistance of a Committee, inaugurated, in November 1884, a "Masonic Association," the object of which is to get a number of brethren to contribute 1s per week (payable monthly) for four years, making in that time £10 10s, and as soon as sufficient funds are in the hands of the Treasurer to ballot for a Life Governorship in one of the Institutions. This Association has now completed its labours, and has been so far successful that sixty brethren have been enabled to qualify themselves as Life Governors of one or other of the Masonic Institutions, the total amount of accumulated funds being £670 15s 1d.

Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 is the Preceptor, and Bro. R. W. Galer P.M. 1366 is the Secretary.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their regular meeting on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the chairmanship of Bro. W. Roebuck P.G.S.B. There was a large attendance of brethren, the business to be brought under consideration being of an exceptional character. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, those of the House Committee were read for information. A grant was made towards providing an outfit for an ex-pupil, and another application of a similar character was considered, but for the present was deferred. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., a member of the House Committee, then addressed a few words to the brethren on the nature of the business on the agenda paper, particularly in reference to questions concerning the action of the House Committee in regard to one of the pupils. He felt it would be best to let byegones be byegones, both for the lad's sake, as for that of the Institution, the welfare of which they all had at heart. Bro. Andrew Motion then announced it was his intention to withdraw all but the second motion on the notice paper standing in his name, and he accordingly moved, "That an immediate inquiry be held by the Life Governors of this Institution, respecting the wrong done to William Gideon Motion." In doing so, he said his brother William was not guilty of the offences alleged against him, and that what the lad had done did not justify the punishment dealt out to him. He therefore urged the Committee to grant the inquiry prayed for. The proposition was ultimately rejected, by a large majority, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

On Thursday next, the 15th inst., Bro. Fred. Binckes, Past Grand Steward, P.G.S.B., Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will rehearse, at the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, meeting at the Ealing Dean Public Hall, adjoining Castle Hill Station, the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation. Bro. Binckes will be assisted by Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, who will deliver the Oration; Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. 1507, &c., who will act as Director of Ceremonies; Bro. George Gabb, and others. Musical arrangements conducted by Bro. W. C. Hall W.M. 382. The proceedings will commence at Seven o'clock precisely.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Princess's.—Mr. Arthur Law's dramatic version of Mr. Fergus Hume's "Mystery of a Hansom Cab," which was recently produced here, is not likely to become so popular as the book. The reason for our saying this is obvious. Carelessly constructed, and badly written, the best features of the book are absorbed in the first act, by which means the interest that should be aroused in the search for the murderer of Oliver Whyte is entirely lost. Of course the dramatic author is placed at great disadvantage. Except by careful writing he is obliged to show who commits the murder, while in a book it is different. So it is with the piece under notice. Mr. Law shows clearly who is the murderer, and thus he has to rely wholly on the complications that arise through suspicion falling on the wrong man, and thus to excite the interest of his audience. When we say that the plot of the drama is simply a repetition of the book—some of the dialogue being word for word with the original—with the murder in the hansom cab, the subsequent arrest of Brian Fitzgerald, and the attempt on the part of Moreland to levy blackmail from Mark Frettlby, it will easily be seen that Mr. Law has followed closely on the lines of the book. The only point of difference is the ending. Moreland, after a struggle, shoots himself, but Mark Frettlby seems to revive, leaving us to hope he will repent of his earlier sins. The piece does not give scope for brilliant acting, but Mr. J. H. Barnes is earnest as Fitzgerald. Mr. James Fernandes has very few opportunities as Mark Frettlby, except in the sleep walking scene, and of this he makes the most. Messrs. Harry Parker and Frank Wright are amusing as the detectives, while Mr. W. L. Abingdon is good as Moreland. Mr. Bassett Roe, in the small part of Whyte, scored well, while Mr. Forbes Dawson and Miss Cicely Richards were exceedingly funny as aristocratic "spongers." Miss Eva Sothern was most winning as Madge Frettlby; Miss Grace Hawthorne did fairly well as Sal Rawlins, while Mrs. Frank Huntley was terribly in earnest as old Mother Guttersnipe. Miss Cooper-Parr, as Rosanna Moore, was effective, and the Mrs. Sampson of Miss Dolores Drummond was an amusing and laughable impersonation. We hear, notwithstanding its faults, that the piece is being played to good houses, and is likely to keep the bill for some time to come.

The one hundredth performance of "The Woman Hater" duly took place at Terry's Theatre last Tuesday, when a house full to overflowing greeted the merry doings of Mr. Edward Terry and his admirable company. Notwithstanding the undoubted success of the piece it must be withdrawn shortly, to make room for Mr. Pinero's new work. This is announced for the 21st instant.

The redecorations at the Alhambra are progressing apace, and already the house is beginning to look brighter. The work does not inconvenience the visitors, and the capital programme that is now set down for nightly discussion is heartily enjoyed. The incomparable Paul Cinquevalli is back again, and is exhibiting his wonderful balancing powers to an astonished and appreciative audience.

MARK MASONRY

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FIVE ARCHES LODGE, No. 256.

ON St. David's Day the annual meeting was held, in the Lodge Room, South Parade, Tenby, for the installation of Bro. Jenkins P.P.G.S.B. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Gilbertson. After the ceremony the newly-installed Master invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Allen S.W., Reenfig J.W., Gordon M.O., Wade S.O., Bancroft J.O., Lewis S.D., Rowland J.D., Hughes D.C., Smith I.G., Jenkins Steward, Pratt Tyler. At six o'clock the brethren sat down to a capital banquet prepared by Bro. Hughes, at the Cobourg Hotel.

Application has been made for a petition for a new Lodge, to be called the Chough, in connection with the successful musical society of that name, the founders being all members of the Committee.

The *Evening Post*, writing in reference to the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution says, that whatever the uninitiated may think or say about Freemasonry, the Craft cannot be accused of not looking after their own.

Respecting the "Universality of Masonry," a writer in the *Masonic Review* states:—"Four years ago I was at a Masonic Lodge in Calcutta, when the third degree was given to three Fellow Crafts, who knelt before the same altar. One was a Christian, who took obligation on the Bible; one was a Mohammedan, who took it on the Koran; the other a Hindu, who took it on the Shastras. It was administered by an English Lord, a Judge of the Supreme Court. Such is the universality of Masonry."

The *Western Daily Mercury* issues the following caution:—A foreigner, professing to hail from an Egyptian Lodge, is paying a visit to some of the Lodges in Devonshire and craving assistance. As he does not always tell the same story, brethren would be well advised in exercising some caution in dealing with him, as there is reason to believe that his case is not one for relief, without due inquiry and confirmation.

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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Provincial Calendars, Directories, and Year Books: Cambridgeshire, Middlesex, Leicestershire and Rutland.

The widely-extended custom among the Provinces of issuing a Masonic Calendar year by year renders the review of any particular one, in a great measure, applicable to the whole. Thus on the present occasion we have before us three distinct works, all of which are compiled on somewhat similar lines, and for each we are pleased to utter a few words of commendation. The one for Cambrideshire has a novelty, in the form of a review of the past year, both in regard to the work of the Craft generally, as well as the Province and Private Lodges of Cambridgeshire in particular. This is a feature we compliment the Editor upon, and we recommend his "Editorial" to the notice of other compilers. The Middlesex book is edited by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, under the authority of the Provincial Grand Master, and among its attractions may be mentioned a portrait and brief sketch of the Provincial Deputy, Brother Raymond H. Thrupp P.A.G.D.C. A similar honour is conferred on Brother S. S. Partridge, also a P.A.G.D.C. and Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in the Leicestershire and Rutland Calendar, which now appears for the sixteenth year. It is compiled by Bro. B. A. Smith, and in many ways is a pattern worthy of imitation. It contains a mass of information which other works of a similar character do not give, for the reason that the Province is rich in Committees, and other organizations which are lacking in other districts, notable in this respect being the Charity Committee of Provincial Grand Lodge, the Union Lodge of Instruction, the Committee of the Leicester Freemasons' Hall, the Library Committee, the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Charity Association, &c. The Calendar also gives a roll of Lodges, &c., in adjoining Provinces, and some pages of Masonic Notes, &c., by the Provincial Grand Secretary. Interesting particulars in regard to the local support of the Charities follow, and the work concludes with a record of Masonic "events of the past year." As we have on more than one previous occasion pointed out, these Provincial Calendars will become of great importance when the history of the present day in Freemasonry has to be written, as they contain many items of local interest which are not to be met with anywhere else.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 10th MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
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)
1286—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
1634—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1938—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.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 Street, W., at 8
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
R.A. 1443—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 12th 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)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
543—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
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.)
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)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (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, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
2030—The 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

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)
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
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—Formor 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
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1691—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. 378—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 1258—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Papens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 13th MARCH.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, 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's, 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
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
1331—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)
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.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
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.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
603—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Chockheaton
626—Lansdowne Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Saukey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1165—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2116—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Juden, 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. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire.
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 75—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 14th MARCH.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, 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)
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, at 8 (In)
539—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett Road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
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, 316 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30 (In)

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1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1663—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1923—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1966—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
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, 203 Whitechapel Road, E., 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 Guest, 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
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
235—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
289—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
465—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
698—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—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
1269—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1348—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1343—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
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.
1693—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
R.A. 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, 15th MARCH.

25—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
69—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
85—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
93—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
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
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., at 8. (Instruct)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
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)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1623—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)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1963—Duke of Albany, Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park, Lavender Hill
R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. In.)
R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
R.A. 1316—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
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
96—St. Martin, Town Hall, Buralem
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
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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, Haslingden
R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 16th MARCH.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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, 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)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1238—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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. (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. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
K.T. 46—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Square, W.
K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond

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
443—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
683—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
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. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
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
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 17th 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
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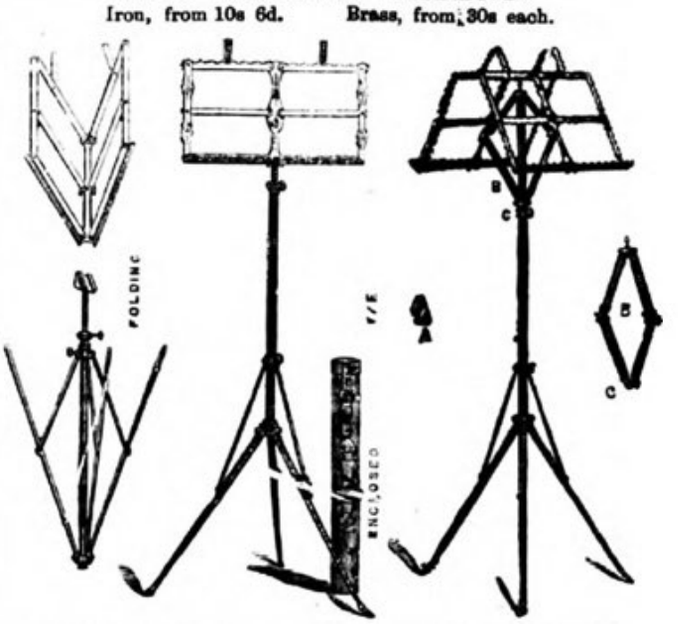
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THE SILVER WEDDING.

FOR a Society "which works in darkness, which is full of all guile, and extremely dangerous to the State," it is really surprising how intimately Freemasonry associates itself with the greatest events of the day, not only in this country, but abroad. Perhaps the Pope, whose description of Freemasonry we have quoted above, would tell us that the fact of Masonry associating itself with the events of the day only goes further towards proving the villainy which underlies the actions of the Craft, but in answer we might say that the association of Freemasonry with popular doings is reciprocal; moreover, we hardly know which is the strongest, the association of Freemasonry with current events, or the association of current events with Freemasonry.

Last week it was our painful duty to chronicle the death of one of the greatest men who ever lived; an Emperor, who for many years ruled over the destinies of the Prussian race, and to whose energy, ability and perseverance the German Empire of to-day owes its origin and grandeur—we mourned for him as a Brother Mason. In the same issue we recorded Masonry's action in regard to another high dignitary of the world, the then Crown Prince, now raised to the throne of Germany, in consequence of the death of his father. Kaiser Frederick also is a member of the Craft. In neither case can it be said that Freemasonry forced itself upon these rulers, they came of their free will and accord to seek a participation in our mysteries, and the same may be said of those we to-day have pleasure in honouring: His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, whose Silver Wedding day has been one of the events of the week; and His Royal Highness Prince Oscar of Sweden and Norway, whose marriage was solemnised at Bournemouth, on Thursday. Both these worthy Freemasons hold highest rank in their respective countries, and it is our special province, as fellow members of the Craft, to congratulate them.

The Freemasons of England, as our readers are aware, voted from the funds of Grand Lodge a sum of £500 for a present to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, on the celebration of her Silver Wedding day, and, as announced in our last issue, this sum was expended in the purchase of a diamond ornament, in accordance with the wishes of Her Royal Highness. We now have the pleasure of presenting to the Craft a drawing of this ornament, which it will be seen took the form of a butterfly. It is composed of the finest Brazilian diamonds, and contains in all two hundred and seventeen stones. The three largest are set in the body of the insect, while twenty-nine other large diamonds are ranged on the outside edges of the wings, the remainder being distributed as shown in the drawing. The wings are secured to the body by gold springs, while the eyes, which are the only pieces of colour used, are formed of magnificent rubies. The ornament has given the greatest satisfaction, both to the Committee who were entrusted with its selection, and every one else who has seen it.

Masonry's expressions of good feeling did not, however, stop at the presentation of this ornament, that was the material form in which Grand Lodge signified its pleasure. It remained for Masons throughout the length and breadth of the land to give utterance to their good wishes in such form as was best suited to their own views, and in many cases these took the shape of votes of congratulation, followed by telegrams, wherever possible, addressed to the Grand Master, so as to reach him during the celebration of the day's festivities. In other parts of this issue are recorded what was done at Masonic gatherings in several parts of the country, but we

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feel sure the record we are able to give is far short of what might have been compiled. It may truly be said that rejoicing was general amongst Freemasons, and their good wishes were of the most sincere character.

We also publish a copy of the address which the Bournemouth Masons presented to His Royal Highness Prince Oscar of Sweden and Norway, on his marriage; in this case also fraternal sentiments have been extended from other centres, while it may fairly be said that the Craft at large gives the young couple its most hearty greeting, and entertains a hope that their future life may be of the brightest and happiest.

Such are the doings of English Freemasons in connection with events which have occurred within a few days of each other. Is it possible to believe that expressions like these emanate from men who conspire against good order, the laws of their country, and the rulers of the world? Or is it possible to believe that such expressions of goodwill as are thus recorded are insincere, and meant as a cloak to hide the vilest of thoughts and actions? We cannot imagine such to be the case, and think the dignitaries of the Catholic Church will have some difficulty in maintaining, in face of such actions, the unfavourable opinion they have so long held in regard to the scope and objects of Freemasonry.

HONOURS TO THE PUPILS AT THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

We have pleasure in giving the following particulars in regard to the successes secured by the scholars of the two Masonic Educational Institutions at recent public examinations.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Cambridge Local and College of Preceptors' Examinations, December 1887.—Eighteen girls were entered, fifteen of whom passed, as follows:—Senior examination (satisfied examiners)—Emily Mabel Osmond, Fanny Oberdoerffer, Grace S. K. Bartrum. Junior examination (satisfied examiners)—Athalinda Allison, Dorothy Ainsworth, Ruth Byers, Ellen Delafons, Ethel Fallding, Helen Foxall, Agnes Fyfe, Maude Hill, Augusta Nicholls, Georgiana Smith, Mary Sherington, Mary L. Sykes. Two others, viz., Ada Crow and Eva Owens, who from the position they had taken in the School were almost certain to have passed, the former first and the latter second class, had, through illness, to be withdrawn after their names had been entered.

Thirty-one girls were entered for the College of Preceptors' examination, December 1887, twenty-eight of whom passed, viz.:—Class II.—Agnes W. Stephenson Division II; Caroline Weare and Martha Fry Division III. Class III.—Eva Gibson, Amy Cutbush, Hannah Inglis, Annie Brockbank, Marion Anita Warner, Louisa Haigh, Annie Owens, and Jane Smith Division I; Constance Wyman, Maud Greethurst, Beatrice Cookes, Florence Habgood, Kate Wortley, Florence Mason, Daisy Capon, Lilian Shrapnel, Elsie Lister, Jane Turner, Margaret Heaton, Mary Hirst, Mary Hammond, and Ada Buckley Division II; Fanny Wain, Minnie Woodward, and Florence Popkiss Division III.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

University Local Examination.—Cambridge, December 1887. Juniors. Honours—Class II—A. J. Tettenborn, G. Wilson. Class III.—J. B. Windross, A. Blunt, F. W. Lewis, T. W. Crabb, A. H. High, F. A. Herring. Satisfied the examiners—R. A. Syker, C. T. Crow, W. E. Clerk, E. T. Platt. Thirteen candidates sent up: twelve passed—Honours 8, satisfied examiners 4.

It may be mentioned that studies were seriously interrupted by the outbreak of scarlet fever which occurred at the School. The most advanced pupil—J. P. G. Templeman—being withdraw from the examination after his name was sent in.

It will be seen from an announcement elsewhere that a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has been called for Saturday next, to be held at Freemasons' Hall, at five o'clock. The meeting has been called in compliance with a requisition under Law 31, and the resolutions to be submitted on the occasion have reference to the action of the House Committee, in regard to the case of a lad formerly in the Institution. The brethren who have signed the requisition for the meeting desire that a Special Committee be appointed to inquire into the case, which we may mention has already been brought under the notice of the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution, who at the last monthly meeting expressed confidence in the ability of the House Committee to manage the affairs entrusted to its charge. It is not our intention to go fully into the case, which appears to have resolved itself into a quarrel among a certain section of the brethren. Still, we cannot help regretting that the efforts which have been made to induce a settlement of the grievance have not met with success. We trust next Saturday's meeting will be conducted in a temperate and dignified spirit, and that, whatever the result, it may be gracefully accepted by those in the minority.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. The minutes having been confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of four annuitants (two male and two female), after which the Warden's Report for the past month was read. Brother Terry also reported that at the recent Anniversary Festival of the Institution, at which Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. South Wales (Eastern Division) presided, donations and subscriptions were announced amounting to £15,081 18s 6d, with ten lists then outstanding; this sum had been since increased to £15,200 16s 6d. It was directed that the vote of thanks, on vellum, to be presented to the Chairman for his valuable services on the occasion, should be engrossed forthwith. Two applications by the widows of deceased annuitants for the half of their late husband's annuities having been granted—subject in one case, however, to the production of the certificate of the husband's burial—other business was despatched, and the Committee adjourned, after the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting of the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612, which we last week referred to as arranged for Thursday, at the Ealing Dean Public Hall, was duly held, and proved a great success. Bro. Frederick Binckes rehearsed the ceremony of consecration, and was attentively listened to by representatives of the two Ealing Lodges, as well as by a number of Visitors from other parts. The Wardens' chairs were respectively filled by Bro. E. J. Acworth P.M. 1612, and an officer of the Haven Lodge, No. 2022. Bro. Gabb officiated as Secretary; Bro. Charles Andrews P.M. 77 as Director of Ceremonies (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. M. Stiles, caused through the critical illness of an old friend); and Brother Cotton P.M. 382 as Inner Guard. Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M. 211 delivered the Oration, while the musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. C. Hall I.P.M. 382. The rehearsal of the installation ceremony followed, Bro. H. Kasner P.M. 1612 acting as the W.M. elect. The brethren of the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction are to be congratulated on the success of this meeting; nearly one hundred brethren were present. The arrangements for the comfort of those in attendance were most complete.

Bro. Myles Fenton, the general manager of the South Eastern Railway, with other brethren, waited upon the Princess of Wales, at Marlborough House, on Tuesday afternoon, and, on behalf of the Freemasons of Surrey and Kent, presented Her Royal Highness with a valuable Brinsmead pianoforte.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters Road, N., on Tuesday, the 27th instant, at 7 p.m. We shall give further particulars in our next issue.

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MASONIC PATRONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have neither time nor inclination for carrying on what is called "a paper war," and hence will only trouble you with this second and last letter on the above subject.

Mysticism is oftentimes only another word for haziness, and certainly your correspondent "Mystic" expresses what I should consider very hazy ideas as to the true principles of Freemasonry. His letter is a mixture of denials (which are not arguments), sneers, and not altogether thinly-veiled insinuations as to my motives in writing my former letter, of which more anon.

There are, unfortunately, as I think, a number of brethren whose ideas of Masonry seem to consist in belonging to a Lodge where the annual subscription is very large, the initiation fee an almost prohibitory one, and where the "working" takes the form of meeting some four or five times a year to enjoy a guinea banquet. If your correspondent is, as I should imagine, a dilettante Mason of this kind, it may account for the jobation he has been pleased to give me in your columns.

First he charges me with a "mischievous application of Freemasonry." If this charge be true, there is evidently something wrong with the O.B. in the third degree. From the high ground, doubtless, of a comfortable income, and entire freedom from pecuniary anxieties, he speaks of "only worldly preferment" as if this were a trifling matter, beneath one's notice. But is it not justifiable in any man to endeavour to rise in the profession to which he belongs? And when one has tried to do so by all lawful means, and failed, through no fault of his own, it seems hardly fair to sneer at him as "a disappointed man," or to charge him with being influenced "by mercenary or other unworthy motives." If "Mystic" were a hardworking cleric, who after spending all the best years of his life in the service of the Church, found himself with an infinitesimal income, and no prospects, he would probably feel a trifle "disappointed" himself: and so long as the clergy, like other people, have to pay their tradesmen, "only worldly preferment" becomes a somewhat important factor in the case.

Like your correspondent "A Believer in Mutual Help," "I did not join Freemasonry for what I could make out of it;" but I entirely fail to see why a man who has spent scores of pounds in Masonry should be characterized as "neither a good minister of religion nor a good Mason," simply because he advocates kind and fraternal action on the part of one brother towards another. On this point, at any rate, I practise what I preach, and in all my dealings invariably give the preference to a brother Mason, all other things being equal. According to "Mystic's" ideas, however, I am utterly wrong in so doing; still I venture to believe in, and especially in Masonic life endeavour to act upon, the teaching of One who said "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them."

One sentence in your correspondent's letter I cordially re-echo; "Oh! that a P.P.G.C. should have occasion to thus express himself to the Craft at large." Herein we agree. If Masonic Patrons did what I humbly conceive to be their duty there would be *no occasion* for the expressions which have aroused such virtuous indignation and reprobation in the "Mystical" breast.

I am happy to be able to set your correspondent's mind at rest on one point, I do not intend "to Masonically address the present Lord Chancellor, or any other Patron of Church Livings," I never have done so, knowing but too well "it would be in vain."

As "Craftsman's" letter takes up much the same ground as that of "Mystic," I need not refer to it further than to say, that I distinctly deny his concluding paragraph, which entirely misrepresents the object I had in view in troubling you with my former communication.

Finally, good brother "Mystic," farewell. *One* of us must have sadly "misunderstood the lessons set," or have been "wrongly instructed." But, with all due respect to your superior knowledge and judgment, I must stand by the letter to which you have taken such exception; and further add, that there is a good deal of what is vulgarly termed *humbug*, even in Masonry, as you, I am sure, *know full well*. If proof of this were needed, I could mention the names of many good men and true, lay and clerical, who have retired from all active work in the Craft, solely on this account.

Truly and fraternally yours,

P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.C. 18°, &c.

OUTSIDE TITLES IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I must decline "I.G.'s" invitation to open a correspondence with him through the CHRONICLE.

The object of my letter of the 3rd inst. will be self-evident to those who desire to benefit by it, and I decline to go further into the subject, unless it be to advise "I.G." to consult the P.M.'s of his Lodge, if he cannot, of his own good sense, see where the line is to be drawn.

Yours fraternally,

P.G.A.D.C.

Lower Sydenham, 13th March 1888.

SCOTLAND.

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ST. JOHN'S KILWINNING LODGE, No. 57.

AT a meeting on Monday, the 5th instant, the R.W.M. Bro. G. Richardson, announced receipt from Bro. the Rev. Canon Wannop, on behalf of the Earl of Haddington, of an ancient seal of the Knight Templars, and read the following letter which accompanied it:—

Dear Sir and Brother,—I send you herewith the Seal of the Knight Templars of the Encampment of St. John of Jerusalem. This degree of Freemasonry was worked in Haddington in the beginning of the century, and the Encampment met in the Lodge of St. John. The seal is presented to the Lodge by P.G.M. the Earl of Haddington, who bought it in Edinburgh, thinking it might be regarded as a curiosity worthy of preservation by the brethren of St. John's Kilwinning, Haddington.

Believe me, faithfully and fraternally yours,

T. N. WANNOP.

Brother Richardson then expressed the pleasure which it afforded him and the rest of the brethren to accept the gift of the Earl of Haddington, which they would be very happy to place amongst the other belongings of the Lodge, and which would be much valued by them. He also said that they must all feel grateful to the Earl of Haddington for having, notwithstanding the many duties which the high position he occupied in the Order involved, remembered his mother Lodge in this manner, and he moved that the best thanks of the Lodge be conveyed to his lordship for his gift. Bro. W. Sinclair S.W., in seconding the motion, remarked that there was not much credit in a poor man joining the Masonic Order, but there was much to be proud of in having as a brother a gentleman of such influence as the Earl of Haddington. His Lordship devoted much time to pursuing the mysteries and practising the virtues of Masonry. This last evidence of his zeal in the cause would be greatly appreciated, as he had furnished for the brethren a most interesting memento of the early days of Masonry in Haddington. The seal is a handsome one, bearing several Masonic emblems in the centre, which are surrounded by the bordered inscription, "St John of Jerusalem Encampment, Haddington."

ST. MIRREN LODGE, No. 129.

THE annual soirée was held on the 9th instant, in the Minor Town Hall, Paisley. Bro. Jack R.W.M. in the chair. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen, and an assembly succeeded the soirée. The Chairman, in the course of his remarks, made reference to the Craft and its aims. Speaking of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, he said that prior to 1877 it was not in a flourishing condition, its affairs being somewhat out of order. At that period the Lodge had a debt of £18,000, and to-day it was not only free from that burden but had property on hand the value of which was fully £20,000. The immediate effect of this prosperity was to renew the vitality of the Craft throughout the country, 47,000 Masons having been added, and Charters for 153 Lodges having been granted during the past ten years. They were now better able to attend more efficiently to the work which fell to their hands.

At the Quarterly Convocation of the Unanimity Chapter, held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at Cheltenham, Comp. Jeffs, of Gloucester, gave to the Chapter a frame of curious engravings, designed and executed by Lambert de Lintot, R.A., in 1787-1789, which are in a choice state and pronounced to be rare. The engravings are entitled:—

1. Foundation of the Royal Order of the Free and Accepted Masons in Palestine, A.M. 4037; 2. Freemasons at Work; 3. Grand Elected; 4. Chapter and Grand Lodge; 5. Night; 6. Freemasons Crowned.

Lambert de Lintot, besides being a distinguished Royal Academician, was famous in the Craft of Freemasons as one of the founders of the Grand Lodge of England south of the Trent, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of all England at York. The engravings are dedicated to His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, who was Grand Master of the Order from 1782 to 1790. That of "Night" (the Light shone out of Darkness) records that on Lady Day, the 25th March 1788, under the auspices of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cumberland, Patroness, the "Cumberland Freemasons' School," now called the "Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," was founded by Chevalier Ruspini. The gift of Comp. Jeffs is opportune, as it comes almost at the moment of the Centenary of the Girls' School. Underneath the picture is the following inscription:—

"Presented to the Unanimity Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 82, Cheltenham, by Companion Henry Jeffs P.Z., through M.E. Companion J. Brook-Smith, M.A., LL.B., Grand H. of the Province of Gloucestershire, and Past Principal Sojourner of Grand Chapter. March 1888."

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 87.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, when the following Officers were present:—Bros. Birch W.M., Chamberlain S.W., Stuart P.M. Sec., Bale P.M., Hopkins P.M., Whiting P.M., Timothy P.M., Irving S.D., Nightingale J.D., Huntley and Carter Stewards, together with a large attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being Bros. G. S. Graham P.M. 1851 P.P.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey, Youngman P.M. 1571, Brett 1791, Pargeter P.M. 1598, Smith 1598, Martin P.M. 879, Wood I.G. 1586, Jones 1586, Hunter P.M. 1321, Hone 957, Wilkins 834, Parsons I.G. 1564, Arnold P.M. 720, Mildred P.M. 2024, Turle 104, Edmonds W.M. 1507, Salaman 1791, Wilkinson 879, Hopkins 1598, Blancher 1275, Murrin P.M. 554, Hodges 1524, Berry P.M. 554, Ives 15, Jones 990, &c. The Lodge having been regularly opened, and the minutes confirmed, was advanced, and Bro. E. Chamberlain was presented as W.M. elect. He was regularly installed, and, having been saluted, appointed the following brethren as Officers for the year:—Brothers Lambourne S.W., Irving J.W., Bale P.M. Treasurer, Stuart P.M. Secretary, Nightingale S.D., Carter J.D., Huntley I.G., Goodwin D.C., C. Maffey Assistant D.C., G. B. Carlton Steward, W. Walker Assistant Steward, Lee Tyler. The installation ceremony was ably performed by the venerable Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Stuart, who won for himself fresh laurels on this occasion. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly-installed Worshipful Master resumed to the third degree, and proceeded to raise two brethren, which he did in splendid style. Rarely have candidates received such impressive advancement as was on this occasion bestowed by Bro. Chamberlain, who never paused for a word throughout the long ceremony, neither, as was remarked by one of the best known Preceptors of the metropolis, did he make a slip in the course of his work, and this, be it remembered, within a few minutes of being installed in the chair of his Lodge. The working throughout the evening was, indeed, of so perfect a character as to reflect the greatest credit on the Lodge of Instruction whence the members acquire their knowledge. We hope we shall be excused if we compare Wednesday's doings with what we last witnessed in the Vetruvian Lodge. We were perfectly astonished, and could hardly believe that such radical changes had been brought about; but, then, we have not had the pleasure of being present at any of the meetings of the Lodge for some six or seven years, and all who know the Lodge now, and knew it then, will understand how much room there is both for surprise and congratulation. We only hope the Lodge may continue as it is now going on, in which case its doings cannot fail to make themselves felt for good throughout the Craft. A matter of great importance to the members of the Lodge was referred to ere the closing, and its discussion very wisely postponed until the next meeting. This has reference to outstanding subscriptions due to the Lodge, and we are pleased to see the members are inclined to remove them all from their accounts, although such a course necessarily entails somewhat harsh measures. They are to be congratulated, however, on their desire to start afresh, even if by so doing they shake the Lodge to its foundation. We have no doubt as to the ultimate result; the Lodge will be severely shaken, but its best parts will outlive the shock, and it will grow all the stronger after the severe pruning which appears necessary, and which, from the spirit evinced at the last meeting, will be completed ere many months elapse. The votes belonging to the Lodge, in virtue of its contributions to the Charities, having been apportioned, it was announced that Bro. P.M. Bale, the present Treasurer, would act as Steward at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, and that he and other members had pledged themselves to raise sufficient on that occasion to complete the Lodge's qualification as a Vice-Patron of that Institution. The Lodge is already Vice-President of the Boys' School and Vice-Patron of the Benevolent Institution, so that it has a good record on the score of Masonic Charity. Lodge having been closed the brethren repaired to banquet, which was partaken of in the large hall of the hotel. At its conclusion the Worshipful Master submitted the customary toasts. As Masons, he was sure the company would heartily honour the first on the list, for brethren of the Mystic Art were proverbially courteous to the Queen, and wishful for the prosperity of the Craft. Bro. Graham followed the toast with the National Anthem, and the same brother during the evening in other ways contributed to the harmony of the meeting. In proposing the health of the Prince of Wales, the Worshipful Master referred to the zeal and interest which H.R.H. displayed in the affairs of the Craft, the members of which were so ably ruled over by him. The health of the Grand Officers was next given, the W.M. feeling all present were so well acquainted with their merits as to leave any eulogy on his part quite unnecessary. Bro. Birch I.P.M. now assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. It was not necessary to say much in praise of the working of Bro. Chamberlain; he was a very old member of the Lodge, and had served through its various offices, so that the members had had opportunities of forming an opinion in the past, but even if they had not done so, what they had witnessed that day was sufficient for the purpose. All who had witnessed his rendering of the third degree must agree that he gave promise of being one of the best Masters who ever ruled over the Vitruvian Lodge. The brethren no doubt wished the Lodge to prosper under his rule, and hoped his term of office might be a success; to secure this they must rally round him, and help as far as lay in their power. Above all things it was necessary they should keep him well supplied with work, and the wherewith to carry on the Lodge in proper form. If they did that they would find him fully equal to their expectations, and one who would make himself and the Lodge prominent. After a song, Bro. Chamberlain replied; he thanked the brethren sincerely for the respect they had shown towards him that day and in the past. It was certainly very gratifying to a Master just entering on his year of office to receive such a welcome as had been accorded him, and it augured well for his year that the brethren were so united in their marks of approbation. It was just eighteen years since he had been initiated in the Lodge; many would therefore think that he had been a lazy man, or at least an apathetic member, or he would long since have passed the chair. The facts were he had been away from England during the earlier years of his membership, while business calls had prevented his regular attendance for some time after his return. When, however, he had time to devote to the Lodge, the members would agree he had always been ready to help forward anything proposed for its benefit. He spoke of the part he had taken in securing the removal of the Lodge from its former quarters, and compared its present home with that in which it met years ago. He looked back with pride on the work he had taken upon himself and which had resulted in the change, although at the time he worked for it he was even charged with being at the head of a clique whose aim was to upset the Lodge. He could conscientiously say all he then did was undertaken for the benefit and welfare of the Lodge, and he hoped it would prove to have been for the best. The social tone of the Lodge had been raised by its removal, and in every way they appeared to have reaped benefit. Years ago he had asked the brethren if they would care to bring their wives or their daughters to their place of meeting? then he got no reply; now, if he chose to ask the same question, he knew he should receive a hearty reply in the affirmative. In conclusion, he could but express the hope that the members would co-operate with him with the view of making the Vitruvian Lodge second to none in the kingdom. It was possible for them to rise to the highest rank, and he hoped all would unite in the endeavour to do so. They already stood second to no Lodge in England—drawing the same subscription from its members—in support of the Masonic Charities, and he was convinced that if the members kept on with the desire of doing the best in their power, both for the Lodge and the Institutions, they would never have occasion to regret their connection with the Vitruvian Lodge. He hoped that in every step he took, no matter what its result, the brethren would give him credit for being actuated by a desire to promote the welfare of the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors was next given. The Vitruvian members were always pleased to see a goodly array of visitors, and strove to give them as hearty a welcome as possible. Bro. Graham was the first to reply, tendering thanks on behalf of himself and brother visitors. The guests had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, that was saying much, but it was not to be wondered at when they called to mind the fare which had been provided. The Secretary of the Lodge had ably performed the installation, and the Master's rendering of the third degree had been a treat. He had the pleasure of knowing Brother Chamberlain, as an Officer of the Crystal Palace Chapter, and was looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to what he would do when called to the highest honours there. The best proof he could give of his enjoyment that day was to tell them he had almost made up his mind to apply for admission to the Lodge as a joining member. Bro. Parmeter followed; he was gratified in being called upon to reply to this toast, as he felt all the visitors were pleased with what had been done; it was indeed an honour to act as their mouthpiece. It was a great pleasure for any Mason to see such a Master as the Vitruvian Lodge had at its head, and he could only urge on the Officers and other members to do their utmost to follow his example. Bro. Edmonds also considered it a high honour to respond among so many visitors in so old a Lodge as the Vitruvian. He personally complimented the Worshipful Master on the way in which he had conducted the affairs of the Lodge, and could honestly say he had never heard the third degree better worked than it had been that day. The rendering of the ceremony of installation was also a wonder, especially when they came to consider the great age of the brother who performed it. As a visitor he felt the members had done their utmost to render the meeting as happy, comfortable, and enjoyable as was possible, and they had succeeded. He knew he was expressing the desire of his fellow Visitors when he said they hoped to have many opportunities in the future of attending the meetings of the Lodge, which they trusted would always be of as pleasing a character as had been the gathering that day. Bro. Berry and others also replied. The health of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Officer was next submitted. The members must have been pleased with the working of the Immediate Past Master during the past year. Without doubt he had been most assiduous in his work, and had done his best for the Lodge. It had been their custom to present a Past Master's jewel to their Masters on retiring from the chair of the Lodge, and he had great pleasure in conferring that honour on Bro. Birch. Their Installing Master, Bro. Stuart, was so well known and appreciated in the Lodge that it would be useless to say anything there in his praise. Suffice it to mention that he had that day worked the ceremony in such a way as reflected the greatest credit on his ability. As a Mason, Bro. Stuart was always assiduous in the discharge of his duty. He was one of those who never considered himself, but performed every action rather on the merits of the case than with a view of reaping personal glory. Bro. Birch tendered thanks for the toast, and for the handsome jewel the brethren had been pleased to confer on him for his poor services in the Lodge. He regretted he had not had more than five candidates during the past year, but he hoped, now that the Lodge might be said to have emerged from the cloud which had enveloped it for so long, that the members would find many of their friends whom they might deem worthy of introduction, and that, as a result, the old Vitruvian Lodge would shine out brightly in the Masonic firmament. Bro. Stuart followed. His performance that night had reminded him of the boy who had learnt his lesson so often and so well that when he came to repeat it he had forgotten many of its parts. Such had been his case that day, and, as a result, he had not done the work as well as

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he had desired. He was always ready and willing to answer the call of the Lodge, although he was of opinion his services would not be again called into requisition for Installing Master. The idea of the present day seemed to be that each Master should instal his successor, and as a consequence the older Masons, such as he, were not so much in demand as hitherto. The Worshipful Master next submitted the toast of the Past Masters, to each of whom he devoted a few words of eulogium. It was to them the members must look for instruction, and considering that they were an influential body he did not think they would look in vain. The members all regretted the loss of their late Treasurer, Bro. Thurtle P.M., but the reason he had assigned for his resignation was of such a character that they had to accept it, although they all regretted his decision. The Past Masters of the Vitruvian Lodge were as good a body of brethren as any Lodge could wish for. Bro. Whiting replied. He had had the pleasure of responding to this toast so often that he felt there was really nothing fresh to say in regard to it. The present condition of the Lodge reminded him of what it was twenty-five years ago, when they had Masters who could, and did, perform the ceremonies. Such was their present condition. He considered, however, that no Master should be called upon on the day of his installation to work a ceremony. He had quite enough to do, what with investing his Officers, looking after the routine of the Lodge, and presiding at the banquet table. Any other work should be undertaken by the Past Masters, who, in their case, were quite equal to the task. Indeed, if at any time their services were required, he was sure they would show themselves ready, able and willing to perform any duty which might be required. Bro. Hopkins followed, calling to mind the time when he initiated the present ruler of the Lodge, and briefly sketching its career since. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next on the list. Bro. Bale was so far an untried member in the office of Treasurer, but they knew what he was capable of, and bearing in mind the example set him by his predecessor there was little fear of his falling short of their expectations. Of the Secretary he had already spoken that day; it was impossible to say too much in his favour, and almost as hard to find any words to adequately portray his good qualities. In the course of his reply, Bro. Bale said he could only promise to do his utmost. He was new to the work they had been pleased to entrust him with, but hoped to satisfy them. Of one thing he would assure them, the money would have to be paid into the Lodge before it was expended, so that to a considerable extent their doings in the future would depend on themselves. Bro. Stuart followed. He considered they had some really good men in the Lodge. Men who had worked hard, and had undertaken duties at critical periods, with the result that they had made for the Lodge a proud name. His was a somewhat disagreeable office, as he was, so to speak, the bum bailiff of the Lodge, always dunning its members for money, and having to make them acquainted with all the disagreeables it was their lot to encounter. Yet in spite of all this they seemed to like him, and he might really say there was not one but greeted him with a kindly expression. The Charities was proposed, and with the toast was associated the name of Bro. Martin. That brother was proud in the knowledge that the Vitruvian Lodge had subscribed so well to the Charities in years gone by as to rank as Vice Patron of two of the Institutions and Vice-President of the other. He referred to the work which their Bro. Nightingale had undertaken in connection with the last Election for the Boys' School, when he had secured the return of one of their old member's sons on the first application. To do this, as Bro. Nightingale had told them, several votes had been borrowed. On this account he appealed to the members to send as many proxies as they could secure in order that Bro. Nightingale might be relieved of his responsibility. He also spoke of the Stewardship which their Treasurer had undertaken on behalf of the Girls' School, and hoped a good list would result. The toast of the Officers was next given, and this having been acknowledged, the Tyler gave the concluding sentiment. In addition to the songs already mentioned, several others were given during the evening, as also a recitation, by Bro. Smith.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

THE installation of Bro. James Jenkins as Worshipful Master of this Lodge, in succession to Bro. J. W. Boughton, took place at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, on Thursday afternoon, the 8th inst., in the presence of a large number of present and past Provincial Officers, Masters, and visitors from several Lodges in the district. The ceremony of installation was efficiently performed by Bro. T. P. Palsgrave, and at its conclusion the newly installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. W. Boughton I.P.M., Beale S.W., Woolhouse J.W., Palsgrave Treas., Holley Sec., Sanderson S.D., Anthill J.D., Oatridge D.C., Snell A.D.C., Pearman Org., Reading I.G., Curtis and Rumble Stewards, Exell Tyler, Smith Asst. Tyler.

Before vacating the chair the retiring W.M. (Bro. Boughton) presented a handsome Past Secretary's jewel to Bro. H. P. Holley, which had been subscribed for by the members, in recognition of the tact and ability displayed by him in discharging the duties of the Secretariat. The Secretary suitably responded. Another jewel was then presented to Bro. R. W. Beale, in acknowledgment of the services rendered by him on the Charities Committee. In making the presentation Bro. Boughton remarked that Past Master Beale had spent much time and money in connection with the Committee, and the brethren in recognition of his invaluable services now asked him to accept this slight token of their high appreciation and esteem. His (Bro. Beale's) breast was already adorned with a large number of jewels and emblems, which testified to the deep interest he took in the welfare and prosperity of Freemasonry, but he trusted he would be able to find a corner in which to place the one for which he now asked his acceptance. Bro. Beale suitably returned thanks. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Oatridge, a vote of thanks was accorded the Installing Master for the efficient manner in which he had carried out his duties. The W.M. said it now became his pleasant duty to refer to the excellent manner in which Bro. Boughton had discharged the important duties of Master of the Lodge during the past year, and to ask him in the name of the brethren to accept, as a souvenir of his term of office, and as a mark of their high esteem and fraternal regard, a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Boughton, who was received with loud applause, warmly thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel which they had presented him. On the occasion of his installation, twelve months ago, he promised the members of the Lodge that he would keep the example which had been set by the many worthy Masons who had passed through the chair of the Portsmouth Lodge always before him. He had done so to the best of his ability, and that he had succeeded was, he ventured to think, proved by the appreciation of his services conveyed by the presentation of a handsome jewel now that his time came to yield up the gavel to another. It was difficult for him to realise the fact that twelve months had actually passed since he was honoured by being installed in the chair of K.S., and the fact that the time had flown by so swiftly was a clear indication that his year of office had been a remarkably pleasant and happy one. Other Lodge business having been transacted the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an elaborate banquet was served, by the proprietor of the Albany Hotel, Landport, during which a selection of music was performed by the string band of the 2nd Connaught Rangers, under the direction of Bro. James Evans. After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Boughton, in proposing the W.M., congratulated the members of the Lodge on having so enthusiastic and hard-working a Mason at their head. Bro. Jenkins held various offices in the Order, which required real hard work, and he had always acquitted himself most satisfactorily. He had gone up step by step in the offices of the Portsmouth Lodge, and had given much attention to the duties of Senior Warden, indeed his conduct in that important office merited the highest praise. He heartily wished him a prosperous year. The W.M. who was loudly applauded on rising to respond, said he was deeply grateful for the honour which the brethren had conferred upon him by electing him to the Mastership of the Lodge. The position was one which it had always been his ambition to serve. He had endeavoured to do his duty thoroughly in all the junior offices, and he should follow the same line of conduct in the office of W.M. He subsequently proposed the health of Bro. J. W. Boughton, whom he warmly eulogised for the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year. Bro. Boughton, in responding, said his term of office had been a most pleasurable one, thanks to the cordial assistance and cooperation of the Past Masters, Officers and Brethren of the Lodge, and if they accorded the new W.M. the same support there was no doubt that he would have an equally prosperous year. He regarded the office of W.M. as a most important and honourable one, and he was glad to know that his efforts to discharge its duties had met with their approbation.

ROYAL YORK LODGE, No. 513.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. Beaumont, who was supported by his Officers. The Lodge was honoured with the attendance of the following visitors viz., the V.W. Bro. Gerard Ford P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Bros. F. F. J. Greenfield W.M. 1465 Prov. G. Chaplain, C. F. Lewis W.M. 2187 Prov. S.G.W., W. W. D'Albiac W.M. 1956, S. Peters W.M. 311 P.P.G.P., R. B. Y. Powell W.M. 1829, R. Willard W.M. 732, G. Rawlinson W.M 1797, R. Pearce W.M. 1821, C. J. Hall W.M. 636, C. F. Field W.M. 1726, C. W. Jennett W.M. 851, A. H. Smith P.M. 56, C. F. Cowley 2030, C. Cowley 511, G. Fiellus 1829, J. Newbury J.W. 574, J. H. Bussey 714, J. H. Glassington S.D. 1947, W. Rogers P.M. 91, M. Lelew 1821, J. H. Coleman P.M. 907, A. N. Olding 271, F. W. Hollands 1636, G. Cole P.M. 1636, A. Russell D.C. 311, R. Clowes J.W. 2202, H. Tuff 1273, J. J. Clark 1947, E. A. Buchman 1829. The principal business of the meeting was the installation of the newly elected W.M. Bro. G. R. Godfree. The ceremony was admirably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. H. Beaumont, who also gave the charge to the W.M., those to the Wardens and the Brethren being delivered by Bro. J. W. Stride P.M., and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master respectively. The W.M. appointed his Officers for the ensuing year: those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz., Brothers Beaumont I.P.M., Styer S.W., Terry J.W., Kent Secretary, Hudson Treasurer, Eberall Charity Steward, Devin Organist, Rye S.D., Cooke J.D., Carter D. of C., Kent I.G., Payne and Baisetti Stewards, Hughes Tyler. Bro. H. Beaumont was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year. The Lodge having been closed the brethren sat down to a banquet, supplied by Bro. J. Sayers, of Western Road, Brighton. The newly installed W.M. Bro. G. R. Godfree presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was very cordially received, responded on behalf of the toast of the Officers of Grand Lodge, proposed by Bro. A. J. Hawkes, and the R.W. the Duke of Connaught Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, the V.W. Bro. Gerard Ford Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, present and past. After speaking of the excellent government of the Grand Lodge, and the great interest the Duke of Connaught took in the Provinces, he said that for his own part he had endeavoured to follow in the Masonic traditions he had received from his immediate predecessor the late lamented Brother J. Henderson Scott. The latter came from an old Masonic family, and he (Bro. Ford), whose family had been closely associated with Freemasonry for a hundred years, would make it his earnest endeavour to maintain those principles of the Craft which they all so highly honoured. Assisted, shoulder to shoulder, by his fellow Officers, his aim would be to uphold the dignity and stability of the

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Order throughout the Province. He cordially wished the W.M. a happy and successful year of office. Bros. C. F. Lewis and F. F. Greenfield also responded for the Provincial Officers. Bro. H. Beaumont proposed the Worshipful Master. Bro. G. R. Godfree, who was warmly applauded, briefly acknowledged the toast. Bro. J. W. Stride gave the Worshipful Masters of the Province, which was acknowledged by Bros. W. W. D'Albiac and C. J. Heald. The Visitors brought forth responses from Bros. Clowes, Bussey, and Rogers. Bro. L. R. Styer proposed the Past Masters, which was acknowledged by Bros. W. Marchant and J. W. Stride. The toast of the Initiate, proposed by Bro. C. W. Hudson, was responded to by Bro. G. H. Barnes. The W.M. gave the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge. Bros. L. R. Styer and J. Terry responded. Bro. H. Kent then presented Bro. Beaumont with a silver cup, for his young son, born during his year of office as W.M. Bro. Beaumont had carried out his duties, he said, in such an admirable manner that he could express no better hope for his infant son than that he might become as good a man and Mason as his father. Bro. Beaumont, in acknowledgment of the presentation, said he had experienced so much kindness at the hands of the brethren of the Lodge that he could not find words to thank them sufficiently for this additional mark of their esteem, conveyed by the presentation to his little son. He should always remember their kindness with gratitude, and trusted they would not measure his feelings of pleasure by the brief and inadequate response which he now made to them. The Tyler's toast completed the *post prandial* proceedings. During the evening the various speeches were agreeably interspersed by songs, rendered by Bros. Clowes, Jemmett, Nicholson, Cole, Willard, and Cowley, and recitations given by Bros. Holland, Bioletti and Hudson. The duties of accompanyist were ably carried out by Bro. Devin.

ERME LODGE, No. 1091.

THE annual meeting was held in the Masonic Rooms, Ivybridge, on the 7th instant. Bro. James Shepherd, the W.M. elect, was installed. Bros. J. D. Cobeldick and R. Lavers were the installing Masters. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Lavers I.P.M., Selleck S.W., Coyte J.W., Cole Treasurer, Ford Secretary, Gulley S.D., R. D. Mudge J.D., Mudge D.C., Balkwill A.D.C., Mortimore O., Selleck I.G., Farley and Coyte Stewards, Pillage Tyler. Bro. Cole was re-elected the representative at the Committee of Petitions. In the evening the members of the Hawton and Erme Lodges, and their visitors, dined together at Bro. Mortimore's, King's Arms Hotel. Bro. James Shepherd presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a capital entertainment of vocal music and recitations was furnished by brethren.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Cannon Street, Hotel, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. Robert Greening Worshipful Master, who was supported by H. J. Bertram P.M. S.W., W. F. S. Cook P.M. J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, W. Baber P.M. Secretary, John Seex P.M., Richard Stanway P.M., G. W. Blackie P.M., Thomas Hamer P.M., W. F. Kibble P.M., F. W. Potter I.P.M., H. F. Frost S.D., W. F. Bertram J.D., D. T. Keene D.C., E. Wesley Org., G. W. Robson, and J. R. Gwyn Stewards, together with the following lay members of the Lodge:—Bros. J. R. Hartley, Owen Bowen, Henry Thompson, George Jenkins, J. W. Colmer, R. Hannaford, James Archer, D. McNiven, J. Hartley, Alfred Cumner, J. R. Greening, C. T. Smith, R. Brookman, H. Dottridge, J. K. Hooper, J. Cooper, F. E. Bailey, F. J. Biggs, G. M. Fraser, T. Owens, J. T. Jolliffe, Ricards, Baldwin, Price and Hall. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Bros. Ricards, Price and Baldwin were raised, while Bro. Hale was passed. The election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year was the next business on the agenda. Bro. J. Seex P.M. was selected for the office of Master, Bro. N. B. Headon P.M. was re-elected for that of Treasurer, and Bro. R. Potter P.M. to that of Tyler. A proposition, by Bro. J. K. Gwyn, "That the usual Past Master's jewel of the Lodge be presented to the W.M. Bro. Robert Greening, on the termination of his year of office," was brought forward, and regularly agreed to, as also was a proposition, moved by Bro. Blackie P.M., "That the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge, and placed on the W.M.'s List as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." One of the most pleasing features of the meeting was next undertaken. Bro. N. B. Headon, the Treasurer of the Lodge, moved, That that being the Silver Wedding-day of the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, a message of congratulation be sent to him from the Lodge. This was seconded and carried unanimously, and a telegram to the following effect was despatched.

"To H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons,
Marlborough House.

The **Worshipful Master**, Officers and Brethren of The Great City Lodge, now assembled at Cannon Street Hotel, respectfully and heartily felicitate your Royal Highness upon the auspicious occasion of your Silver Wedding-day, and pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will bless you and your beloved wife and family with health and every happiness throughout years to come."

To this the following gracious reply was subsequently received:

"To N. B. Headon Esquire
(Treasurer)
The Great City Lodge Freemasons.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.
10. III. 1888.

The Equerry in waiting is desired by the Prince of Wales to convey to the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of the Great City Lodge, the expression of their Royal Highnesses sincere thanks for their kind congratulations and good wishes."

In connection with these interesting proceedings, we may add that two members of the Lodge, Bros. F. J. Biggs and H. F. Frost, who on the 10th of March 1863 were chorister boys in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and were present during the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, voted in favour of the resolution.

After the closing of the Lodge the company sat down to refreshment. The usual toasts were honoured at the conclusion of the repast, which was well served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Kilby, the manager of the Hotel. Among the visitors present were Bros. S. Rideaux 1601, W. Carey W.M. 1571, G. Church W.M. 20, T. E. Tallant P.M. 186, and A. S. Hart P.M. 1872. "The Wedding March" was well played by Bro. Edwin Wesley, Organist of the Lodge.

CARADOC LODGE, No. 1573.

THE annual installation ceremony in connection with this Lodge took place on Monday evening, the 5th inst., at Swansea. There was a very large attendance of brethren and visitors. The installation was performed by Bro. Parry. The W.M. installed was Bro. Neil Leitch, who invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. Terrill S.W., Taylor J.W., Canon Walters, D.D., Chaplain, Jones Treasurer, Lewis Secretary, Williams S.D., Martin J.D., Davis D.C., Grose Assistant D.C., Pascoe I.G., Broad Organist, Brown and Paton Stewards, Bullerwell Tyler. A banquet afterwards took place, at the Royal Hotel. Host Rowe gave the most complete satisfaction, as usual. The toasts of the M.W. the Grand Master, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Worshipful Master, the Visitors, the Past Masters, the Officers, and the Tyler, were all honoured. Several of the brethren gave musical assistance.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Fox and Hounds, Putney, on Wednesday, 7th inst., Bro. R. R. Colliek I.P.M. presiding. Bros. Williams S.W., Wing J.W., Watkins Treas., Robinson P.M. Secretary, Wright acting S.D., Sandalls J.D., Oliver I.G., Collings P.M. Dir. of Cers., Stacey P.M. Organist, Coombes Steward, Bowler Tyler; P.M.'s Pardoe, H. Mansell, and about twenty brethren. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bros. Desmond and Organ were questioned and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree and these two brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Knight was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and Bro. Knight was passed to the degree of F.C. Lodge was resumed to the first. Bro. Williams S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Watkins was re-elected Treasurer (for the thirteenth time), and Bro. Walkley Tyler. Bros. Grundy, Gordon and Sterne were elected on the Audit Committee. The sum of 25 guineas, which had been voted to the list of the late W.M. Bro. Strong, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was transferred to the list of Bro. Williams W.M. elect. After routine business, Lodge was closed in due form according to ancient custom, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments. The installation meeting will take place the first Wednesday in May.

PAXTON LODGE, No. 1686.

A PLEASANT and happy hour or so can always be ensured by those members of the Craft who have the privilege of visiting the above Lodge, and the meeting on the 10th inst. was no exception to this rule. The business—ably performed by the W.M. Bro. C. S. Damant—was the initiation into our mysteries of Mr. C. Granville Baker (architect), and the passing of Bro. Williams. It being election night, Bro. R. Canning Jones S.W. was by unanimous vote elected to the important office of W.M., while Bro. J. M. Klenck P.M. was equally well supported in re-election as Treasurer. A jewel was voted to Bro. Damant W.M. A notable event during the evening was the forwarding a telegram to the M.W.G.M. and H.R.H. the Princess, congratulating their Royal Highnesses on their Silver Wedding, with loyal wishes for their future happiness. This received a gracious reply. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to their harmonious and enjoyable refreshment after labour. In addition to the W.M., there were present—Bros. R. C. Jones S.W., C. Hanington J.W., Klenck P.M. Treasurer, H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.D. Surrey Sec., E. Stanford S.D., Akers J.D., Cuningham I.G., with several other members. The Visitors were—Bros. Moss P.M. 1339, Sly 1628, Telfer W.M. 12, Grove P.M. 1769, &c.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 2069.

THE monthly meeting of this popular and flourishing Lodge, on Saturday last, was rendered more than usually interesting, from the fact that the fixture took place on the 25th anniversary of the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The auspicious circumstance was naturally seized upon by the W.M. and brethren as a suitable occasion for testifying to the M.W.G.M. and his Illustrious Consort the devotion, affection, and loyalty which animate the Masons of Leeds in general, and of the brethren of 2069 in particular. The meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, at four o'clock in the afternoon, and there were present—Bros. Tudor Trevor P.M. W.M., Watson P.M. S.W., Chas. Middleton J.W., Dr. Cartwright Smyth G. Chap. England as Chaplain, S. Scott Young Secretary, J. J. Fretwell S.D., T. Atkinson J.D., R. Abbott Treasurer, Butterworth I.G., Howarth Organist, B. S. Bailey Steward, C. L. Mason I.P.M. P.P.G. Treasurer, R. Craig P.M. P.P.G.D., Rev. J. H. Evans, Smithson, H. B. Abbott, &c. The Visitors included Bros. José Rickard W.M. 304, Carter W.M. 1042, Bradford W.M.

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1211, Scarth P.M. 289, Moore, Hollis, Tomlinson, Smith, &c. Two names having been put before the Lodge as those of gentlemen suitable for initiation into the Order, the W.M. then addressed the brethren present, as follows:—I have asked the W.M.'s of the Leeds Lodges to attend here to-day, the Silver Wedding day of the Prince of Wales, for the purpose of sending to him an united expression of loyalty on this memorable occasion. I recollect the marriage, which took place at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, 25 years ago, very well and also the day when their Royal Highnesses made their public entry into London. Some one has said that to look at the Princess of Wales is to love her, and certainly when the English nation looked on Her Royal Highness they loved her, and have loved her ever since. The poet laureate most happily expressed the mind of the English nation on that occasion, when he penned his splendid ode, of which one verse is as follows:—

Sea King's daughter, as happy as fair,
Beautiful bride of a blissful heir,
Bride of the heir of the Kings of the Sea,
Oh! joy to the people and joy to the throne,
Come to us, love us, and make us your own.
For Saxon, or Dane, or Norman, we,
Teuton or Celt, or whatever we be,
We are each of us Danes in our welcome to thee,
Alexandra!

Yes, from the first moment of her arrival to the present, we have loved the Princess, our future Queen. We have loved her not only for her gentle parts, her majestic mien, not merely for her sweet disposition, but in good truth for her consistent and simple goodness, for her devotion to her husband and children, and her adopted country; and I am sure of this that the hopes that were entertained at that Royal Marriage which took place 25 years ago have been realised. We, as loyal Masons, happily meeting on this day, unite in our expression of gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. for having preserved the Royal pair for so long. It is a long time in one's life, and it is a matter of thankfulness that during that period no serious domestic calamity has clouded their wedded life. As to H.R.H., he is in every sense of the word a most popular man, and in every sense of the word he has been a true Mason. I think it would be sadly wanting in us if we allowed this day to pass without sending some expression of our feelings. As Lodge Prudence happens to meet on the actual day of the celebration, it struck me as a happy thought to send a united Masonic greeting from Leeds, and I am extremely pleased to know that my proposition meets with the unqualified approval of the members of the other seven Leeds Lodges. I propose to send the following telegram to the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

"The W.M.'s, Officers and Brethren of the 8 Masonic Lodges of Leeds, in open Lodge, assembled under the banner of Lodge Prudence, No. 2069, most respectfully and loyally greet H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and the Princess of Wales, on this the celebration of their Silver Wedding-day, and most earnestly pray T.G.A.O.T.U. to bless their Royal Highnesses for many years to come."

(Signed) TUDOR TREVOR W.M. 2069.

Bros. Scarth P.M. 289, José Rickard W.M. 304, Bradford W.M. 1211, Carter W.M. 1042, all cordially supported the motion, whilst Bro. Dr. Cartwright Smyth, in happy terms, added his voice to the general chorus of congratulation, and the motion having been adopted with great enthusiasm, it was at once despatched by telegram to Sir Fras. Knollys, for presentation. The Lodge shortly afterwards closed in peace and harmony, and "high tea" was partaken of by a large number of brethren and visitors. In the speeches sympathetic allusion was made by the W.M. and others to the sad bereavement which has befallen many noble families in Europe by the death of the German Emperor, who was a friend and patron of the Craft.

UNITY LODGE, No. 71.

THE following letter has been received in reply to a telegram sent by the W.M. Bro. John Russell, the Past Masters and Brethren of this the oldest Lodge in the Province of Suffolk, to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, congratulating him on his silver wedding:—

"Lieutenant-General Sir Dighton Probyn, Comptroller and Treasurer of the Prince of Wales' Household, is directed to thank the Worshipful Master, and through him the Brethren of the Lodge Unity, No. 71, Lowestoft, for their kind telegram congratulating His Royal Highness on the occasion of the celebration of his silver wedding.—Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W., 10th March 1888."

JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

A MEETING was held on Monday, the 5th instant, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street. Among those present were Bros. Lion W.M., Isaac Botibol S.W., Gardner J.W., J. Lyons P.M. Treas. Lazarus P.M. Secretary; Past Masters L. and M. Alexander, Spiegel, Dodson, Myers, Dewsnap, Roberts, Wall, and Abrahams; Rocco Chap., H. Lazarus J.D., Saqui and Garrard Stewards, together with several visitors. In the course of the meeting Bro. Smith was passed, Bro. Hartmann raised, and Mr. Paul Hetcht initiated.

ELDON LODGE, No. 1755.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, on the 10th instant, a beautifully painted silk banner was presented to the Lodge by Bro. A. J. Tonkin, of the firm of Tonkin and Son, Park-street, Bethshead. The presentation was suitably acknowledged by the W.M., Bro. W. K. Thomas, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded. This being the Silver Wedding day of the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, a telegram of congratulation was forwarded to Marlborough House, to which a gracious reply has since been received.

Obituary.

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BROTHER EDGAR BOWYER.

THE death of this well known Mason occurred this (Friday) morning. It was only last night we heard that a sudden illness which had overtaken Brother Bowyer had assumed a serious aspect, and now we have just received a telegram announcing his demise.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 9th instant, when the accounts were examined, passed, and ordered to be settled. Votes of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, as well as to the various Officers, were agreed to unanimously.

The lads at the Masonic School at Wood Green appear to be making a name for themselves in the football world, although it may be added it is only during the past season that the School has really devoted itself to the game. During the present term five matches have been played; two of these were won by the representatives of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, two were lost, and the other resulted in a draw, both sides scoring two goals. The most enjoyable match was that played on the 25th ult., between the R.M.B.I. first eleven and a team of Old Boys, who were defeated by 8 to 0.

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In compliance with a Requisition under Law No. 31, duly signed:—

A SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 24th day of March 1888, at Five o'clock in the Afternoon precisely—

"For the purpose of transacting the business contained in the following Resolutions, which will be duly proposed at the Court, namely—

"That a Special Committee be appointed to inquire into the steps recently taken by the House Committee in reference to the case of William Gideon Motion, who was in the Institution; with full power to investigate the matter, call witnesses, and report thereon to an adjourned Special General Court, to be held on Saturday, the twenty-first day of April 1888.

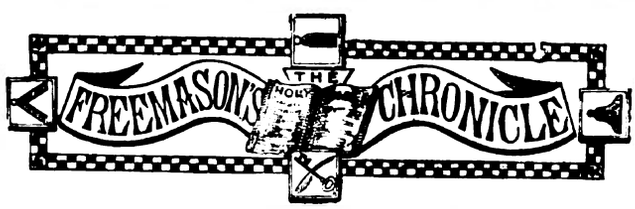
"That this Special General Court be adjourned until Saturday, the twenty-first day of April 1888, at Freemasons' Hall, at Five o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving and considering the Report of the Special Committee."

Dated this 8th day of March, and signed by—

(Here follow the signatures.)

FREDERICK BINCKES (V. Pat., P.G. Sword Bearer),
Secretary.

13th March 1888 (date of receipt of above requisition).



HIRAM LODGE.

Hiram Lodge F.A.M. v. *G.L. of Connecticut F.A.M.*
G.L. of Connecticut F.A.M. v. *Hiram Lodge F.A.M.*

[Communicated.]

THERE is not a great deal of Masonic law in the United States bearing upon the status of a Lodge in the position of Hiram Lodge of New Haven, Connecticut.

There is a general sentiment, founded upon Fraternity and good will, which recommends all Lodges within a given territorial jurisdiction, upon the constitution in such territory of a Grand Lodge, to unite their life and fortunes with the new Grand Lodge, for the presumably better administration of Masonic affairs, and to the end that there may be a permanent unification of Masonic work, and jurisdiction and purpose.

More or less reluctance is often felt in Lodges to sink their ancient life and freedom in a Grand Lodge which shall have immediate supervision and authority over them.

This is no more than a fair exhibition of that human nature which belongs to men associated as well as to individuals. It is a sentiment which yields to the assurance of greater good, and has, in the States, very generally yielded, after a greater or less delay. There are but few exceptions, and Hiram Lodge, by a singular concurrence of circumstances, stands in this exceptional position:—that is to say, in relations of Masonic law and right, of Masonic honour and courtesy, which are new and seem to require some new Masonic legislation.

We suggest that the relations are new, because they have not been specifically recognised and treated as such, and that they require new legislation because the rules which have been pronounced, rather than legislated, have been made, seemingly, from a different standpoint, and do not cover the issues now for the first time raised, and brought distinctly into view. Again, they are new, because they involve principles of Masonic law which must be regarded as well established, and which do not get their lawful execution and influence, except by a modification of other rules and principles which have been pronounced for cases in which these relations were not involved. They have not as yet had bearing, and to put them down by the mere will and ipse dixit of Grand Lodges, is to make might take the place of right, and to use the bludgeon of barbarism and the tyranny of power, rather than the temperateness of Fraternity, and the justice which comes of wise discussion.

To understand the crass and incomplete condition of Masonic law relative to Grand Lodges in the various

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circumstances in which they may be placed, and the precarious and untenable position of subordinate Lodges, if the enunciated rules are to have universal sway, our discussion must for a little widen beyond the question of any particular Lodge, and enter upon more general considerations.

And, first, let us see how subordinate Lodges may be situated under the laws given out for the formation of Grand Lodges.

A Grand Lodge may be formed in any independent State, or in any territory of a country that has been organised into a separate territory, and "it is not essential that it should be an independent and Sovereign State or territory, but simply necessary that it be a separate and distinct State or territory." And such legal Grand Lodges have been formed in the United States in Oregon, Washington, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska and other territories, and, under the Government of Great Britain, in the Province of Canada and elsewhere.

Now in each of these territories, at any time before the institution of a Grand Lodge therein, the Grand Lodge of any foreign jurisdiction may warrant and establish subordinate Lodges that are legitimate, and equipped with all the rights and privileges of subordinate Lodges anywhere.

Let the Grand Lodge of England have established, say in Washington Territory, U.S.A., thirty Lodges, and other Grand Lodges as many more. Now, any three of these Lodges "in active existence within the territorial limits," may meet, and consent to form, and may form, a Grand Lodge for that territory.

This they can do without giving notice of their intention to the other subordinate Lodges, according to the Digest of American Masonic Law, although notice is recognised as the "just and seasonable thing" in such cases to be done. And the only check which can be put upon them rests in their possible lack of recognition by other Grand Lodges, a matter that is, in these times, easily managed, and of but little real consequence, whether given or not, except as its refusal may project upon the Fraternity a long and disgraceful Masonic contention.

More than that, if all were notified, it does not appear that the consent of a majority of the Lodges in the territory, or a majority of those represented, is necessary to the formation of a Grand Lodge, but only the concurrent action of some three Lodges of them.

These rules are laid down in these terms on the sixteenth page of the Digest above referred to, the fullest and most complete in use.

Three Lodges then have formed a Grand Lodge, surrendered their old charters, and received new ones from the new Grand Lodge. Now, let us see what they can do? Among the general powers of a Grand Lodge on page 22 is this: "It has the power of erasing Lodges and expelling Brethren from the Craft," and this and other general powers are subject to one limitation only, and this is "Provided always that the old landmarks be carefully preserved;" and then, as if to end and shut off all questions by negation as well as affirmation, it adds, "By this standard and this only are we to measure the powers of a Grand Lodge."

The 57 Lodges in Washington Territory who did not enter into the Grand Lodge organization are therefore at once liable to expulsion, and the members of them to be declared illegitimate Masons, not entitled to the courtesies of the Craft, whether of visitation, office, charity, or anything else. What is the condition of each of these 57 Lodges? Illegal and excommunicate? We answer, no, notwithstanding the enacted rules and laws of Grand Lodge Masonry. They do not apply or meet the circumstances. Ignorant Grand Masters, self-sufficient and pig-headed Grand Masters pronounce Grand Lodge rules, and the unthinking, perhaps unnoticing mass of members, in the haste and superior interest of other matters, confirm them. Still they do not address themselves to the intelligence or obedience of the Craft of these 57 Lodges, or of Masons generally. They have rights deeper, broader, more fundamental than these. Their cases have not been met by positive enactments of law, but by evasions, and makeshifts, and side-manœuvring. Yet the rules exist to be applied to some poor unfortunate Lodge or Lodges, whenever their chance may come, and they fall into the hands of passionate, designing men on the one hand, and easy, thoughtless men on the other.

But how is the case better, if thirty-one, a majority of the Lodges, agree to form a Grand Lodge, and twenty-nine refuse? Doubtless recognition would follow at once upon such an organization, and without notice to the dissidents, though they be lawful Lodges, lawful Masons, and possessing every authority and right which the consenting Lodges possessed. But they go to bed at night with a membership scattered all over the world, lawful, honourable, upright Masons, and wake up in the morning to find themselves illegitimate, expelled, denounced, disbonoured. Can this be so? Is this law? and law founded upon the equality of Masonic Brotherhood? It is the possibility of action under existing enactments, and has formed some exemplifications in Masonic experience.

Assuredly there needs now, at this day, when the possibilities of these conditions are so large, so complex, some new announcements or agreements of law, which shall wisely regulate and preserve the rights of such minorities, these 29, or perhaps these 57 Lodges, and this extensive membership. And it is a disgrace to the intelligence of the Masonic Fraternity that it has not wisely formulated the way and manner of such preservation. And it is too much to suppose that the intelligence of the Craft shall submit to the arbitrary enforcements of such laws. It might well beget discord, and rivalry and disgrace.

Now let us look at another thing and take a strong case. One Lodge in a territory does not consent to unite, or refuses to surrender its charter for the purposes of the union. Leaving other questions, which have elsewhere been considered, it is held by almost, perhaps quite, universal law, that though the majority of a Lodge vote to surrender, yet so long as seven members refuse the charter cannot be surrendered to any Grand Lodge, old or new. "If," says the authority, "seven or more members refuse to give their consent, the charter cannot be surrendered," . . . and so says Massachusetts. But a new Grand Lodge is formed, and this Lodge remains out, working and existing under a lawful charter, which it refuses to surrender, and granted, let us suppose, by Massachusetts.

Now we will take the Massachusetts law as announced in its Digest, and we shall see one of the most illegitimate, barbarous and absurd provisions ever made for legal administration by intelligent men. Its only excuse or justification is, that it was made very early in the century, before Masonry had become an extensive institution, and before the intricate and involved conditions in which it now exists, and must appear, for regulation and government, had been developed.

Massachusetts says "a Lodge in another State, to which a Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at a time when there was no Grand Lodge organised in the former State, was rightfully and legally under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, until the formation and establishment of a Grand Lodge in the State where the Lodge is located. After that time the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge ceased."

And again, "where a Lodge was formerly rightfully under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, in a State wherein no Grand Lodge had been established, and afterwards such a Grand Lodge was lawfully established therein, under the jurisdiction of which a majority of the members of the Lodge vote to place themselves, but a minority adhered to the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, both retaining the original name under which the Lodge was chartered, it was held that the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge over said Lodge was at an end."

Massachusetts (and other Grand Lodges are in the same category) knows no way to legally manage this case, and preserve the Masonic status of the Masons whose affection for her is supreme and before all others, but like an ungrateful and criminal mother casts them off from her care. The more they love and respect, and prefer to have their Masonic life affiliated with hers, the more arbitrary and cruel is her abandonment of them. She does not, will not care for them, though they are her lawful children in every way: she will not recognise them, or give them any humane protection or guidance. She will not arrest and take away their charter, cancel their organisation as opposed to the new Grand Lodge, and receive them more immediately into her own bosom, and thus preserve to them Masonic character, right of visitation, and of being received in Masonic bodies as Masons in good and regular standing, which she might do if she would, but makes them waifs, Masonic pariahs, illegitimates, not entitled to Masonic charity when living, nor to Masonic burial when dead. And why? What have they done? Loved her and preferred her, more than those who only cared for themselves, and nothing for her. She leaves them in

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possession of a legal Charter, but blasts them as an unauthorised organisation, destroys and poisons their reputation, and needlessly so! And this is the boasted wisdom of Grand Lodge law! The best they have as yet done.

Surely this is not because of malice, or any deliberate purpose or desire to inflict injustice, but in part because of the insidiousness of the lust of power, in part because of the lack of opportunity or attention to grasp and comprehend the situation, and in part, in some cases, because of an inability to understand and provide legal constitutions necessary for the complex relations into which the multiplied Masonry of to-day has come. Certainly it is time some new legislation was had to conserve these chartered and lawful rights, and also the interests of the new Grand Lodge, and hold them both away from contention, and the problem would seem to be a not difficult one.

But power is easier than wisdom, and might sometimes more attractive than right. The one is summary and takes no thought, it is all in a single brute blow. The other is careful, thoughtful, slow to move, considerate of all relations, and looks for the affiliations of truth and justice.

But we have not yet reached the whole of the folly and the wrong of this Grand Lodge position. The Masonic position of these Bodies is not yet defined.

The Lodge whose seven members do not choose to surrender to the new Grand Lodge, and whose charter the old Grand Lodge will not or does not arrest or revoke are left, how? Why, of course, a regularly constituted body in every respect, as much so as any Lodge in the Universe; members regularly made and clothed with Masonic powers and authorities, rights and prerogatives conceded to be legitimate the world over:—acting in the presence, and under the authority of a charter lawfully granted by a Body authorised to grant it, and carefully preserved as the accredited symbol of Masonic right. Do they commit any crime? Any Masonic offence? It is not necessary even that they should know that anything was doing, or had been done adverse to their interests, when, lo! of a sudden, they as a Masonic Body are murdered, by the blind and unexpected blow of, shall we say, an assassin. They as Masons are robbed of character and rights; like those of old, stricken with leprosy, they are denied the society, converse, charity, humanity of their brethren. And it does not answer the position to say or suggest, that other Grand Lodges will be watchful to consider all circumstances, and see that no injustice is done, for it is not true, it is not inevitable—it is no law that requires they shall be guarded and defines the precaution,—it is chance, and the reliability of representations, and the interest of adverse parties, and a thousand elements of doubt and uncertainty that may prevent their receiving justice, without an expenditure of time, reasoning and pleading which they can neither give nor afford.

Even Massachusetts, that was so prompt to announce her position, and to leave her chartered children to the uncovenanted mercies of the Masonic world, has never yet said what they shall be, or what their rights should be, or how their interests should be conserved. All this is an unsettled case, without an adjudication so far as we find, without even a pronouncement by any Grand Lodge.

There is no law. It is a case waiting for wise, considerate, just law. It is time for the formulation of such a law, that shall not crush to atoms the innocent and faithful, and despoil their covenanted rights, but shall adjust and conserve, and award their Masonic preferences and instincts, according to general, wise and equitable provisions.

But the absurdity of the Grand Lodge position is not yet fathomed. We have Lodges that by wisdom and forecast and self-denial have accumulated quite considerable amounts of wealth, in Masonic libraries, in funds whose incomes are to be disposed of in charity for the relief of distressed brothers, their widows and orphans.

Now this same Grand Lodge law says that when the charter of such a Lodge is surrendered or taken away by the Grand Lodge, new or old (and notice the inducement for doing it), all the regalia, furniture and *property* of the subordinate Lodge shall go to the Grand Lodge, and without limitation of its use by them.

The Constitution of *Connecticut* requires to be surrendered "the charter, *books*, papers, *jewels*, *furniture*, *funds* and *other property* of such Lodge." And it is made the duty of the Grand Secretary "to demand and receive" "the effects of all Lodges whose charters may have been, or shall become *forfeited*, *annulled*, or revoked by the Grand Lodge." "And any member of the Fraternity who shall refuse to surrender the same, or any part thereof, when so demanded, *shall be* expelled from all the privileges of Masonry.

The present status of Grand Lodges therefore not only sanctions abandonment and injustice, but exposes an inducement for fraud and greed. And we see right here that Masons are not above the frailties and lusts that are incident to unmasonic human nature.

The condition of these Lodges, thus left, is in law a *casus omissus*, and is not met by any principles as yet established, indeed their condition does not seem to have received consideration.

But there is still one step further in this descent of obloquy. A Lodge may have a charter and ancient prerogatives that it is not willing to, and will not, surrender, because it has distinguished ability of members that it cannot control, and large wealth that it is unwilling to submit to the more general purposes of a Grand Lodge, possibly covered with trusts that it cannot abrogate, and because its parent power has vanished, returned to its source, or is so far remote as to render Masonic privileges and fraternities with it of but little avail. And in such case the neglect and arbitrary attempts of Grand Lodges towards it are still more unreasonable, illegal, and unmasonic.

And it would seem, in the light of justice and reason, and as a conclusion of other well established principles of Masonic law, that they would be justified, in the cases under consideration, to assume their independent and original lives, and carry them to such lengths of defence and support as Masonic usage and precedent and law will justify, and that, we submit, is clearly not only the right and power of self-existence, but of propagation.

JUSTITIA.

The following is a copy of the Masonic address, presented on Wednesday, to Prince Oscar of Sweden, in view of His Royal Highness's wedding, which took place at Bournemouth, on Thursday:—

"To His Royal Highness Prince Oscar of Sweden and Norway, the Most Eminent Ordens-Statthalter of the Grand Lodge of Sweden,—We, the Masters, Past Masters, and Officers of and representing Lodges Hengist 195, Boscombe 2158, and Horsa 2208, of Free and Accepted Masons of England, beg to offer you fraternal greeting on your visit to our town and on such an auspicious occasion. We would beg to tender you our sincere and hearty congratulations on your approaching marriage, and to express a fervent wish that, with the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, you may enjoy many years of health and happiness."

The address is signed by the W.M., the I.P.M., the S.W., and the J.W. of each of the above-named Lodges.

The following is a copy of the Address presented by the Freemasons of Sussex:—

To the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c. &c. &c.

We, the Freemasons of Sussex, who have the privilege of being presided over by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, at whose installation you graciously officiated, desire to offer to your Royal Highness and to that gentle lady who, as daughter, wife, and mother, will ever be held in esteem by the wives and daughters of Masons, our respectful and sincere congratulations on the happy anniversary of March the Tenth.

May the Great Architect of the Universe shower blessings on the Royal House, to which we, as faithful Masons and loyal citizens, give true and hearty allegiance.

That this Silver Wedding may mark a happy and prosperous epoch in the life of our Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Princess his wife is the humble and earnest prayer of each and all of your Royal Highness's devoted servants,

THE MASONS OF SUSSEX.
RICHARD PIDCOCK Prov. G. Registrar.
GERARD FORD P.G.D. Dep. Prov. G. Master.
V. P. FREEMAN P.G.D. Prov. G. Secretary.

10th March 1888.

The Argonauts Lodge, No. 2243, was consecrated on Monday, at the Cromwell Hall, Putney, by the Grand Secretary of England, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who was assisted by Bro. E. Letchworth P.G.D. as S.W., Lord John Taylour as J.W., G. W. Weldon G. Chap. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., and J. H. Matthews P.G.S.B. as I.G. We regret that illness prevented our attendance.

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MARK MASONRY

CONSECRATION OF THE DE-LA-POLE LODGE, No. 372.

A NEW Mark Masonic Lodge, the De-La-Pole, No. 372, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Seaton, on Wednesday the 7th inst. The consecration Officer was Bro. Charles Spence Bate, F.R.S., P.G.M.M.M., assisted by Bros. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31 deg., and Henry Stocker 18 deg. In addition to the above named, the Board of Installed Masters included Bros. John Lane, Samuel Jones, E. T. Fulford, J. Jerman, and S. Toms. Previous to the consecration the following brethren were advanced to the degree:—Bros. Henry Ford, Alfred W. Oakley, John Impey Scarbrough, George J. Oldridge, William Adams, Fredk. Magor Portlock Dadson, all of De-La-Pole Lodge, No. 1181, Albert Pryer Reece 449; with Thomas Henry Perry 1181 as serving brother. The ceremony of consecration was then gone through; it reflected considerable credit on Bros. Spence, Bate, Lemon, and Stocker. This over Bro. John Stocker P.M. 15 P.G.S.W. was installed as W.M. The following brethren were appointed and invested for the year ensuing:—Bros. Samuel Jones I.P.M., John Sackville Swann S.W., George Evans J.W., Henry Ford M.O., Alfred W. Oakley S.O., William Adams J.O., George Evans Treasurer, Frederick Magor Portlock Dadson Secretary and Registrar of Marks, John Impey Scarbrough S.D., George S. Oldridge Organist, Albert Pryer Reece I.G., and Thomas Henry Perry Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a well-served banquet at the Beach Hotel, Seaton.

HAWTON LODGE, No. 100.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual meeting on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Ivybridge. Bro. F. Henwood, the W.M. elect, was installed. Bros. W. R. Velvin and Jas. Gidley, were the installing Officers. The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. Velvin I.P.M., Selleck S.W., J. W. Selleck J.W., Mudge M.O., Shepherd S.O., Farley J.O., Cole Treasurer, Ford Secretary, D. Mudge S.D., Balkwill J.D., Bromidge I.G., Coyte Tyler.

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THE annual installation of Principals in connection with this Chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on the 27th ult. The following Companions were installed in their respective chairs:—Comps. Walker P.Z. P.P.G.S.B. as Z., Hirst (J.P., Retford) as H., and Rev. James Blake as J. The rites of installation were impressively conducted by Comp. Ensor Drury, of Sheffield, a distinguished Yorkshire brother, and an honorary member of the Doncaster Chapter. The Principals installed, the other Officers were appointed and invested, as follows:—Comps. Wilkie Scribe E., Goldthorpe Scribe N., Ogle (Retford) P.S., Hirst Janitor. The annual banquet was held the same evening, at the Reindeer Hotel, and a very handsome dinner served by Mrs. Grant, but the attendance was smaller than it would have been save for the election. Even in the room itself this exciting influence was felt, and Mr. Fitzwilliam's good health, proposed by Comp. Brook, was honoured with great enthusiasm, three cheers being given, and one cheer more for Lady Mary Fitzwilliam. Several of the Masons were amongst Mr. Fitzwilliam's most energetic supporters. Another toast to elicit a most cordial reception was that of the newly-installed E.Z. Comp. Walker, proposed in a highly complimentary speech by Comp. Bellerby. A very pleasant evening was spent.

BISHOP CAMIDGE AND FREEMASONRY IN THE COLONIES.—Information has been received at Thirsk of the reception which the late Vicar (now Bishop Camidge) has met with at the hands of the Freemasons of Australia. The brethren of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 1846, E.C., and of the Caledonia Lodge, when it became known that the new Bishop was an enthusiastic Mason, met in the Oldfellows' Hall, in the City of Bathurst, and presented Bishop Camidge, as Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Yorkshire, with an address of welcome, in which they trusted that he might find as warm a fraternal friendship existing there as in his far away Yorkshire home. The address was beautifully illuminated and framed, and in his acceptance of the address Bishop Camidge suitably responded.

Several notices of meetings and other matters are held over, in consequence of pressure on our space. Among these are reports of the meeting of the Hendon Lodge, on Saturday; the Wallington and the New Concord Lodges, on Thursday; at the latter Bro. Frederick Perl was installed as Worshipful Master.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced, in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Toole's.—When we say that the part Mr. J. L. Toole has in Mr and Mrs. Herman Merivale's latest comedy, "The Don," is one of the best he has ever had allotted him, it will easily be understood that it is amusing. As Mr. Milliken, M.A., Dean of the Chapel, there is plenty of scope for this public favourite to work upon, and he takes the fullest advantage of it. Dressed in full college regalia, and supposed to be a woman hater, but in reality in love with a charming widow, the fun caused by this individual is fast and furious, while the other characters are well looked after. The authors have improved on their previous efforts, the action of the piece is closer, while the writing is in a smart and interesting style. All this tends to one end, that is to provide a piece that is harmless and full of fun. That this is done has been fully testified, for not only has the piece received a most friendly welcome, but is likely to prove attractive for some time to come. The mystification necessary in such a piece as this is caused by the Don being mistaken for the husband of a Ward in Chancery, while he is really in love with a widow—Mrs. Coventry Sparks. The troubles that this involve are necessarily prolonged, but they are funny, and but for the weakness of the last act the piece would be almost perfect. This fault, however, has been got over by some capital acting on the part of the principals, headed by Mr. Toole, who is admirably suited. A more captivating widow than Kate Phillips could not be conceived, her principal scene in the second act being most charmingly rendered. Miss Linden was fresh and interesting as the Ward in Chancery, while Miss Emily Thorne acted with considerable humour as the keeper of the Bull and Mitre Tavern. Mr. Edward Gardiner was easy as the younger Milliken, who is really the husband, while Mr. Billington was sufficiently irritable as Mr. Pappendick, M.A. Miss Violet Vanbrugh and Mr. C. M. Lowne are interesting as lovers, while Mr. Aubrey Boucicault made a favourable first appearance. A word is also due to Mr. G. Shelton, who is drily humorous as a servant to the Don.

Avenue.—Monday evening last saw the 150th performance of that popular and spirited piece "The Old Guard." Every one was in the best of spirits, and we may say that the play never went better. New songs and dances, with fresh business had been introduced, with the result that those who have already seen it will do well to go again and compare the present edition with the old. Mr. Arthur Roberts was never in better humour than on Monday last, his humorous sayings and business thoroughly delighting the audience. Miss Marion Edgcombe and Miss Fanny Wentworth were in good voice, while Miss Phillis Broughton introduced a new and attractive dance. Miss Henrietta Polak, Messrs. John Dallas, Alec Marsh and Joseph Tapley all scored well. Several floral tributes were awarded during the performance. "The Old Guard" has undoubtedly started a new lease of life.

Mr. A. W. Pinero's new domestic drama, in three acts, entitled "Sweet Lavender," will be produced at Terry's theatre next Wednesday evening. The caste is a strong one, Mr. Edward Terry taking the part of a barrister. The whole of the action of the play takes place in spring time of the present day, at the chambers of Messrs. Phenyl and Hale.

On Monday afternoon, the 19th instant, Mr. Meyer Lutz, the popular musical Director of the Gaiety Theatre, takes his annual benefit. A most attractive programme has been provided, consisting of the second act of "Frankenstein," the third act of Balfe's "Bohemian Girl," and a new farce, "Good Business," with numerous incidentals. The booking is already great, so that we may anticipate a "bumper" on the occasion.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed on Tuesday next, the 20th inst., at the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, No. 1839, meeting at the Queen's Arms, Queen Street, Cheapside, commencing at 7 p.m. Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will officiate as Consecrating Officer, and will be assisted by Brothers W. W. Morgan P.M. 211 (who will deliver the Oration), A. J. Dixie W.M. 453 (who will act as Director of Ceremonies), and other well known Masons. The musical arrangements have been entrusted to Bro. H. S. Trego, Mus. Bach. Oxon, Organist 1839. The brethren are requested to wear Masonic clothing. At the conclusion of the ceremonies refreshments will be provided for those who choose to partake.

The Diamond Butterfly presented by the Freemasons of England to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and of which we give an illustration elsewhere, was designed and manufactured by Messrs. Johnson, Walker and Tolhurst, Wholesale Jewellers, 80 Aldersgate Street, London. We understand that Mr. Walker senior, a member of the firm, was initiated in the Tusan Lodge, No. 14, some time since.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 17th MARCH.

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
1558—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, 19th 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, 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.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
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
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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
238—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
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
1189—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Hamsworth
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 20th MARCH.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-steps, 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.
765—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, Powell-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Throgmorton 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)
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)
1549—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)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
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, at 6.30
R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
R.A. 40—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1611—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C. 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
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
488—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
999—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 6. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Boguor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045—Wharton, Willesden
2136—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
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. 206—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 21st MARCH.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Canonbury Lane, W., 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 Horse, Stamford Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
709—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
86—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.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 316 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1707—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1901—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1904—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1692—Beresford, 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. (Inst.)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1985—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
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.—Grand Masters, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
M.M.—Tuscan, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street
M.M. 181—Francis Burnett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Greenwich
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Preston, Lancashire
124—Mount Sinai, Pudding-hill Lodge, Portsmouth
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, Joan-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigton
200—Old Concord, Masonic Hall, Stockport
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
236—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cockermouth
258—Amphitheon, Freemasons' Hall, Hockerill Street
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325—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lendal Square, Salford
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380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
461—Sutherland, Town Hall, Barnsley
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1208—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester
1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
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
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R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
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R.A. 1375—Architect, Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury

THURSDAY, 22nd MARCH.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
1168—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
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)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Gravesend Park, Clapham Rd., 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, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Clapham Rd. (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, Alchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, York-shire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush, at 8 (Inst)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 8—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 13—Hiram, Greyhound, Richmond
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Mill Hesom, Lancashire
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Devonport
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Hasling den
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Ratcliffe, Lancashire
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
684—Derbyshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
830—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
859—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
1060—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend-on-Sea
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
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
1506—Edmunton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1588—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
882—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, Burghley, Peterborough
R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
R.A. 1245—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 23rd MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 8
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.)
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
834—Ravelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1295—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2040—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Port 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. 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. 356—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
454—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1821—Athingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 162—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 24th MARCH.

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)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1388—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Ecclesion, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
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 Street, W., at 8
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
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

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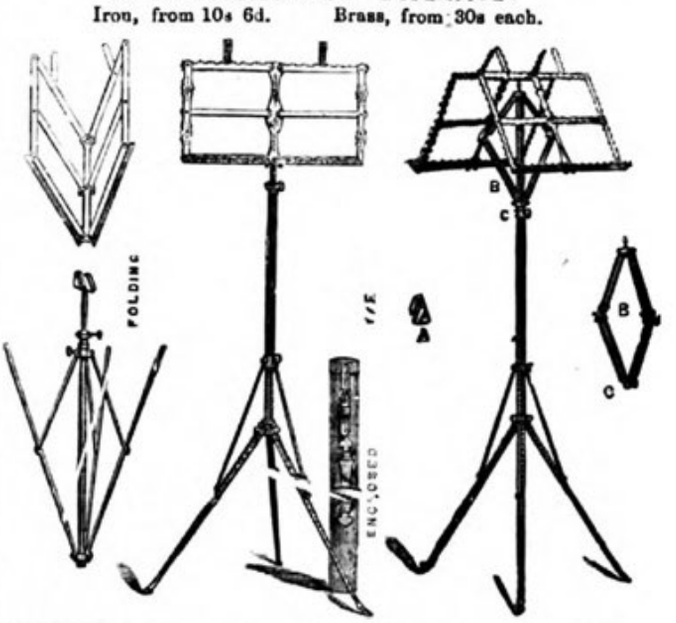
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THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE GIRL'S SCHOOL.

THE ballot papers for the usual Half-yearly Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which this year will take place on Saturday, the 14th April, contains the names of forty-two candidates, while the number of declared vacancies is eleven. It will thus be seen that only about one in four of those eligible to compete can hope for success at the coming contest, which may therefore be expected to be a severe one. There are two candidates on the list who will next month make their last application, No. 13, Kate L. Boning and No. 24, Melinda Alexandrine Marie. The former of these was a candidate in October last, and on that occasion 487 votes were polled on her behalf, which number will have to be very considerably increased before her friends can even hope for success. She is one of three fatherless children; her father was initiated in the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441, Cambridgeshire, in 1872, subscribing thereto until the time of his death in 1884. We are sure the Cambridgeshire Masons will do their best to secure the success of this candidate, and are none the less certain they will fully appreciate any outside help that is rendered. It must be remembered that whatever votes are polled will help to win a place for a child who now makes the final application her age permits. Much the same may be said of the child Marie, No. 24 on the list. Her father was admitted in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1003, Jersey, in 1882, and also subscribed until death. His widow is now left with the charge of this child, and appeals to her late husband's brother Masons to relieve her of a part of her burden. May she receive the support the circumstances of her case deserve.

Fourteen of the remaining cases are associated with Metropolitan Lodges; thirteen of the Girls being daughters of London Masons, while one is the daughter of a brother who was initiated in Norfolk, and afterwards joined a town Lodge. Only four of these fourteen took part in the last election, the remaining ten being new to the present list. No. 3, Maud Mary Freeman, only missed election in October last by 33 votes, her total on that occasion being 1605, so that she should stand a good opportunity next month, but her friends must bear in mind that there were sixteen elected when they lost with 1605 votes, so that a much larger number will be needed now, with only eleven vacancies. Her father, a P.M. of the Justice Lodge, No. 147, as well as her mother, is alive, and they have eight children dependent on them, one only being partially provided for, while another is in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We wish the parents success in their endeavours to secure election for their daughter. No. 5, Sarah Bissett, is daughter of a brother "lost at sea between 1881 and 1882;" he was an initiate of Temperance in the East Lodge, No. 898, and left a widow with five children, now dependent on her for support. She has already secured 234 votes on behalf of the daughter now before the subscribers to the Girls' School, and will, it is to be hoped, secure her admission to the Institution ere long. No. 6, Henrietta Ada Staff, is one of six children dependent on a widowed mother. Her father was initiated in the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, in 1885, less than twelve months before his death, but during his short association with Freemasonry he qualified as a "contributor" to the Benevolent Institution. His daughter's candidature for the Girls' School has been so far supported that she now appeals, for the second time, with 444 votes to her credit. No. 7, Olga Katinka Tettenborn, is the case in which Norfolk and London are jointly interested, she being the daughter of a brother initiated in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 943, who afterwards joined the Metropolitan, No. 1507. She has had a brother educated in the Boys' School, and is one of three children, one of whom is partially provided for, now dependent on their widowed mother. She has 145 votes to her credit. All the other London cases are first applications. No. 32, Mabel Margaret Edmeston, is one of nine children left by an initiate of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, who was also associated with the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, in which latter he passed the chair. No. 23, Adelaide Howett Jane Harling (Clapton Lodge, No. 1365), No. 25, Priscilla Minnie Swaebe (Joppa Lodge, No. 188, and Euphrates Lodge, No. 212), and No. 26, Hester Mary Burt (Bank of England Lodge, No. 263), are each members of families in which a widowed mother has five children dependent on her. No. 38, Dora Sims, is one of four children now dependent on the widow of the late Senior Warden of the London Lodge, No. 108, wherein he was initiated in 1869. No. 19, Lilian May Astington, is also one of four left to the care of a widowed mother, but in this case one child is partially provided for. The father was initiated in Old England Lodge, No. 1790. No. 21, Laura Amelia Thaw, is one of two children now dependent on her mother, the widow of an initiate of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076; she has a brother in the Boys' School. No. 33, Annie Elizabeth Alice Sumner, is also one of two now dependent on their mother. The father was made a Mason in the Royal Arthur Lodge, No. 1360, and subsequently joined the Wanderers, No. 1604. No. 27, Ellen Anne Blanche Pooler, is really a parentless child, her father having died, while her mother was divorced. The case is accredited to the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, in which the father was I.G. No. 37, Frances Norah Wells, is the daughter of a brother who appears to have taken great interest in Freemasonry. He was initiated in the Panmure Lodge, No. 720; afterwards joined the Oak, No. 190, and there rose to the rank of Senior Warden; he also joined the St. Paul's, No. 194. He had a record of 20½ years Masonic membership, and during that period was not unmindful of the Charities, to all of which he qualified as Life Governor. We hope the good he did during his lifetime will be repaid, with interest, on behalf of his daughter.

Devonshire, Kent, Cumberland and Westmoreland, and Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, are each interested in three cases, although in the two latter responsibility is shared with other districts. No. 4, Norah Geach, is the daughter of a brother initiated in the Devon Lodge, No. 1138, and is an only child dependent on her widowed mother. She was a candidate in October last, and on that occasion 181 votes were recorded on her behalf. No. 9, Fanny Clark Campbell, is also an only child dependent, but in her case both parents are living; the father, however, is insane. He was initiated in the Pleiades Lodge, No. 710, and subsequently joined the St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39. His daughter has 106 votes to her credit, and will, we hope, receive such support at the coming contest as will entitle her to a place in the School. The other

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Devonshire case is No. 15, Alice Katie Beatrice Prout, one of four children left by a brother affiliated to the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, of which he became Past Master; the child now makes her first application.

No. 11, Lily Martin, is first on the Kentish list, and comes forward with 1619 votes in hand, that being the largest number polled by an unsuccessful candidate at the last contest, and only 18 short of the lowest then successful. She is one of five children dependent on her mother. The father, an initiate of the Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449, died in 1887. No. 20, Alice Winifred Bingham, whose mother has five children wholly, and two partially, dependent on her, is the daughter of a brother of the Weald of Kent Lodge, No. 1854, and has a brother in the Boys' School. She now makes her first application for admission to the sister Charity. No. 29, Florence Charlotte Hemmings, daughter of a brother initiated in the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, is one of four fatherless children, and will no doubt in turn receive the support of her father's brother Masons of his Province of Kent. We hope the turn of each may not be long in coming round.

Cumberland and Westmoreland is represented by No. 10, Jane Routledge Wilkinson. She is one of four children dependent on the widow of a brother initiated in the Perseverance Lodge, No. 371, of which he was I.G.; she goes to the poll with 125 votes brought forward. No. 18, Margaret Carter, is one of a family of three who have lost both parents. Fortunately, they are all partially provided for, but not to such an extent as to exclude this child from the benefits of the Girls' School. The father was initiated in the Union Lodge, No. 129. The other case in which this Province is interested is No. 41, which will be noticed under the head of West Yorkshire.

No. 22 is a case jointly accredited to Cornwall and Hampshire; we shall refer to it later on. No. 28, Leonie Rosamond Lee, is one of six dependent children. Her father, who was initiated in Harmony Lodge, No. 309, died in 1887, having continued a member of his Lodge from his initiation, in 1883, until that time. No. 30, Edith Hannah Hopgood, is one of five dependent children left by a brother initiated in the Phœnix Lodge, No. 257, who afterwards joined the Prince of Wales, No. 951, Gloucestershire, of which latter he ultimately became W.M., and attained the rank of G.D.C. of the Province.

East Lancashire has two candidates; No. 17, Geraldine Enid Pennington, is one of three children left by an initiate and Past Master of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, and No. 40, Clara Vyvyan O'Hara, who is one of five left by an initiate of the Waverley Lodge, No. 1322. Both are first application cases.

West Yorkshire sends No. 36, Clara Hodgson, one of three children, whose father became a Mason in 1880, in De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 837, and, as we have already said, shares with Cumberland and Westmoreland responsibilities in connection with No. 41, Florence Ellen Barton, who is one of three children dependent on her mother. The father was initiated in Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, afterwards joined the Whitwell, No. 1390, and therein rose to the dignity of Past Master. He also received appointment as Grand Chaplain in the Provincial Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland.

No. 39, Mabel Alice Cookes, who has had a sister in the Girls' School, comes from Warwickshire, her father having been initiated in the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284, of which he became a Past Master. She is one of three children now dependent on their mother, the father having died in 1883. No. 42, Frances Jesse Short, the last case on the list, is accredited jointly to Warwickshire and Madras, the father having been initiated in the Lodge of Light, No. 468, and became a joining member of No. 273 (Universal Charity). Both parents are yet living, and they have seven children dependent on them for support.

No. 1, Georgina Balch, has had a sister in the Institution, and herself comes forward with 384 votes brought from the October contest. Neither of the parents are living; there are two children dependent on friends, one partially provided for. The father was initiated in the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 976, Somersetshire. No. 2, Ruby Rosetta Webster, comes to us from abroad, her father having been a member of Duke of Sussex Lodge, No. 1080, and Kent Lodge of East Collingwood, No. 845, in the District of Victoria. She is one of two children dependent on her mother, and has been so far fortunate as to poll 844 votes towards securing her election. No. 8, Mabel Elizabeth Bruce, from the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, Essex, is one of five children left to the charge of her widowed mother. She has 372 votes to her credit. No. 12, Mary Melita Tink, has had a brother in the Boys' School, and her friends have already secured 441 votes on her account for the Girls' Institution. There are two children now dependent on the mother, who is the wife of an old member of St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622, Dorsetshire. No. 14, Florence Helen Crompton, is jointly accredited to Cheshire and the Western Division of Lancashire, her father having been initiated in St. John Lodge, No. 104, and joined Prince Leopold, No. 1588, and Urmston, No. 1730. He rose to the rank of P.M. in the Craft. Four of his children are now dependent on the widow. No. 16, Ethel Lilian Julia Wells, is one of five children dependent on their mother, the widow of a brother initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, Suffolk, of which he became S.D. No. 22, Mary Ponsford Gould, is the case already mentioned as jointly associated with Cornwall and Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The father was admitted a Mason in the Fowey Lodge, No. 977, and became J.W. thereof, while he joined St. Hubert, No. 1373, and rose to S.D. therein. There are three of his children now dependent on their widowed mother. No. 31, Hilda Maude Liverd is a Berks and Bucks candidate, and is one of three children dependent on their mother. The father was initiated in the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, and became Senior Deacon therein; he was also a member of the Herschel Lodge, No. 1894, and became Junior Warden thereof. No. 34, Henrietta Jessie Codling, whose father was an initiate and J.D. of the Southwell Lodge, No. 1405, Nottinghamshire, is one of five children left to the care of a widowed mother; while No. 35, Anita Mary Thorne, is a Cornwall lass, one of three now relying on their mother for maintenance. The father was admitted in the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, and rose to the dignity of Past Master thereof, a rank which we trust will stand his daughter in good stead, now that she comes to need the help of her father's Masonic brethren.

Thus we conclude our review of the several candidates on the list for next month's Election. If we have not done as much as the friends of each desire we must crave their indulgence. We have done the little that lies in our power, and only regret it is not possible for us to render such assistance as would secure the election of one and all of them at the contest. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. All we can add is our very best wishes and the expression of the hope that those most deserving of aid will be found occupying the eleven places highest on the list after the poll on Saturday, the 14th proximo.

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PROPERLY to appreciate the purpose of a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons requires a degree of inspirational ardour seldom vouchsafed to any except those who have become fully imbued with the meaning of the principles we, as a Fraternity, advocate and defend.

To embrace in one thought the many interests which hang upon the deliberations of this body, is not within the possibilities of a moment. It is a reflection for hours, during which the ages must pass in review before the mind. Those interests are the offspring of principles issuing from the mind of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and running down to us in channels cut through centuries of changeful life, but containing the same stream of civilizing purpose, and perfuming with the breath of a changeless benevolence the lives into which it flows, as when it first burst forth in the wisdom of Solomon.

In the midst of social, religious and political revolutions and convulsions, always and everywhere Freemasonry has been recognized as the conservative power which has given a balance to extremes and has formed a bulwark against ignorance and oppression. Even in the dark ages, when the Church of Rome imprisoned education and learning of all kinds within the gloomy walls of monasteries, the members of our Society stood forth as the champions of liberal thought and free learning, the promoters of peace among men, on the basis of the brotherhood of the race, the protectors and supporters of destitute widows and orphan children, and the earnest advocates of those principles of morality which the Bible teaches.

I need not recount in a particular manner the history of our Fraternity, or attempt to paint with words of praise the

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great dazzling achievements which have proved her right to a prominent place in the history of the world's progress. All this is well known to you. My duty is far more difficult than this. It is, if possible, to impress you most sensibly with such a view of our obligations to the times in which we live, that the future shall feel bound to bless us for our noble acts and not to reprove us for our ignoble neglects. An institution which has so strong, so independent, so powerful a life of its own as ours has, must find a true power, a true inspiration, in its own past history; must contain within itself the accumulations of past life; must have inherited traditions, which supply the most healthy means of the highest improvement; must be responsible for much which it has received, and which it is bound to hand on unimpaired. It is true, of course, that any such body of men as that we represent must acquire a common life. It is true, also, that when that common life has so much variety within it, comprises so many different functions, leaves so much play to all the infinite variety of human impulses, aims at such important objects, it necessarily exercises a most important influence and possesses a high dignity. And, therefore, it would be a real gain if we could leave this place with a stronger sense of the duty we owe to one another and to the world. Such a feeling surrounds the work and the regulations and the old traditions with an honour of their own, and we more fully recognise the fact that we have received something from the past which we are to labour on and to transmit in the best form that we can give to it. The thing of highest value that we have received is not the traditions of the Institution, but the spirit of striving upward and of making all things better as the condition of keeping all things healthy.

Holding in our hands the lamp of a noble purpose, let us examine our present surroundings, and then scan the horizon to see what reflections it casts forward from to-day. We are taught that Masonry is a progressive science, and that as we increase in knowledge our obligations correspondingly increase. These obligations are not alone to assist those who kneel at our altar, but rather to aid in promoting and advancing the moral and intellectual culture of man. We should, in the matter of education, then, feel a present as well as traditional pride. Living as we do under a republican form of government, in which the people are the rulers as well as the subjects, it is admittedly essential to the safety of our political institutions that this great aggregation of rulers should attain a standard of morals and education at least high enough to render them capable of dealing honestly and intelligently with every political and social question which the progress of the age forces into notice. Time was when opposition to our Craft sought justification for itself in the belief that Freemasonry was inimical to every public interest but its own, and while proclaiming itself a patron of learning, of the arts and sciences, it did not by positive or practical methods encourage them. But happily that belief is passing away, and the time has come when it behoves us to give more practical proofs of the reality of our claim—of making more positive efforts to support it. For this reason, and for the benefit of Freemasonry in the future, it should become a recognised part of the general policy of our Society to uphold and aid, in every way possible or consistent, the educational system of our country in our organised capacity as Masons, as well as in our capacity as individual members of the general government of the country.

Then, again, the loud mutterings of socialism and anarchism, heard on every hand, already warn us that the rising generation will be called on to cope with questions of social and political gravity, demanding the exercise of those principles upon which alone the sanctity of home and the safety of the State can be secured. When such statements can be made by men in public life as were recently made by men in New York City, before the Anti-Poverty Society, that a poor man cannot be advised to put his trust in God—surely it is time for Freemasons to lay more positive stress upon the fundamental teachings of their organisation. We cannot assert that our social system is right because it is ancient or because it is established. It is plain that there is much in the existing order of things which is defective, wrong, and dangerous.

The inequalities of human life in our own country are glaring, notwithstanding the advantages we enjoy above almost every nation in the world. While these inequalities exist, men will ask, "Are these differences of condition necessary and inevitable, or are they, to a great extent, a perversion of the Divine order, and brought about by evils which are remediable?" These questions ought to press heavily upon our minds. If we have any loyalty to our origin we will consider anxiously what relation the brotherhood spirit, as manifested in the primary life of our Fraternity, bears to our modern customs and opinions. Socialism is the generic and vague name of various schemes of society which are proposed as substitutes for the established order of things. Indiscriminate vituperation of socialism is not merely idle—it is foolish and injurious; for every true Mason has in him a germ of socialism, and every socialist a germ of Masonry. The teachings of experience and of Holy Scripture afford all that is needed to discriminate the true from the false in socialistic theories. Personal character can ward off many ills, but the only remedy for our social maladies is the spirit of that brotherhood which recognises the sanctity of home, the rights of property ownership, and the equality of man. We cannot all expect to attain the same honours and rewards. Our ancient Grand Master Solomon, King of Israel, when he first instituted the Fraternity of Freemasons, divided the members into orders and ranks—some higher degrees, and some lower—according to their proficiency in their several stations and places. The highest honours and rewards were open to all, but only those who prove themselves most proficient could receive them. Honours and rewards of the lower kind could be obtained by others in the several subordinate ranks of the Fraternity, but the same opportunities were open to all who showed a spirit of upward striving, and any dissatisfaction at failure to reach the highest was dissipated by self-judging justice. The same way is open to all in secular life to-day. The same order has subserved the best interests of society in the past, and the same order should continue to be maintained. Men generally should be made to realise that Freemasonry has the power to protect them in their varied interests, and to harmonise, in a measure, the inequalities of life which produce so many ills.

The questions naturally arise:—"How can Masonry produce a more healthy feeling in the public mind, and what action, if any, is necessary to that end?" These are difficult of solution, but we must admit it to be a self-evident truth that any institution or society is beneficial in proportion as it assists individuals to attain a higher manhood; for it is from the social stand-point that human life is to be viewed. The better and higher plane that individual manhood attains, the more healthy and peaceful is the social life. The fundamental lessons taught in Masonry, we all know, are the basis of true manhood; and those who most fully embody these lessons in their every-day life attain to the highest eminence and wield the most useful influence in society.

Is not much of the present existing state of society due to a tendency to individualism as against community feeling—the life-giving principle of society? Has not self-love, instead of brotherly love, moulded the actions of individuals in their relations in life with others to such an extent as to produce the existing state of affairs?

That Masonry, in membership, has been and is rapidly increasing, is well known, yet this unhealthy and disorganising sentiment in society has been as rapidly increasing. Can we then say that Masonry, in its own true spirit, has been keeping progress with time? We are taught that persons upright before God and of good repute among men (the qualifications of a true Mason), when associated together, naturally seek each other's welfare equally with their own. Is it not evident that in Masonry members are not to-day all imbued with the same spirit which animated our ancient Masters when they founded the institution of Free and Accepted Masons? Is it not evident that our portals have not been properly guarded in admitting to membership, or that the rough ashlars have not been hewn to that state essential to form a perfect stone in the moral and social edifice?

While our numbers have been fast increasing, the number has also increased who, after having been admitted into our Fraternity and taught the high principles of morality and virtue by beautiful ceremonies and lectures, have become non-affiliates—Masons in name, not in spirit.

A diseased portion of the human body sends with each pulsation of the heart its poison into the whole body, and, unless removed, ultimately produces death; so with societies, unhealthy, unworthy membership will constantly spread the disease of discontent, and, if permited to con-

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tinue, will, sooner or later, undermine the foundation walls and cause the edifice to fall.

Those who in Masonry see only forms and ceremonies, which in a short time lose their attractive qualities—who do not become impressed with the spirit of its teachings, who do not enjoy the fellowship of its members, who have no love for its sublime teachings, and who manifest no desire to aid in advancing and promoting its objects—must of necessity exert a disorganizing and unhealthy influence. Every individual, of whatever rank or station in life, exerts an influence for good or for evil. If Masonry would continue in the future, as it has in the past, to wield a powerful influence for good in the upbuilding of society and maintaining good government, it must maintain its own organization in a sound and healthy state; for as a rill from a fountain increases as it flows, rises into a stream, and swells into a river, so, symbolically, are the origin and course of the good deeds and name we would transmit. At first, its beginning is small; it takes its rise from the home, its natural source, extends to the neighbourhood, stretches through the community, and finally takes a range proportioned to the qualities by which it is supported.

Let us then, first, guard well the entrance of our Lodge; second, so perform our work that each rough ashlar will occupy an important place in the temple we erect; and, lastly, by the exercise of wholesome legislation prune our society from unhealthy and slothful membership.

I have ventured to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to these questions, not in the spirit of criticism, but in the hope of inducing serious reflection upon the opportunity now passing before us for adopting a policy of practical benefit to the time we live in, and of securing greater honour to the Institution itself in time to come.—*Keystone.*

A NEW MASONIC FOSSIL.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

MASONIC writers have again and again claimed the Essenes as Brother Masons, and some intimate that John the Baptist was an Essene. Some Christian writers suppose that even Jesus was an Essene. But be that as it may, I have a small book before me, size 6 inches by 4, which claims to furnish conclusive evidence that Jesus took the first degree of *Essenianism*. The title page of the said book is as follows:—

Part I.

"Important concealed information obtained from an old manuscript, found in Alexandria, which shows that Jesus in a trance was taken down from the cross, brought to life again, and in reality died six months after, within a secret religious society, called Essene Brethren, of which he was a member."

Part II.

"The Brethren among the Jews, a Manuscript for Freemasons. Chicago, Stillman and Pitkin, 81 Jackson Street."

From another page I learn that the book was printed in 1873, and as to the best of my knowledge the said book has never been noticed before in any Masonic publication, I shall lay what I can learn from it before the readers of the Freemason's Chronicle, and here is part of the preface:—

"A member of the Abyssinian Mercantile Company discovered, in Alexandria, an ancient house, formerly occupied by Grecian Friars, in whose oblivion and abandoned library was found an old pergament (doubtless some old Masonic word). A French literateur, accidentally present, at once began to decipher it, but a missionary in the Order, of fanatical orthodoxy, tried by all means to destroy the antique document. But the efforts of the Jesuit missionary do not seem to have been successful, as a copy of the Latin original was written, which copy, through Freemasons, found its way to Germany. It has been proved, from the archæological discoveries made on the spot, that the house where the pergament was found was owned and occupied by the Order of Essenes. Further that the document found was the only remains of literature from the once well-filled library of this scientific and religious Order or Brotherhood."

"The French literateur who conceived the importance and historical worth of the manuscript tried hard to enrich the French Academy with the original, but owing to the intrigues of the Jesuit mission in Egypt, bent on destroying a document so detrimental to their doctrines, he was not successful, although it was preserved principally through the interference of influential Abyssinian Merchants, and Pythagorical Societies, from whom the copy above spoken of came into the possession of the modern Institution of Freemasons, and a Society in Germany now without doubt possesses the only copy in existence.

"As regards the discovered antique document, it consisted of a letter, which the so-called 'Terapute' (the elder), the highest esteemed member of the Brotherhood, had written to his brethren in Alexandria, in the name of the Brotherhood in Jerusalem. This letter was written by him only a few years after the death of Jesus; it gives a full description of the doctrines and death of Jesus, who the letter proves to have belonged to, and been a member of, their Brotherhood. Rumours of his miracles, and finally of his martyrdom, had also reached Alexandria, and as the brethren there had a conviction that he was their brother, preached their doctrines, used their sign of recognition, and lived in accordance with their rules, they manifested a desire to be informed on the subject, as to the real truth of the matter. To obtain this information their leader, or 'Terapute,' had written a letter to his colleagues in Jerusalem, who in reply wrote this letter, from which we obtain a clear and truthful account of this important and interesting subject. It is a fact, that never has been doubted by those familiar with ancient history, that the Essenes always spoke and wrote the strictest truth, and this, added to their moral and scientific lives, puts an end to any doubt as to the correctness and genuineness of the information given in the ancient discovered letter."

The above is followed by two pages, eulogising the Essene Brotherhood, and is continued as follows:—

"This Order, of which the present Freemasonry is the modern issue, was at the time of Jesus widely diffused through Palestine and Egypt, and had their colonies scattered all over the country. They always kept up a congenial fraternal feeling in their meetings, and gave each other information about the affairs of the Brotherhood. They counted among their members men of all professions and stations in society, and although comprising a great many learned men and rich persons (who sometimes found it to their interest to keep this secret) they never did exclude the poor or persons of moderate circumstances.

"Thus we have all reasons to credit this letter, dictated by the love of truth, and written by a man who had been an eye-witness to most of the important transactions in the life and death of Jesus, who, as a member of their Order, was embraced by them with all the fraternal devotion of the Order."

From the title page may be inferred that the writer of the old "pergament" (as it is called) did not agree with the New Testament writer, about the death of Jesus. The following extracts show that he differed from them on other points, he says:—

"You wonder that the belief in the supernatural and miracles should gain foothold in our midst, when you know that we all have to bear the responsibility for the actions of one of our members.

"Therefore, you ought to know that the rumour is like wind. Where it commenced it drives the pure air away ahead, but in its progress it receives all vapours and mist from the earth, and when it has passed some distance it creates darkness, instead of clear pure air, of which it was first composed, and at last consists solely of particles it has received during its progress. It is even so as regards the rumour about Jesus and his fate.

"Furthermore, consider that the inspired men that have written and informed of him were often carried away by their enthusiasm, and in their devotion and simplicity they believed all things the people, naturally superstitious, told them."

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"Know then that Jesus is our 'brother,' has himself vowed, when at Jutha was admitted in the first degree of our Order.

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"Now that I write this to you, the Jews have seven times ate the lamb of the Passover since our Brother was crucified, whom we all loved, and in whom God was glorified."

Bro. Adams, an old well-known Boston Mason, informed

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me that the anti-masons, during the anti-masonic excitement, circulated a report that Jesus was a Mason, and because he revealed the Masonic secrets the Jewish Masons caused his crucifixion. The above "discovered" old document tells another story about the Masonry of Jesus. But be that as it may, as my main object was, and is, to call the attention of our learned Brethren to the above wonderful Masonic fossil, I shall only add that the Preface covers eight pages of the book. The old "pergament" fills about sixty-two pages. Next comes near sixteen pages of "Closing Remarks of the German Translator," which proves (in orthodox Masonic fashion) the genuineness and authenticity of the said document. And last, comes "Part II.," of near 30 pages, headed "The Order of the Essenes" in which essay all that Josephus and Philo wrote about the Essenes is reproduced, and a good deal more besides. The writer proves conclusively that the Essenes were brimful of faith, piety, and virtue. But for all that, viewing them from a commonsense standpoint, I simply regard them as I do the Monks, Hermits, Quietists, Salvation Army, and all other highly wrought religious perfectionists, as no more and no less than a mere pack of conceited or *deluded cranks*, and I am not at all proud of their alleged relationship to our modern Masonry.

BOSTON, U.S., 29th February 1888.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, on Thursday, 15th instant, and, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. August Perl, the Worshipful Master, who is seriously ill, was presided over by Bro. T. J. Cusworth P.M. Among those present were Bros. F. Perl (W.M. elect) S.W., J. E. Chubb J.W., Rev. C. Stevens Chap., John Stilwell P.M. Treasurer; S. C. Haslip, T. Bartlett, Alfred John Potter, H. J. Gabb and C. Weeden Past Masters; C. H. Ockelford S.D., J. R. Cordell J.D., and J. Bleckley Smith I.G., together with several other members of the Lodge, and the following visitors:—C. Riechelmann P.M. 515, J. Tanner P.M. 1457, W. Carey W.M. 1571, C. H. Halford S.D. 1607, A. Combes S.D. 820, J. F. Saunders Steward 1507, E. Kerr 241 New York, W. Oakley Welsford 1321, R. Pierpoint P.M. 177, W. Blitz 177, J. Wilson 1708, C. Gieseke P.M. 1627. We may here express our regret at the absence of Bro. R. R. Harper P.M., the Secretary of the Lodge, who, like the W.M. of the past year, is seriously ill. We trust they both may be speedily restored to health. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Smith was raised to the sublime degree, after which Bro. F. Perl was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and appointed his Officers:—Chubb S.W., Ockelford J.W., Rev Stevens Chap., Stilwell Treasurer, Harper Secretary, Cordell S.D., Smith J.D., Richards I.G., Millson D.C., Cammach and Levesque Stewards, Turbefield Tyler. The installation having been completed in due form, Mr. Watson Dyer was admitted as a candidate for Freemasonry; in due course receiving the benefits of the first degree. Other business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed, and the banquet was served, after which the usual toasts were honoured. That of the Queen was followed by the National Anthem, and then the W.M. proposed the health of the Prince of Wales. That being the first meeting of the Lodge after the Silver Wedding-day of the Prince and Princess he felt the brethren would heartily drink to their health, congratulating them on the celebration of such an event. Speaking of the Grand Officers, the Master said Masons must be very pleased at having such noblemen at their head as those who ruled over the destinies of the Craft. Bro. Bartlett proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He was very sorry the proper custodian of the gavel for such a toast was not present that night, as he felt no one could do better with the toast. The present ruler had done sufficient to prove himself capable of conducting the affairs of the Lodge. All the members wished him a successful year of office, from the beginning to the finish. In reply to the toast the W.M. thanked one and all for the position he had been placed in that night. He should endeavour to uphold the dignity of the Lodge in a manner equal to what had been done by those who had preceded him in the chair. He next proposed the health of the Installing Master. He knew this toast would meet as hearty a reception as any he should propose that night. The way in which Bro. Cusworth had worked must have created envy in the minds of all. If all could succeed in the work as he had done that night they would have something to boast of. Bro. Cusworth tendered his thanks for the kind way in which they had listened to him, and had honoured the toast just proposed. As one of the Past Masters of the Lodge he ever strove to do his duty. He always strove to fill up a gap, whenever such arose, to the best of his ability. The Past Masters one and all were equal to any emergency, and he had simply done what any of those belonging to the New Concord Lodge would do. The reason that he had undertaken the installation was because the Immediate Past Master had asked him to instal his brother. The toast of the initiate followed. In proposing it the W.M. felt he was speaking of one who would take a warm interest in the Lodge, and would fill, or prove himself efficient to fill, any office the brethren might call upon him to take up. He had known him for many years, and felt justified in saying he was one who would prove an acquisition to the Lodge. The initiate replied. He felt somewhat like the person who, having had the misfortune to lose his wife, was told by the undertaker that he must ride to the funeral in the same coach as his mother-in-law. He got into the coach, but looking mournfully at the undertaker said, you have spoilt the day for me. So it was with him; as soon as he had been told he had to make a speech, he felt the day was spoilt, but after the reception he had met with he did not think it would be as bad as that. He would not say much, lest his youth in the Craft might lead him into error, but he thought that the brethren around him had not only proved themselves capable of doing their work in the Lodge, but of enjoying themselves after it as Englishmen. He was very thankful to the Worshipful Master for introducing him and hoped he should prosper in the Craft. The health of the Immediate Past Master was next proposed, the brethren most heartily wishing him speedy recovery. The W.M. felt his brother would fully appreciate the vote of the Lodge on his behalf, and would prize the jewel they had been pleased to prepare for him. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

Presented to August Perl, by the Brethren of the
New Concord Lodge, No. 813,
in appreciation of his zeal and assiduity as W.M. 1887-8.
15th March 1888.

The next toast was that of the Visitors, without whom, said the Worshipful Master, the doings of the various Lodges would be unknown to each other. Bros. Carey, Tanner, Pierpoint, Halford and Combes replied. Bro. Carey was very gratified at what he had witnessed, and only hoped he should be able to do the work equally well when it came to his turn to instal his successor. Bro. Tanner spoke as a Past Master of four Lodges. He felt convinced the members of the Lodge had in their Worshipful Master a brother who would perform the work to their satisfaction. Bro. Pierpoint felt it a great honour to be present. He was not a stranger at the Lodge, having been present at each of its installations for many years past. He very much regretted the absence of his old friend, the Immediate Past Master and the Secretary, especially as it was ill-health that kept them away. Bro. Harper and the other Past Masters had worked to make the Lodge a truly homely one, and the present Worshipful Master had given evidence of following on the same lines. Moreover, he was well supported by his Officers. Bro. Halford had been gratified at the opportunity he had had of enjoying himself at the New Concord Lodge. Not only had he enjoyed the working in the Lodge, but also the entertainment which had been provided to succeed it. Bro. Combes had no idea they should receive such a treat as he had that night. He was an enthusiast in Freemasonry, and experienced great pleasure whenever he saw its ceremonies properly worked. The toast of the Past Masters was next proposed; Bro. Haslip replying; and then the Worshipful Master made a happy allusion to what he might term the silver wedding in Freemasonry of Bro. Bartlett. He had just learnt it was exactly twenty-five years ago, that day, that Bro. Bartlet had been made a Freemason in the New Concord Lodge. He was very pleased to see him still among them, and felt the members all joined in the wish that he might be spared to celebrate a golden wedding among them. Bro. Bartlett thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid him. As the Worshipful Master had said, it was twenty-five years ago that day that he was initiated. He had remained a member of the Lodge ever since, and if he was not now with them as frequently as he wished he was as often as he could. He had spent many happy hours in the Lodge, had twice served as its Master, and hoped to be present on many occasions in the future. In proposing the health of the Treasurer and Secretary the W.M. once more regretted the absence of Bro. Harper. The Treasurer they were proud to have among them: He was ever ready to lend his aid for the benefit of the New Concord Lodge. The W.M. coupled with the toast the health of the Officers of the Lodge, and it having been honoured the Treasurer and others replied. Prosperity to the Masonic Charities was given from the chair, and acknowledged by Bro. Haslip P.M., who returned thanks for the support rendered him as Steward at the recent Festival of the Benevolent Institution. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. A most enjoyable musical programme was provided, Bro. Joseph Wilson and Arthur Combes, together with Mr. Fuller, giving some excellent songs, while Bro. Carl Riechelmann ably presided at the piano. Bro. Combes's songs were especially good, and were heartily applauded, an encore being accorded to his rendering of "Killaloo."

BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 446.

THE 52nd anniversary of this Lodge was recently held, at the Townhall, Wells, when there was an unusually large attendance of brethren, there being visitors from Frome, Glastonbury, Langport Axbridge, &c. The W.M. (Bro. A. Law Wade) presided, and after some preliminary business installed Bro. J. Motes Atkins W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. afterwards invested the following Officers:—Bros. Law Wade I.P.M., McWilliam S.W., Wickenden J.W., Manning Treasurer, Rev. J. J. Downes Chaplain, Thrale Perkins Secretary, Knight S.D., Harte J.D., Drayton D.C., George I.G., Coates Org., Tate and Taylor Stewards, Horn Tyler. After the business of the Lodge was concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where a splendid banquet was prepared, to which nearly the whole of the Brethren sat down, under the presidency of the W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, interspersed with some capital singing by the Brethren.

ARBORETUM LODGE, No. 731.

THE anniversary of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby, and was attended with a great amount of success. The Arboretum is one of the largest and most prosperous Lodges in England, and is the strongest in the Province of Derbyshire. The attendance was very numerous, brethren coming from different parts of the shire,

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not merely out of compliment to the new Worshipful Master, Bro. J. W. Brigg, one of her Majesty's Sub-Inspectors of Schools, but in recognition of the valuable and conscientious labours of his predecessor, Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss. The ceremony of installation was admirably rendered by Bros. Woodiwiss and J. Bland, efficiently acting as Director of Ceremonies. The new Master subsequently invested and appointed his Officers, in the following order:—Bros. Woodiwiss I.P.M., Severn Taylor S.W., John Walker J.W., the Rev. Thomas Orrell Chaplain, Whittaker Treasurer, Wright Secretary, Sutherland S.D., John Jones J.D., W. Todd D.C., Forman Organist, Tarver I.G., Ward and Smith Stewards, Day Tyler. In presenting the retiring Master with a handsome jewel in recognition of his services, Bro. Brigg bore testimony to the zeal, geniality, and ability with which Bro. Woodiwiss had discharged the duties of the chair; and at the banquet, subsequently held in the large dining-room, Bro. Thomas Gee supplemented these remarks by remarking, amid the cheers of the brethren, that the past year had been one of the happiest and most prosperous in the history of the Arboretum Lodge. The banquet was partaken of by about a hundred brethren. The proceedings throughout were of a very hearty and enjoyable character, the musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Todd, being very much appreciated.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, the 19th instant, under the presidency of Bro. J. J. Wilson W.M. Lodge was regularly opened and advanced, Bro. Harry Mercer was raised, and Bro. Blackwell and Foyer passed. Bro. James Taplin was introduced as W.M. elect, and was installed in due form by Bro. J. Lonsdale P.M. D.C., the following brethren being subsequently appointed as the Officers for the year:—T. Brooks S.W., A. G. Fleming J.W., G. Fehrenbach P.M. Treas., H. W. Nicholson P.M. Sec., Thomas Aitken (absent) S.D., A. Carter J.D., C. Mead I.G., Lonsdale P.M. D.C., H. J. Bragg Org., H. Reed and Martin Stewards. The remainder of the installation ceremony having been performed in regular order, and other matters of business disposed of, among them being the reception of the Audit Committee's report, and the initiation of Mr. Frederick Ford, of Brentford, a gentleman who was proposed by Bro. Reed, and seconded by Bro. Hanson. The ceremony on his behalf was performed by the newly-installed Worshipful Master, who thus gave early proof of his proficiency in the chair. The ceremonies throughout the day were all well conducted. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet. It is with great pleasure we notice the present prosperity of this Lodge, which is the oldest in the Province of Middlesex. It now presents a firm front, and is, perhaps, in a state of greater prosperity than at any time in its history. Some years ago it was composed almost exclusively of London Masons, but now it has several local brethren on its roll, and is making a name for itself in the district. The balance sheet for the year shows assets amounting to £4 18s 8d over the liabilities, while there is a surplus of £41 17s 4d on the Benevolent Fund account, in the hands of the Treasurer. Much of the present success of the Lodge may be attributed to the exertions of, among others, Bro. William Coombes P.P.G.W. P.M., and for many years Secretary of the Lodge; German Fehrenbach P.M. Treasurer, H. W. Nicholson P.M. Secretary, and J. Lonsdale P.M. Among the visitors at Monday's installation was Bro. Woodward, the Provincial Grand Secretary, who, in speaking of the ruler of the Province said, Sir Francis Burdett was prevented through ill-health from being present at their meeting. Although much better than he had been, Sir Francis was still too unwell to come among them. He hoped, however, to meet the members of the Royal Union Lodge later in the year. Bro. Kendal was likewise present as a visitor, as also were Bros. W. W. Morgan, J. I. Cantle, Arthur Thomas, H. W. Schartau, &c. The three last named brethren contributed some excellent songs after the Lodge banquet.

METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

THE members held their annual meeting at their Lodge-rooms, Stonehouse, on Monday, the 19th inst. There was a crowded attendance. The W.M. elect, Bro. H. T. Sitters, was installed by Bro. W. Kennedy, assisted by Bro. S. Jew P.P.G.T. The Officers invested were:—Bros. Kennedy I.P.M., Trout S.W., King J.W., Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Chaplain, Cross P.P.G.T. Treasurer, Powell Secretary, Dymond S.D., Lugg J.D., Perkins sen. D.C., Huxtable A.D.C., Revill Organist, Perring I.G., Hughes, Facey, and Blight Stewards, and Gidley Tyler. The Rev. T. W. Lemon presented to the Lodge a large-sized coloured portrait, handsomely framed, of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., and a framed photo-lithograph of the late Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., for over twenty years P.G.M. of Cornwall. Both portraits are inscribed:—

"Presented to the Metham Lodge, No. 1205, by W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chaplain 189 (70, 1205, 2025 Hon.) P.P.G.C. of Devon, 19th March 1888."

Thanks were voted to Bro. Lemon, and directed to be entered on the minutes. Bros. Browning P.P.G.A.D.C. and Hifley P.P.G.A.D.C. were elected honorary members of the Lodge, in grateful recognition of their having taken a prominent part in its foundation over twenty years since. A vote of thanks, for his valuable services, was accorded to Bro. J. E. Poole, on his retiring from the Lodge, and regret expressed at his thus being prevented from being rewarded with the higher honours in the Lodge, which it was intended to have conferred upon him had not his private affairs removed him from the neighbourhood.

PEMBROKE LODGE, No. 1299.

THE annual festival in connection with the above Lodge was celebrated on the 16th instant, at Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby. Brother T. A. Withey W.M. opened the Lodge at three o'clock. The W.M.-elect (Brother S. Haden Jones) was presented for installation by Brothers W. S. Vines, and T. A. Withey the retiring W.M., and the ceremony of installation was performed by Brother J. J. Ramsay, in an efficient manner. The new W.M. afterwards invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as under:—Bros. Withey I.P.M., Booth S.W., Harrison J.W., Vines Treasurer, Ramsay Secretary, William Pearson S.D., Leach J.D., James Oakes I.G., Jones S.S., Galloway J.S., Jones A.S., and Ramsay D.C. Before the Lodge was closed Bro. Withey was presented with a P.M.'s jewel and apron by Bro. S. H. Jones, on behalf of the Lodge, and also with a silver salver for Mrs. Withey. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Brother Ramsay, the installing master, for his services. Subsequently the Brethren and invited guests dined together, when the usual toasts were proposed.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 9th instant, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Bros. Homan W.M., Heyes S.W., Dearing J.W., Weston P.M. Treasurer, Osborn P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex Secretary, Brown S.D., Garner J.D., Wright Organist, Greenfield P.M., Larter I.P.M., and a large number of brethren. Visitors—Bros. Potter P.M., Boote 1897, and others. Lodge having been opened and minutes confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bros. Miller, Mathewson, Alexander and Smith; to pass Bros. Wheeler, Hollier, Cates, Boote (of the Citadel Lodge, by request of its W.M.), and after ballot, to initiate Mr. Obadiah F. Wigley, the whole of the ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M., who is an acknowledged proficient in his studies. The death of Bro. Poulton having been announced, Bro. Greenfield moved, and Bro. Larter seconded, that a vote of sympathy be passed, and forwarded to his widow; this was carried unanimously, it being also arranged that the votes of the Lodge and members now pledged to the widow of Bro. Somers, be on a future occasion given for the benefit of Bro. Poulton's children. The election of W.M. for the ensuing twelve months was then proceeded with, and what cannot be termed other than an exciting contest took place between the supporters of the S.W. and J.W. Bro. Heyes S.W. was ultimately elected, he having kindly given place to the W.M. of the present year on the understanding that he was to be elected this time. Bro. Heyes, in returning thanks, expressed his surprise that a contest should have taken place, for no reason, but at the same time intimated that he would endeavour to do his duty as W.M. Bro. Weston was unanimously elected Treasurer and Bro. Thomas Tyler. Auditors were appointed, and a vote passed, with evident satisfaction to all the members, that a jewel of the value of ten guineas be presented to Bro. Homan for his valuable services. Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned until the second Friday in May. The brethren then partook of a plain repast, and after the usual toasts, Bro. Mark Kingborne sang "The Toilers," with marked effect, and Bro. Smith gave a recitation. The brethren separated at an early hour. Bro. Willie Wright presided at the organ and pianoforte. During the evening Bro. Greenfield intimated his intention to represent the Lodge at the next Festival (Centenary) of the Girls' Institution.

VERNON LODGE, No. 1802.

THE annual installation was held on Monday, 12th inst., at Retford, when there were several visitors from Doncaster, Worksop, North Lincolnshire, and London. Bro. W. G. Morton was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by the Rev. O. C. Cockrem, M.A., LL.D., Past Provincial Grand Chaplain. The Officers appointed were Bros. R. B. E. Ozle S.W., J. Walker S.D., E. Pigott J.D., J. A. H. Hirst Treasurer, W. J. Lazenby Secretary, P. Tomlinson I.G.

WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

THERE was a full attendance of the members of this Lodge on Thursday, the 15th instant, at the Public Hall, Carshalton, to witness the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Francis Carter, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Frederick West D.P.G.M. Surrey, Alfred Bishop I.P.M., the Rev. Lord Victor A. Seymour (Rector of Carshalton) Chaplain, W. Russell Crowe P.M., H. D. Aslett, Alfred W. Bulow, J. A. Taylor, H. E. Vickers, F. A. Norton, A. Bannister, A. H. Salter, John Kilvington, E. Crutchloe, P. Hine, Hanson, H. H. Doyle, R. H. Ward, J. M. Coates, Jas. Andrews, W. Harwood, J. Edwards, J. Rewcastle, W. W. Manley, W. Bassett, W. Harwood, and William Pile P.M. Secretary. The Lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. George W. Filmer was regularly installed in the chair, of King Solomon. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Francis Carter in a most impressive manner, Bro. Baldwin P.G.D. acting as Director of Ceremonies. The service was fully choral, Bro. J. Rewcastle presiding at the organ. The Officers for the year were then appointed, the collars being distributed as follow:—Bros. Carter I.P.M., Aslett S.W., Taylor J.W., the Rev. Lord Victor A. Seymour Chaplain, Crowe P.M. Treasurer, William Pile P.G.S.B. P.M. Secretary, Norton S.D., Edwards J.D., Ward I.G., Rewcastle Organist, Harward and Manley Stewards, and Rowley Tyler. The first duty of the new Master was to perform the ceremony of passing Bro. H. Marsh; this having been satisfactorily accomplished, he next proceeded to present his predecessor with a Past Master's jewel, as a mark of the esteem of the brethren on the completion of his year of office. In making the presentation the Worshipful Master said he trusted that when Bro. Carter wore the jewel he would remember his pleasant term of office; he had fulfilled the duties to the entire satisfaction of the Lodge. Bro. Carter having suitably replied, the Secretary reported that a poor brother waited without, and solicited assistance; he was

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vouched for by a letter from the Grand Secretary, and Bro. Pile considered it a case worthy of relief. The Worshipful Master then desired the S.D. to collect the contributions of the brethren; these amounted to a substantial sum, and were handed to the brother, who expressed his hearty thanks. Before the Lodge was closed the sum of two guineas from the funds was voted towards the Greenwood Memorial Fund. The company then adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by the host, Bro. A. Verdun. The Worshipful Master presided, and was supported by most of the above-mentioned brethren, besides several Visitors. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured. Bro. John Kilvington sang the solo parts in the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." Bro. Baldwin P.G.D. responded for the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge; he expressed the pleasure he felt in witnessing the ceremony of installation, and trusted the W.M. would have a happy and prosperous year of office. Bro. F. Carter I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master in eulogistic terms, and concluded by saying the Lodge would see some good work during the next twelve months. The toast was accorded "good fire." Several of the Visitors (among whom was our representative) having to catch the last train to town, the Worshipful Master proposed their toast, before replying to the one given in his honour, so we are unfortunately unable to record his expression of thanks. Most of the Visitors responded. Some capital songs were given during the evening by Bros. Arthur Tite, Page, Manley, Aslett, Crutchloe, Coates, and Rewcastle, the latter officiating at the piano. We are informed that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will be held under the banner of the Wallington Lodge, at Carshalton, during the summer.

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

THE members of this Lodge assembled on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Welsh Harp, Hendon, under the presidency of Bro. W. A. Scurrah P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, who was supported by W. M. Stiles P.M. Treas., James Thom S.W., H. E. Fraser J.W., A. H. Scurrah Sec., G. H. Lewis S.D., A. A. Nottingham J.D., A. J. Hearne D.C., W. Langley I.G., E. W. Wheeler Org., and a full muster of other brethren. The minutes having been confirmed the Lodge was advanced and, Bros. F. W. Hearne, Hudson, Dobbs and Esaun were raised; Bros. Elliott and Williams were passed; and Mr. Thomas Sherman Anderson was initiated. Before closing the Lodge the W.M. tendered his thaks to the brethren for the handsome way in which they had supported him in his Stewardship on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. For so young a Lodge they had done wonders. Bro. Stiles proposed that the sum of five guineas should be voted from the funds of the Lodge to be placed on the W.M.'s list for the Benevolent Institution. This was seconded and carried unanimously. A proposition for initiation was handed in, and Lodge was closed. Among the visitors were Bros. Fred. Binckes P.G. Sword B., G. Emblin S.W. 147, R. A. Hose 1314, J. P. Poynter 1420, G. W. Knight P.M. 1507, J. C. Smith P.M. 1744, G. Mordey I.G. 1744, James Lister W.M. 1745, C. J. Axford W.M. 1949, C. P. McKay W.M. 2048, &c. On the close of the Lodge refreshments were partaken of by the company, after which the usual toasts were honoured. In proposing the health of the Queen Bro. Scurrah said Her Majesty was respected and esteemed for her many virtues and good qualities. The Prince of Wales had endeared himself to every Mason throughout the country. That night they might well spend a few extra moments in honouring the toast of his health, from the fact that it was the twenty-fifth anniversary of his wedding. The Princess of Wales had proved a worthy spouse of a worthy husband, and was worthy of becoming our future Queen, although he hoped it would be many years before she was called upon to fill that important office. She would however fill it with equal grace to that she had displayed as Princess of Wales. In conclusion Bro. Scurrah felt they could but wish their Grand Master and the Princess long life and continued happiness. Speaking of the Grand Officers the Master said that so far as he knew they had always endeavoured to do what they could for the benefit of the Craft. They had among them that night a Grand Officer who had done more, a great deal more, for the Order than many other Grand Officers. He alluded to Bro. Frederick Binckes, who well deserved the high honour which had been conferred upon him. He was a brother who always did what he thought to be right, just and Masonic, he never shrank from any task which he considered might advance the interests of the Craft. His Masonic ability and thorough open heartedness won him friends in all quarters. Bro. Binckes felt peculiarly gratified on rising to respond to the toast. He did not hesitate to state that even after thirty years' experience he felt an amount of diffidence in replying to what might be termed the routine toasts of Freemasonry. The first part of this particular one, however, presented but little difficulty, as it embraced such names as those of Lords Carnarvon and Lathom, who performed their work in such a manner as to win the sympathy of all who listened to them. But as to the second part, he was at loss to speak. He was pleased at the reception always accorded the Grand Officers, and felt it an honour to be associated with them. Many years ago he had been waited upon by a distinguished member of the Grand Lodge and an inquiry made as to what office would be acceptable to him, but he heard nothing further on that occasion, and it remained for him to receive the purple of the Grand Lodge as—might he say it—one of the Jubilee rabble. Looking, however, to the fact that crowd had in its midst the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, and taken one with another it was not a very disreputable rabble to be associated with, he felt he might alter the words of Shakespeare, or Bacon—it matters little which—and say, he would march through Coventry with them. He urged his listeners to do all they could for the good of the Order, and assured them that their love for it would increase as they discovered more and more what it was possible to accomplish; such was his experience, and such they would all find to be the case if they worked zealously. Bro. Stiles proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He considered that to Bro. Scurrah must be attributed the success of the Lodge. He was a most able worker, and had left no stone unturned to secure its success. That day he had shown them his ability in the three degrees, and had ably acquitted himself. He shirked no part of his work, and in addition has the happy knack of making all around him enjoy themselves. Bro. Scurrah tendered his thanks. He should refrain from saying anything in regard to himself, as he desired to express a few words in reference to the Lodge. Bro. Scurrah then proceeded to give a most interesting speech, waxing quite poetical in his allusions to a chubby little figure, with silver tipped wings, flitting about and binding up a wreath of the choicest flowers, binding them with the bonds of fraternal affection. The wreath he meant to represent the Hendon Lodge, and the chubby little figure the spirit of brotherly love, which was strong among its members. He looked forward to the day when the aim of Freemasonry would be realised. When the Brotherly Love and affection which had been germinated and disseminated by the Order, to which they belonged should have borne fruit to the fullest extent and all dwell together in friendly harmony and united love. When that day arrived he felt sure the humble Hendon wreath, of which he had spoken, would not be the least amoog the offerings to the monarch who should then reign over all mankind. The Lodge had been formed in perfect harmony, in amity, and he believed all its members were in perfect accord with him. He trusted the Lodge might become a light in Hendon, and that the inhabitants might look to it as having brought brotherly love into their midst. Bro. Scurrah next proposed the health of the initiate; after very careful inquiry he had found him to be a gentleman well spoken of, and one whom they might feel proud in receiving as a member. He hoped he would be happy and comfortable in the Lodge. Bro. Anderson tendered his thanks. As the youngest initiate of the splendid organization to which he had just been admitted he desired to address them in all the humility of the position in which he stood. The mysteries disclosed to him had created an impression on his mind he could hardly express. Really a new Eden had been created to him. Bearing in mind the teaching of Freemasonry, he was reminded of what Charles the Ninth of France said upon his death bed, when, in the act of receiving divine unction, he was asked if he had any enemies; Oh! no, he answered, I have shot them all? He hoped his experience in Freemasonry would not be that he had shot all his enemies, but that he never had any to shoot. It would be his desire to perform his duties so well as to merit approval. The toast of the visitors was next given. It looked well for their Lodge that the more meetings they had the more numerous became the visitors. First they had two, then three, then five, now they had eleven, all of whom were heartily welcome. Bros. Lister, McKay and Axford having replied, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Charities, which was acknowledged by Bro. Binckes in really grand style. Whether it was that Bro. Binckes caught the epidemic which prevailed at this meeting of long and poetic speeches, or whether it was he felt put upon his mettle by what others had said we know not, but certain it is that he never spoke to greater advantage than on this occasion, for close on half an hour he dilated on the cause of charity, and that too without wearying his audience, whose only regret seemed to be that his remarks had to come to an end. The brethren of the Hendon Lodge, he said, had proved their sincerity by the way they supported their Worshipful Master at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution. He could never forget what Bro. Scurrah had done when he acted as Steward for the Boys' School; he brought up a list of six hundred guineas, and that was his first effort on behalf of the Charities. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary met a hearty reception, and was acknowledged by Bros. Stiles and A. H. Scurrah, after which the health of the Officers was proposed and duly responded to. The Junior Warden, as a resident of Hendon, desired to say that the local brethren were proud of having such a Mason as Bro. Scurrah at their head, and they would be delighted to follow wherever he chose to lead. The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated, the general impression being that the young Hendon Lodge had conducted its meeting in such a manner as to cause surprise and admiration among the most experienced members of the Craft present

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OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic afflictions he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

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ALICE VASEY,

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Bro. Samuel Vasey was a ship's provision merchant, at Wapping 1843-1880, where he was unsuccessful in business, and died shortly after, leaving his widow quite without means. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in 1854; W.M. 1860; subscribed 12 years. Joined Unity Lodge, No. 183, in 1866; W.M. 1869; subscribed 12 years. P.Z. of Yarborough Chapter. Self and wife Life Subscribers R.M.I.B.

Proxies thankfully received by the following Brethren:—

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CONSECRATION OF THE ARROW LODGE, No. 2240.

A LARGE gathering of Freemasons took place at the Burton House Hotel, Kington, on Thursday afternoon, the 8th inst., when the leading members of the Province of Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, and Shropshire assembled for the consecration of this Lodge. Until now the Kington brethren have attended the Leominster Lodge, but their numbers having increased at a rapid rate, it was decided to form a new Lodge in their own town. This new Lodge is named the Arrow, after the river which runs through the town, and the promoters were Bros. Robert Williams, F. R. Tidd-Pratt, E. T. Mitchell, Evan Williams, W. H. Cuthbert, Alfred Parker, F. J. Sheather, and Joseph Charlesworth. Bro. Captain S. George Homfray Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire performed the ceremonies of consecration and installation, his assistants being Bros. Thomas Smith Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Herefordshire, R. Hayes Provincial Grand Junior Warden, Charles Rootes and John Davies, Walter J. Dix I.P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Rev. David Wilks Chaplain, C. H. Oliver Organist. The Consecrating Officer having opened the Lodge in due form, and the hymn "Hail, Eternal," rendered, the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers were received in due form. The brethren of the new Lodge having signified their approval of the Officers named in the warrant, the Chaplain gave an oration on the nature and principles of the institution. He said he need not tell the brethren that the first principle of Masonry was Brotherly Love. It was the great

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bond of union among the brethren—the very foundation of the Craft; and it was founded on another great principle, that of their being the children of one common Father, and therefore they were brethren. The fruit of Brotherly Love was Relief. Masonry was universal amongst all civilised nations. All over the face of the earth they met with members of the Royal Craft. In that vast body were men in all stations and circumstances of life; some opulent and reared in the lap of luxury, others in humbler positions and of narrower means. They all knew how men's circumstances changed. A brother was summoned hence, the wife becomes a widow, and the children orphans. Then came the time to practise a noble principle of their Craft. Another principle was that of Relief, and the brethren must take upon themselves the responsibility of aiding in the hour of need. A third principle of the Craft was Truth. An upright life and dignity of conduct must ever be the constant care of every Mason. All those principles were to be cultivated by constant contact with Him who is the source of all Love, Relief, and Truth. The Consecrating Officer then followed with an invocation, after which the Chaplain read the appointed portions of Scripture, and the chief items in the consecration ceremony were performed by Bro. Homfray, in strewing corn—the emblem of plenty; in pouring wine—the emblem of joy; in pouring oil—the emblem of unity; and in sprinkling salt—the emblem of friendship. Bro. Williams was then installed as the first Worshipful Master of the new Lodge, and the latter then subsequently invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Tidd-Pratt S.W., Mitchell J.W., Parker Treasurer, Charlesworth Secretary, Williams S.D., Sheather J.D., Cuthbert I.G., and Evans Tyler. Thirteen new members were proposed for initiation and joining. After the ceremony a banquet was held at the Burton House Hotel, Bro. Williams W.M. presiding. The loyal toasts were given by the W.M., and Bro. T. Smith proposed the M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the R.W. the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past, coupled with the name of Bro. Venables D.P.G.M. Salop. Bro. Venables, in reply, said he believed every Mason would fervently re-echo the words of Lord Lathom in the Grand Lodge last evening, with reference to their illustrious brother the Crown Prince of Germany. He hoped that the newly-formed Lodge would, like the river from which it took its name, go on for ever. Bro. Captain Homfray proposed the R.W. Sir Joseph Bailey, Bart., P.G.M., saying he highly valued the honour of being allowed to propose that toast, for he knew he had only to mention Sir Joseph's name for it to be well received. He (Captain Homfray) had the pleasure of being present when Sir Joseph was installed, and since that time he had always taken a great interest in the Province, and was pleased to render any assistance he could. He did not think it was possible for any Province to have a better representative than Sir Joseph, or one who had the interests of Masonry more at heart. He (the speaker) was glad one more Lodge had been added to the Province, and trusted it would go on and prosper. The toast was drunk with cheers and musical honours. The Provincial Grand Master (Sir Joseph Bailey), in reply, said that living out of the Province he could not visit it so much as he could wish. He was a public man, and it was only late the night before that he knew he could attend that gathering. He was in the House of Commons the previous day, and the exigencies of public life compelled him to say a few words there, but by sleeping in Gloucester, he was enabled to be amongst them. He (Sir Joseph) wished to add his congratulations to those of Captain Homfray, on the formation of the Arrow Lodge. Bro. Tidd-Pratt proposed the D.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. Richard Evans, and Officers of the P.G.L., present and past. Bro. Evans, in reponse, said Masonry was a circumscribed subject, for religion and politics being excluded, they were bound to speak of Masonry proper. Still they had a religion, for they all bowed to the Great Architect of the Universe. He endorsed what had been said by previous speakers as to the river Arrow, but, as a Welshman by birth, he thought the name should have been spelt Arw, which meant swift. He was sure the pace at which they had commenced their Lodge was swift; and, while he hoped it would not kill, he trusted they would go on and become one of the largest in the Province. If another Lodge was started at Bromyard they would be better represented in the Grand Lodge. Other toasts followed.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1839.

THE weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, on Tuesday, the 20th instant, proved a great success, upwards of one hundred brethren attending to witness the rehearsal of the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation, which were then undertaken by Bro. Frederick Binckes Past Grand Sword Bearer. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. A. J. Dixie W.M. 453, the Preceptor of the Lodge, who in brief terms introduced the Consecrating Officer to the brethren. Bro. Binckes then assumed the chair; he was supported by Bros. Dewsnap as S.W., Walter Martin as J.W., W. W. Morgan as P.M., A. J. Dixie as D.C., Max Mendelssohn Secretary, C. Weeden I.G., &c. Bro. Binckes proceeded with the ceremony, and in the regular course called upon Bro. Morgan to deliver the Oration. That brother responded, as follows:—

Brethren,—On rising to obey the call of your Consecrating Officer, and in venturing to address to you a few words on the Nature and Principles of Freemasonry, I cannot restrain the feeling that I am taking upon myself a somewhat delicate task. When I look around and see so many Craftsmen here assembled, I am impressed with the idea that, in a large number of cases, there is an inner consciousness within you that will supply a far better definition of Freemasonry than anything I can hope to portray by mere words. Freemasonry is indeed of such a peculiar character as to be almost incapable of definition; language fails to supply the colouring which is so essentially necessary to make the picture anything like as brilliant as it might be. Freemasonry, in its true sense, is not a matter which can be realised by the hand or seen by the eye of man; neither is it a commodity which can be bought or sold as an article of commerce; nor is it an art to be acquired at will; it must rather be part of a man's nature—something which, without show or ostentation, should guide him through the intricacies of every-day life, and point out the course he should pursue in his dealings with his fellow men. I cannot say that the peculiar system of morality which we know under the designation of Freemasonry must be born within us; on the contrary, it is something which must develop itself during our lifetime, and for this reason we do not impart its secrets to any man until such time as he is capable of forming an opinion for himself, and has lived long enough to have acquired some experience of the world. Still, I do venture to assert that unless a man has within him the true spirit of Masonry it is impossible for him ever to become a good Freemason. No amount of tuition, no expenditure of wealth, no rank or influence is sufficient to secure for him that all-important characteristic of a Craftsman which nature alone can supply, and which is perhaps best expressed in the first great principle of the Craft—*Brotherly Love*. A proper understanding of this one principle would in itself be sufficient to give a fair idea of the nature of Freemasonry, which seeks to create a unity amongst mankind, and to lead its pupils to labour for the good of each other rather than for selfish or personal ends; but it may be subdivided under various heads, each of which, in turn, becomes an important factor in connection with the Order and serves to demonstrate its true character. First in this respect I may mention the Liberty of Freemasonry. In all associations with the Craft the great idea of Liberty is strongly impressed on its members. No man need become a Freemason unless he desire it; indeed, every candidate must, of his free will and accord, ask for a participation in its mysteries ere he can hope to be received into the Order. Even within its ranks he is at Liberty; he can do much as he pleases; he can pursue his researches beyond the mysteries first disclosed to him, or he can retire from Freemasonry whenever he likes. He freely and voluntarily offered himself as a candidate, and freely and voluntarily he remains with us as long as he desires to continue his association with the Craft. Nothing, indeed, is forced upon him; and for this reason the Liberty of Freemasonry leads me to a consideration of another subdivision of Brotherly Love, the principle which I will designate as Equality. No matter what position a man may occupy in life, or in what sphere he may move, Freemasonry enjoins that he shall reduce himself to the common level on which all candidates are admitted to a participation in the secrets of the Order, ere he be received into our midst. He has to become a brother, not only in word but in deed, and has to share with his fellows the trials and troubles of Freemasonry ere he can hope to partake of its benefits. In this connection I do not mean to imply a man must lower himself, socially or morally, ere he can become a Freemason; rather that there are certain general conditions to which he must adapt himself, so that he may realise the basis on which the Order is founded. It is not necessary for me to tell you what these conditions are; suffice it that the objects for which they are intended are praiseworthy, while the means adopted to secure them are most forcible. And what are the consequences of this spirit of equality? I cannot give a better illustration than ask you to look around, and consider for one moment the many and varied temperaments here collected, bearing in mind while you do so that we are assembled for one object, to practise—or perhaps I may here say to receive instruction in—the principles of Freemasonry. These lead us to regard each other as equals, and enable us to meet within our Lodge on terms which are not possible outside of it, where the thousand and one differences of rank, profession, politics or religion, may each or all prevent us associating with each other except upon terms of inequality. In other words, while in the outer world there are numberless inequalities to be considered, in Freemasonry everything is based on the principle that all men are created equal, and that in many respects that equality continues until our dying hour. Freemasonry also engenders Fraternity of the most pronounced description among its members. Under the benign influence of our Order all classes, all religions, all creeds, and all nations can meet, united in the tie of Brotherhood, each striving with the other to demonstrate the good underlying the doctrines of the Craft. So much is this the case as to render it an acknowledged fact that no other human institution offers anything like equal advantages in this regard. No doubt we have among us men to-night who practise various forms of religion, men with varied political views, men with different ideas on many other subjects; yet, as I have said, we can all meet on the common basis of Freemasonry, and not only is this possible in our especial case, but it is the same all the world over, even amongst men of the most marked divergencies. In far off quarters of the globe, where Masonic Lodges are not so numerous, men have not the chance of choosing a Lodge to suit their particular fancy, as is possible in our great metropolis; it is no unusual thing to see a Christian and a Jew, a Mahommedan and a Hindoo standing side by side at the pedestal, taking the obligation of Freemasonry, and learning its peculiar mysteries in the tongue most familiar to them, and these same men grow up together in Freemasonry so far imbued with the spirit of brotherly love as to render it possible for them to act and work together, forgetting for the time the many differences of opinion under which they labour. I ask, is this possible anywhere outside Freemasonry? Thus far I have spoken of but one great principle of the Craft, and I am afraid I have wearied you by touching upon too many of its features. But I will be brief in my remarks on the other two. First of these is the principle of Relief. Here also a picture presents itself which is not to be surpassed by any other Institution on earth; not only is it impossible to point to a better, it is almost as difficult to find an equal. Freemasonry really stands far and above everything else as a perfect exemplification of the truest characteristics of relief. In the presence of the Brother who is to-day acting as your Consecrating Officer, and who has spent a

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greater portion of his life especially advocating this principle of Masonic Relief, it would be out of place for me to attempt any dissertation on the subject. I am sure Bro. Binckes will, later on, fully impress you on this point, and were I even to attempt any lengthened remarks on this theme, I feel I should be but trespassing on his especial province. I will, therefore, go to the third great Principle of the Craft,—Truth. Truth is the aim and endeavour of Freemasonry to cause its pupils strictly to adhere to the lessons it seeks to teach them; to be true to their God, to their King, to the laws of the country in which they reside, and to the Craft of which they are members; avoiding all evasions, equivocations, or anything which is not of the most straightforward and truthful character. Is it, then, matter for wonder that a man who appreciates the teachings of Freemasonry, and acts up to its great principles, is regarded as above the common run of humanity, or that he becomes a better citizen, a better husband, a better father, than one who has not had the advantages of the lessons of the Craft? Such being the case, it becomes our duty to extend the teachings of Freemasonry by every legitimate means in our power, and it is with this view we are assembled here to-day, to consecrate a new Lodge to Freemasonry, and to its grand Principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration Bro. Walter Martin was placed in the chair. He was saluted, the Officers were appointed, and the addresses given, after which the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. Bro. Dixie proposed that the sincere and hearty thanks of the Lodge be tendered to Bro. Binckes for his attendance that day. The Lodge of Instruction he had honoured was a young one, only seventeen months old, and on that account the members more strongly appreciated the compliment paid them. He felt the best way of showing their recognition would be to give a small amount from their funds towards the Institution which Bro. Binckes so ably represents, and with which he had been so long associated, especially as he understood the support anticipated for the Boys' School was more than usually backward this year. He therefore proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from their funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The proposal was seconded by Bro. Max Mendelssohn the Secretary, and carried with acclamation. Bro. Binckes suitably acknowledged the vote accorded him, and also thanked the brethren for their contribution to the Boys' School. Bro. Dixie proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Morgan, who had so ably assisted Bro. Binckes in his work. Bro. Morgan replied. If any efforts he had used had tended to instruct or interest the members of the Lodge of Instruction he was satisfied. Several propositions were made for membership of the Lodge, and the brethren proposed were regularly elected. Lodge was then closed, and a number of the brethren sat down to supper together. Several toasts were afterwards proposed and acknowledged.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 12th instant, at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York. Present: Bros. W. B. Dyson W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M. as S.W., W. Lackenby J.W., W. Brown I.P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., J. Blenkin P.M., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., J. Kay G. Sec. Sec., G. Lamb S.D., F. W. Halliwell as J.D., G. Chapman D.C., P. Pearson and W. Sharp Stewards, W. S. Child Org., J. H. Shonksmith I.G., J. Hall Tyler, G. H. Hebblethwaite, J. Horner, G. G. Pook, F. H. Vaughan, J. D. Irving, W. Blenkin, W. Ream, T. Milner, J. Smith, A. Archer, J. Scott, and others. Two candidates were ballotted for and accepted. Bro. Tindale was raised to the degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., the I.P.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented to the Lodge an engraving of Bro. B. Frodsham, the first Master of the Lodge held at the Punch Bowl Inn at York in 1761, and the First Principal of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter at York in 1762. The name of a candidate for initiation was proposed, and the Lodge closed with "Hearty good wishes." The brethren afterwards supped together and spent an agreeable evening.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A MEETING of the Educational and General Purposes Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on the 20th inst., at the Huyshe Temple, Plymouth. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain presided. The applications of candidates for the fund, submitted by the Secretary, were examined, and the following were placed on the list as eligible:—A girl, aged 10, brought on from the last election, then her first application, the daughter of a deceased brother, who was a member of St. John the Baptist Lodge, 39, for three years, and then of St. George's Lodge, 112, for thirteen years, both Exeter Lodges; a girl, aged nine, daughter of a deceased brother, who was a member of St. John's Lodge, 70, Plymouth, for 15½ years. A girl, aged twelve, daughter of a deceased brother, who was a member of the St. John's Lodge, 1247, Plymouth, for three years, and then of the Erme Lodge, 1091, Ivybridge, for four years, and who was the S.W. of that Lodge at the time of his death; and a boy of ten years, the son of a deceased brother, who was a member of Methuen Lodge, 1205, Stonehouse, for 8½ years. The Secretary pointed out that as the election would take place on the 3rd April it was desirable that the representatives of the Lodges should promptly forward the subscriptions of the brethren to the Hon. Treasurer, Bro. J. R. Lord. The issue of the voting papers will commence from Saturday, 24th March. Brother Lord said it would facilitate the getting out the votes if subscriptions were sent direct to him instead of to the Secretary.

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BRO. EDGAR BOWYER, P.G. STANDARD BEARER.

As briefly announced in our last issue, this well-known brother died on Friday, the 16th instant, after a very short illness. As many of our readers are aware, the late Bro. Edgar Bowyer presided at the final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, held as recently as the 9th instant, so that the suddenness of his death may be surmised. Brother Bowyer was initiated in the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, about twenty years ago, and has since taken part in the foundation of several Lodges. In 1883 he was appointed one of the Standard Bearers of Grand Lodge, having twice previously been honoured with Provincial rank in Hertfordshire. He was a warm supporter of the Charities; had qualified as a Vice Patron of both the Boys' and Girls' Institutions, and was a Patron of the Benevolent; a member of the House Commitees of all three, and the Treasurer and a Trustee of the Benevolent. He had served thirty-two Stewardships on behalf of the Charities, and had constituted his wife and other members of his family Life Governors. Bro. Bowyer was interred on Wednesday, at Highgate Cemetery, a part of the burial service having previously been conducted at St. Augustine's Church, Highbury. There was a large attendance of brethren, both at the church and at the grave side.

BRO. CHARLES HEYWOOD.

THE remains of this worthy brother were interred, on Monday, the 19th instant, at the Brooklands Cemetery, Manchester. There were present Mr. Nathan Heywood, Mr. Charles Heywood, and Mr. Ernest Heywood, sons of the deceased, as well as a number of friends, relatives, and representatives of various bodies of Freemasons, including the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, the Humphrey Chetham Lodge and Chapter, and the Manchester Freemasons' Club, as well as different Masonic Lodges in Oldham, Bolton, Bury, &c.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425, held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W.—the First Lecture on the 26th instant, and the Second and Third Lectures on the 9th April. Bro. George Read P.M. 511, 1767 (Preceptor Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction) W.M. and Treasurer, George Davies P.M. 167 (Preceptor Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction) S.W., W. H. Chalfont P.M. 1425 J.W., H. E. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex Secretary. First Lecture—Bros. Allman, Death, Batley, Chalfont, Davies, Sims, and Reynolds. Second Lecture—Bros. Dr. Ingleby Mackenzie, M.B., Captain Nicole, Conway, Davies, and Spiegel. Third Lecture—Bros. Carsons, Wood, and Williams. Lodge will be opened at eight p.m. each evening.

At the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, held at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, on Tuesday, 27th March, at seven o'clock p.m. Bros. Jenkins W.M., Hodges S.W., Hill J.W. First Lecture — Bros. Hildreth, Syckelmoore, Goode, Trinder, Snelling, Fenner, and Hill. Second Lecture—Bros. Frampton, Cross, Hughes, Hodges, and Berry. Third Lecture—Bros. Brickdale, Gush, and Beck. Bros. H. G. Gush Preceptor; A. J. Berry Secretary.

The Board of Benevolence held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Brother Robert Gray P.G.D. President occupied the chair, and Bros. J. Brett P.G.P. and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Vice-Presidents, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury Asst. Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee were in attendance from Grand Secretary's Department. Amongst others present were Bros. Woodward, Brown, Mercer, Spaull, Garrod, Gieve, Perryman, Britten, Scurrah, Dairy, Cundy, Hopekirk, Read, Binckes, Haslip, Dew, Pakes, Cusworth, Massey, Johnson, Miles, Westley, Morrell, Baker, Clarkson, Dall, Berry, Anderson, Kearney, Sweeting, Lewis, Smith, Masters, Bennett, Fry, Baker, Wyon, Langley, Hooper, Headon, Wiles, Carey, Fendick, Jaques, Hockley, Hall, Powell, Harding, Kenaby, Wingham, Frances, Hernamann, Sadler, &c. The brethren confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at last meeting, to the extent of £380. The new list comprised 43 cases. Three of these were dismissed, and five were deferred. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £685.

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As we have already announced, a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen, W.C. this afternoon—Saturday—at 5 o'clock. as there appears to be some misunderstanding as to the object of this meeting, as well as a mistake as to who is calling it, we may state that the object is really to pass a vote of want of confidence in the present Committees, the meeting being convened in accordance with a requisition, under Law No. 31, signed by forty-six brethren, more or less associated with the case of the lad William Gideon Motion, who was formerly in the Institution. This case has been considered and reconsidered by the House Committee, and it has been decided upon by a vote of 58 to 38 members, present at the last General Committee. The friends of the lad are not, however, yet content, and have adopted the course of summoning a Special Court in the anticipation of opening a further inquiry—an inquiry which we consider is not necessary, and the granting permission for which would imply a lack of confidence in the Committees; this we feel convinced the general body of Subscribers to the Charity do not entertain. The matter must, however, be decided by the vote of those present to-day, and for that reason we are justified in asking all who approve the general action of the Committee to attend the meeting, hear the arguments brought forward, and then vote, as they think best. The following are the propositions to be submitted to the meeting :—

"That a Special Committee be appointed to inquire into the steps recently taken by the House Committee in reference to the case of William Gideon Motion, who was in the Institution; with full power to investigate the matter, call witnesses, and report thereon to an adjourned Special General Court, to be held on Saturday, the twenty-first day of April 1888.

"That this Special General Court be adjourned until Saturday, the twenty-first day of April 1888, at Freemasons' Hall, at Five o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving and considering the Report of the Special Committee."

The election meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, was held on Wednesday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. T. C. Edmonds W.M. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

The annual ball in aid of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was held at the Victoria Hall, Landport, on the 14th inst., under the patronage and with the permission of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) The gentlemen acting as Stewards were Bros. C. W. Bevis W.M. 1834, G. F. Bevis 2068, R. E. Buckle W.M. 1776, J. Collings P.M. 804, W. Dart W.M. 2074, O. B. Gabell W.M. 175, H. Gee W.M. 723, A. G. German W.M. 1069, J. W. Gieve P.M. 309, J. Harris W.M. 76, A. W. Hewett W.M. 342, J. Jenkins W.M. elect 487, J. Mitchell W.M. 1428, A. Scott P.M. 551, H. Snee W.M. 319, J. Taylor I.P.M. 1331, S. Wheeler W.M. 151, and E. L. Wise W.M. 1461. The general arrangements of the ball were carried out in a highly satisfactory manner. The company numbered about 300, and was, with few exceptions, confined to members of the Masonic Craft.

The *Lady's Pictorial* says: The great Masonic Ball, fixed to take place in Dublin on the 11th of May, is already engaging the attention of *modistes*, and causing a flutter of delighted excitement among ladies. It is about a score of years since the Irish Freemasons last organised an entertainment of this description, for the benefit of their admirably managed Schools and the relief of poorer brethren. The interval has been taken up with concerts, bazaars, and other mild dissipations of a gentle but non-paying kind. These have all been more or less overdone—played out, worn threadbare, and voted "slow" by the rapidly-advancing pleasure-seekers of the period. Nothing but the "light fantastic" will do in these days—and so a ball, on a gigantic and magnificent scale, has been determined on.

The foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall, which is in course of erection for the Trafalgar Lodge, No. 223, Leith, was laid on Saturday, the 17th inst., in the presence of a large gathering of Freemasons and members of other friendly societies.

We are informed that the Freemasons of Ipswich have decided to give a Ball, on Friday, 6th April. It is now some twenty years since such an event occurred here, and there is little doubt the entertainment will be a great success. The ball will be held in the Masonic Hall, under the combined banners of three of the Ipswich Lodges—St. Luke's, Perfect Friendship, and Prince of Wales's. The band of the Third Brigade E.D. R.A. has been engaged, under Mr. F. Harris.

The Freemasons of the St. Kew Lodge, at Weston-Super-Mare, as a suitable memorial to their late Chaplain, the Rev. R. Duckworth, have resolved to endow that office with a vote for the Masonic Boys' School, considering it appropriate to the memory of one who had devoted his life to education. Such endowment has now been duly recorded, and the vote is registered as "St. Kew, 1222, in memoriam, Rev. R. Duckworth, Chaplain, 1884 and 1885."

MARK MASONRY

FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 66.

THE annual meeting was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Tuesday, 20th March, to instal Bro. Dimier S.W. as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The Installing Officer was Brother James Gidley P.M., who was assisted by a large board of Installed Masters. The Officers were invested, as follow :—Bros. Coppin I.P.M., Gray S.W., Tout J.W., Hearle M.O., Hearder S.O., Bird J.O., Jew Treasurer, Gover Secretary, Rev. W. Whittley Chaplain, Clemens Registrar of Marks, Keverne S.D., G. Whittley J.D., Bake D.C., Latimer I.G., Keats Steward, Gidley Tyler. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. Bro. Lemon then presented to the Lodge a framed photograph of the Installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., as Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason, 1st July 1886, the panel bearing the following inscription :—

"Presented to the Fortitude Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 66, by the Very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. No. 35 (64 and 76 hon.), P.P.G.Ch. of Devon, Past Grand Chap. of England, 20th March 1888."

Bro. Gover proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be given to Bro. Lemon for his handsome gift. This was seconded by Bro. Clemens, and it was decided that the same be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge. At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to partake of the annual banquet prepared for them at the Masonic Club, by the manager, Bro. Simmons, in his usual good style. Among the brethren at the banquet, in addition to the above-named, were Bros. Gray, Dillon, and Jamieson. The usual Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 24th MARCH.

Special Quarterly General Court Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 5
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
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)
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 Street, W., at 8
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
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, 26th MARCH.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Ganden 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.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Ganden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
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)
1542—Legiolinm, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 27th MARCH.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria 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)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Canno-street Hotel, E.C.
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
804—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
765—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Cotton Road, Manda Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powis-road, Bolton at, 8 (Instruction)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1041—Wandsworth, East Hill House, 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)
1348—Bury, 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)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
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
1889—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
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
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
140—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
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
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1566—Ellington, Town Hall Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1630—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 28th MARCH.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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.
225—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
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruct.)
888—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
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.)
1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8 (Instruction)
1904—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1981—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1765—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)
1963—Duke of Albany, 158 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
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, Aldgate
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
M.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W
32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Atbol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, New Mills, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
438—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough. (Instruction)
996—Scientific, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1086—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, Kersal Street, Manchester
1285—Rymers, Central Buildings, Town Hall Square, Towcester Bridge
1302—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1305—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1341—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1651—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester

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1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1797—Southdown, Hurtpierpoint, Sussex
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
1967—Beacon Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, [illegible], Newcastle
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 29th 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)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1308—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)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1613—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1623—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
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 8 (Inst)
1746—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush, (Inst)
1960—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
2123—Highbury, Cock Hotel, Highbury, N.
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)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
433—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
440—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

SATURDAY, 31st MARCH.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
1198—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.
2013—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
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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THE annual Convocation was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Chapter Room, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. There was a large attendance of Fraters. Frater J. H. Keats E.C. was installed as the E.P. Frater the Rev. T. W. Lemon was the Installing Officer. The Officers invested were Fratres D. Cross Constable, T. W. Coffin P.E.C. Marshal, Rev. T. W. Lemon Prelate, T. S. Bayly Treasurer, F. Cronch Registrar, F. R. Thomas Sub-Marshal, J. R. Wilson C.L., Jas. Gidley Equerry. At the close of the business the Fraters adjourned to the Freemasons' Club, Princess-square, where they dined together, Frater J. H. Keats presiding. Bro. Symons's catering was pronounced admirable, and he was especially thanked. Replying to the toast of the Visitors, Frater H. J. Waring said it gave him great pleasure to again meet Fraters in what he might call his own home. In 1849 he became a member of that Preceptory. It then met at the Royal Hotel, in what was now the billiard-room. It was then of a rather exclusive character, and contained but few members, among whom he remembered Sir George Magrath, Mr. Pridham, solicitor; Mr. Fuge, surgeon; Admiral Jarvis, and Mr. Jenkin Thomas. He believed that with the exception of himself and one or two others, all the members of the Encampment in those days had passed away. For a quarter of a century, until this year, he did not think he had been present in any Lodge or Encampment. His heart was, however, still with Freemasonry. What he had witnessed that day had revived many pleasant recollections. Had he his youth again, and was not so much pressed with business, he believed he should be an active Mason. His undertaking the chief magistracy of the town for this year had been referred to. He could assure the brethren that he had done so with the full determination to carry out all his duties faithfully and regardless of personal claims or politics. After the toasts a musical entertainment was furnished by some of the Fraters.

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OUTSIDE TITLES IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Please, Sir, my brother, "P.G.A.D.C.," is a naughty boy; he wants to have everything his own way, and because I do not quite understand him, he calls me a fool, and says he won't play. No doubt this answer to the last letter of your correspondent may appear childish, but it is about on a par with his own communication. Because I ask for information, on a subject which, with all due deference to your correspondent, is a fair one for inquiry, and to which he has not yet replied, and, put plain facts before him, he implies I am deficient of good sense, and declines to continue a correspondence with me. This is about the same argument that has been used to me before in connection with this subject. If it were not so, I need not have troubled you. I have asked our Past Masters about it, and, like "P.G.A.D.C.," they cannot give me a straightforward answer. I am on good terms with them, and so do not mind the replies I have had from one or two, which has been to the effect that I am not to be absurd; but as to a decision one way or other I have not yet had it, and I begin to think this is one of those questions which has no rule for guidance, or if it has, such rule is not generally known. I am sorry I am beneath, the notice of "P.G.A.D.C.," but then it is absurd of me to ask any one to impart knowledge to so insignificant a being as myself—a Mason of inferior degree. It is not to be supposed that a Past Grand Officer, of all others, should make public his knowledge of the unwritten laws of Freemasonry. I have always understood it to be a poor way of getting out of an argument—although no argument was intended on my part—to pretend contempt of the subject, and excuse oneself under the plea of superior knowledge. "P.G.A.D.C." has not hurt my feelings, although I have no doubt he considers me an inquisitive upstart. Perhaps I am, but as he has already given me credit for not being so young as I pretend to be, may I return the compliment, and say I shall not consider him as wise as he thinks he is until he can give a plain yes or no to the bonâ fide inquiry of

I. G.

[We insert the above letter at the request of "I.G.," but we think he is carrying his hobby too far. Whatever rules may exist on the subject of his inquiry must be construed, to an extent, according to the circumstances of particular cases. We consider he has been answered as far as is necessary.—ED. F.C.].

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[This must be gratifying to the many friends of Bro. R. F. Gould, but we trust the announcement refers to the English Edition, not the one produced under the auspices of Yorston and Co.—ED. F.C.]

The Princess Christian, whose interest in nursing is so well-known, will contribute an article, on "Nursing as a Profession for Women," to the April number of the *Woman's World*.

We learn that the new novel, "Mr. Barnes of New York," will be given away—as extra gratis supplements—with Nos. 235 and 236 of *Cassell's Saturday Journal*, published on 27th March, and 4th April respectively. In No. 235 (which will form the first number of a new volume), two new serial stories will be commenced, viz., "Lady Biddy Fane," a tale of adventure, by Frank Barrett, illustrated by J. Finnemore, and "An American Penman" (from the Diary of Inspector Byrnes, Chief of the New York Detective Force), by Julian Hawthorne.

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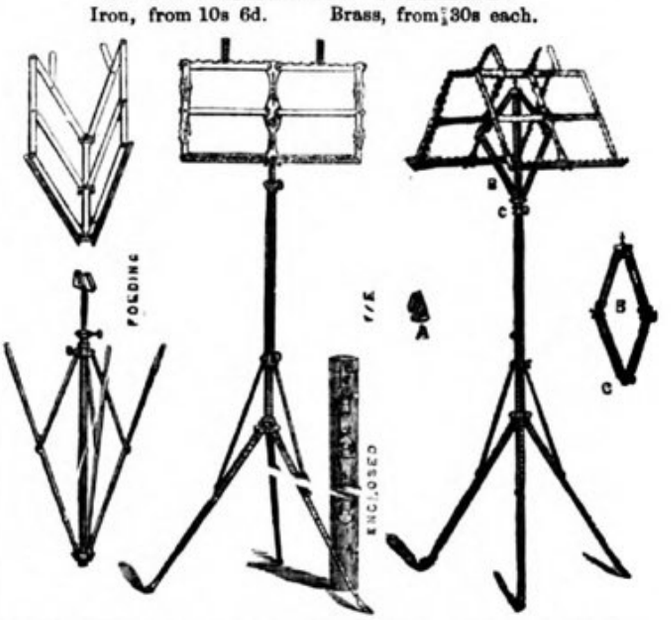
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THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE candidates approved for the April election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—which election will take place on Monday, the 16th proximo—are, as usual, far in excess of the number eligible to compete at the corresponding contest of the Sister Institution, for whereas in the latter case there are forty-two approved candidates, in that of the Boys' School there are sixty-five. Fortunately, however, on this occasion the number of vacancies is also greater in the case of the Boys' School, the number of candidates to be elected thereto being fifteen, while for the Girls' School, as we stated last week, there are but eleven places to fill. But even with this large number of declared vacancies for the Boys' School, it will be seen that fifty of the candidates approved of as deserving must be rejected at the coming contest, because the funds of the Charity will not allow of an increase being made in the number of pupils. This is the subject of regret in many quarters, but it must not be forgotten that the Institution already supplies education, food and clothing to 258 sons of Freemasons, and that the sum annually required to meet the expenses in connection with this large family is nearly £13,000.

Among the sixty-five candidates eligible to compete at the election next month are two whose age will exclude them from further contests, if they are not then successful. These are No. 33, Arthur Oswald Crompton, and No. 37, Sydney Hammersley Wakefield. Both of these lads come forward for the second time, the former with 348 votes to his credit, and the latter with 8. Crompton is one of four children now dependent on the widow of a brother initiated in the St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Cheshire. The father, one of the founders of Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1588, and of the Urmston Lodge, No. 1730; rose to the dignity of Past Master, and received the collar of Provincial Grand Pursuivant in West Lancashire. He once acted as a Steward for the Institution for which his son is at present a candidate. The lad Wakefield is from Warwickshire, his father having been initiated in the Faithful Lodge, No. 473, of which he became Senior Deacon. There are now three of his children dependent on their mother, who was left a widow at the beginning of last year. The father was a Life Governor of the Boys' School. We thus see that in each of these last application cases the fathers had made personal efforts to support the Charity from whence aid is now sought, a fact that should not be overlooked by those subscribers who may yet have votes undisposed of. Both of these lads have the advantage of strong Provinces at their backs, and we hope to find their names among those declared successful at the close of the poll.

The ballot paper for the Election contains a large number of those cases we have always considered as deserving of first consideration at the hands of the Craft, cases in which the applicants have neither parent living. The present list contains five; No. 29, Charles Irwin Mossop, is one of two dependent children, left by an initiate of the Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, in the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, who also joined Kenlis Lodge, No. 1267, in the same district. The lad was a candidate in October last, and on that occasion 2145 votes where polled on his behalf, that number being only 84 short of the total credited to the then lowest successful. We can but regret his application was unsuccessful after such a splendid result on a first appeal, but his case was thereby rendered comparatively easy for the coming contest—his friends will doubtless be able to make sure of his return next month. No. 35, Noel Chandos D'Oyley Foote, is likewise one of two parentless children, and, also makes a second application, coming forward with eleven votes to his credit. His father was an initiate and Past Master of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 904, West Yorkshire, and continued a member of the Craft for close on twenty years. No. 49, Walter Land, is one of four left parentless; his father was initiated in Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, Norfolk. No. 60, John Herault de Caen is one of three dependent. The father was an initiate of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 877, Jersey, and subsequently joined St. John's, No. 454, Ceylon, rising to the dignity of a Past Master in the Craft. No. 63, Ernest Edward Whale, is one of four left parentless. His father was an initiate and Past Master of the Harmony Lodge, No. 309, Hampshire and Isle of Wight. These three last named cases are new to the present list, but bearing in mind the awfully sad state in which they have been left, we hope they will, with those previously referred to, each receive such support as shall entitle them to a place in the School within the next few weeks.

Eighteen of the remaining cases are accredited to London, while other two are connected with Metropolitan Lodges in association with outside districts. No. 31, Ernest Murley, is one of eight dependent children, both of whose parents are living. The father was an initiate of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 1257, and passed the chair in that Lodge, as he did that of Z. in Chapter No. 77. He is a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and has acted as Steward for each. His son was a candidate in October, and on that occasion 384 votes were polled on his behalf. No. 16, Arthur Hughes Crane, is one of a family of seven, left to the care of his mother. His father was initiated in the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907, and subscribed thereto for 14½ years. The lad was a candidate at the last election, and at that contest 552 votes were recorded for him. No. 23, Harry Lawrence, is somewhat similarly circumstanced. He also is one of seven children dependent on a widowed mother, and was a candidate at the last election. He brings forward 748 votes, and bearing in mind that his father was an initiate and for nearly twenty years a member of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22—a Lodge famous for its benevolence—there is little doubt of the lad's ultimate success. We hope his friends will be able to secure his election ere long. No 59, Fred Wilson, is one of a family of seven, of whom two are partially provided for. Both of the parents are living. The father was initiated in the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, and became a Past Master thereof; he is credited with various donations to the Boys' School and to the Benevolent Institutions, and returned as a member of the Craft for upwards of twelve years. No. 1, Joseph Wood, now makes his sixth application, bringing forward 928 votes from the elections in which he has taken part. He is one of six children dependent on their mother, who is the widow of a brother initiated in the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861. No. 11, Charles Ball, is also one of six dependents. His father was initiated in the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, and rose to the office of Senior Deacon therein. The lad has taken part in two previous elections, and

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brings 1417 votes forward as the result thereof. No. 15, Henry James Staff (Clapton Lodge, No. 1365), also one of six children dependent on a widowed mother, was a candidate in October last, when 877 votes were recorded in his favour. No. 44, Percy Howard Wells, is another lad belonging to a family of six, dependent on their mother. He has a sister in the Girls' School, of which Institution, his father—an initiate of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65—was a Life Governor; he also qualified as a Life Subscriber of the Boys' School. The lad now appeals for the first time. No. 54, Frederick Bland, is one of five children now dependent on their mother. His father was made a Mason in the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, in 1882, and remained a member thereof until his death, in 1887. He was a Life Governor of the Charity for which his son is a candidate. We now come to the families of four dependents, of whom there are three, two cases in which the father is dead, and one in which both parents are living. No. 10, Francis Le Gros (St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge, No. 1538), was a candidate at the last two elections, when 1680 votes where polled on his behalf. No. 22, Stanley Baylis, is the son of a brother initiated in the Yarborough, No. 554, of which Lodge he became a Past Master. He was a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution, and a member of his Lodge for 18¼ years. The son was a candidate at the last election, receiving support on that occasion to the extent of 584 votes. No. 48, George Wilkinson, has a sister in the Girls' school. Both his parents are living, but his father, an initiate of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, and a subscriber to the R.M. Benevolent Institution, is insane. The son now makes his first application. No. 18, Wallace Peter Charles Boscoe, is one of three children now dependent on a widowed mother. His father was initiated in the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, and remained a member thereof until his death in December 1886. The lad was a candidate at the last election, and brings forward 372 votes. No. 19, Henry Cecil Cheek, is the son of a brother initiated in the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, who became one of the founders of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, to the latter of which he subscribed for ten years. The son has 2129 votes to his credit, that number having been polled on his behalf at the October election of last year. No. 28, Samuel Carr, comes from the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, his father having been initiated therein in 1872, and subsequently passing the chair. The lad has 450 votes to his credit, and now comes forward for the second time. Nos. 62 and 64 are cases in which there are two dependent children. The former, Arthur Thomas Browne, has a sister in the Girls' School. Both his parents are living; the father, however, who was initiated in the United Pilgrims' Lodge, No. 507, and became its Inner Guard, being insane. No. 64, Edward Dunthorne Hodgkinson, also has both parents living. His father was initiated in the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, in 1876, and since that time has subscribed to each of the three Institutions. No. 8, Frances Pater Turner, is an only child dependent on his mother, who was left a widow in 1881. The father was initiated two years before his death, in the City of London Lodge, No. 901. The son has already stood two elections, and brings forward 850 votes therefrom. No. 24, Arthur Howard Kemp, is the son of a brother initiated in the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, Hampshire and Isle of Wight, who subsequently joined the Victoria Park Lodge, No. 1816, London. The lad is one of six children now dependent on the widow, and comes forward, for the second time, with 309 votes recorded on his behalf. The other case in which a London Lodge is interested is No. 14, George Louis Granville Gallot, who is the son of an Irish Mason who has been a member of five Lodges under the English Constitution, they being situate in South Wales (Western Division), Brazil, Ceylon, Lahore and London respectively. Both parents are yet living, and there are five children dependent on them. The lad now before the subscribers to the Boys' School was a candidate at the last election, when 1450 votes were recorded on his behalf, a fact which augurs well for his ultimate success. Having thus brought our remarks in regard to the London cases to a conclusion, we turn to the Provinces, nearly all of which are represented among the remaining candidates, in addition to which there are three lads coming from Lodges beyond the seas.

West Yorkshire has three cases beyond that already spoken of—No. 35, where neither parent is living. These are No. 36, Kenneth Kendall, St. James Lodge, No. 448; No. 50, William Albert Foulds, Scientific Lodge, No. 439; and No. 57, William Hubert Pinder, Excelsior Lodge, No. 1042. The first named was a candidate at the last election, and then secured one vote. His father was Senior Deacon of his Lodge, and during his lifetime supported the Benevolent Institution. There are three children now dependent on the widow. Foulds and Pinder are both first application cases, and both are members of families where three children are dependent on a widowed mother. In each case the father was Senior Warden of his Lodge, and subscribed until death.

Somerset has three cases, in one of them the responsibility being shared with Devonshire. This is No. 20, Archibald Wallace Campbell, son of a brother initiated under the Scotch Constitution, who joined St. Keyna Lodge, No. 1833, and Concord, No. 1135. In the latter he rose to the dignity of Worshipful Master; of the former he was one of the founders, afterwards filling the offices of Senior Deacon and Secretary. There are four of his children dependent on his widow, who secured 31 votes on behalf of her son's candidature for the Boys' School at the last election. No. 26, Arthur Henry Grimsey, is one of two children left to the care of their mother, the widow of a brother initiated in Prudence and Industry Lodge, No. 1953. The lad was a candidate in October, and at that contest 277 votes were polled on his behalf. No. 65, George Hancock Cox, is a son of a brother initiated in the Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 329, in August 1861. He subscribed thereto for 25½ years, during which period he passed the chair and for some time filled the office of Treasurer. He was also a P.Z. and P.P.G.Supt.Wks. There are seven of his children now dependent on his widow.

Norfolk has two cases of its own besides the one already mentioned, and shares with Suffolk responsibility in one other. No. 13, Martin Roddwell Bostock, now makes his third application, with eight votes to his credit. The father, who is still living, was initiated in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 100, and subscribed thereto for eleven and a half years. He has five children still dependent on him. No. 34, Ernest W. Nankivell, is one of eight children left to the care of a widowed mother. The father was initiated in the Sondes Lodge, No. 996, and was Worshipful Master thereof at the time of his death. One hundred and seventy-eight votes were polled on the lad's behalf in October last.

Jersey has already been referred to in connection with No. 60. Other cases from the Island are Nos. 39 and 43, both first applications, while a Jersey Lodge is interested, with two others, in No. 55. No. 39, Alfred William Clarke, is one of three dependent children, left by a brother initiated in the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 491. No. 43, Stanley Edmund Rolls Pratt, is one of five dependent on a widowed mother. His father was an initiate and Junior Deacon of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 244, subscribing thereto until the time of his death in 1887. He is recorded as a supporter of the Benevolent Institution. No. 55, Herbert John Drewitt, is one of six left to the care of their mother. The father was initiated in the Mechanics' Lodge, No. 245; joined Four Cardinal Virtues, No. 979, Cheshire, and was a founder of St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 1914, Staffordshire, subscribing, in the three, for close on fourteen years.

Kent has two cases of its own, and shares with Jamaica and Herts responsibility in connection with a third. No. 17, William John Jennings, was a candidate at the last election, and then secured 105 votes. He is the son of an old member of the Brownrigg of Unity Lodge, No. 1424, and is one of four children now dependent on a widowed mother. No. 52, John Leonard Brown, is one of three children dependent on their mother, the widow of a brother initiated in the Wellington Lodge, No. 784. The lad now applies for the first time.

Devonshire puts forward No. 32, Robert Percy Chinnick, who is one of seven children left to the care of a widowed mother. His father was initiated in the Salem Lodge, No. 1443, and passed the chair in that Lodge. The lad was a candidate last October and goes to the poll on this occasion with 912 votes to his credit. No. 20 we have already referred to, among the Somerset cases, while another case in which Devon is interested is No. 3, which we shall refer to under the head of Cornwall.

Durham is represented by Nos. 5 and 27. The former,

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Edgar Holmes Burgess, now applies for the fourth time, and has 142 votes to his credit. He and two other children are dependent on their mother, the widow of a Mason made in the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, to which he subscribed until death. No. 27, Walter Herbert Brown, brings forward 1914 votes from the last election. He is one of six children dependent on his mother. The father was initiated in the Harbour of Refuge Lodge, No. 764, of which he became Junior Warden; he subsequently took part in the foundation of the Stranton Lodge, No. 1862, and became Worshipful Master thereof.

Essex has two cases, Nos. 4 and 9. No. 4, Charles William Green, is one of two dependent children, whose father was initiated in the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024. The lad has already taken part in three elections, and brings forward 613 votes. No. 9, Clement Siggers, has already made two applications, and has 35 votes to his credit. He is one of seven children left to the care of his widowed mother, whose husband was initiated in the United Lodge, No. 697.

Cornwall sends up No. 21, and is interested in No. 3. The former, Alexander Sydenham Sheriff Clunes, is one of three dependent children whose father died in January 1886. The lad was a candidate at the last election, when one vote was recorded for him. The father was an initiate and Senior Warden of the Fowey Lodge, No. 977. No. 3, John Crossman, has six votes to his credit from the last three elections. His father was initiated in St. Anne's Lodge, No. 970, Cornwall, and subsequently joined St. John's, No. 70, Devonshire. There are two children now dependent on the widowed mother.

From Oxfordshire we have No. 45, Edmund Arnold Greening Lamborn, son of a brother initiated in the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, who afterwards joined the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Berks and Bucks. Both parents are living, but the father is suffering from paralysis of the brain. There are two children dependent. No. 51, Arthur Herbert Windsor, is also one of a family of two dependent children The father, who died in April of last year, was initiated in the Bertie Lodge, No. 1515, and subscribed thereto until his death.

We have already spoken of Staffordshire, in connection with No. 55. This Province also sends No. 47, Robert Guy Bindley, who is one of two children dependent on their father, who is still living. He was initiated in the Marmion Lodge, No. 1060, passed the chair in that Lodge, acted as its Director of Ceremonies, and received the collar of Provincial Grand Pursuivant.

No. 7, David William Ewart Cable, is one of five children dependent on a widowed mother. He now appeals for the third time, with 2089 votes to his credit. His father was initiated in the Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1638, Surrey. No. 12, Samuel Henry Reginald Fursey, son of a brother initiated in the Burrell Lodge, No. 1829, Sussex, now makes his third application, bringing forward 246 votes. He and five other children are dependent on their mother. No. 25, Arthur Ernest Davey, is a Middlesex case, his father having been initiated in the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, rising to the office of Senior Warden therein, and being elected to the office of Worshipful Master just previous to his death. There are two children dependent on the widow. The lad was a candidate last election, when 1622 votes were polled on his behalf. No. 30, James Carruthers, is a second candidate from Cumberland and Westmoreland, bringing forward 17 votes from October. The father was initiated in the Union Lodge, No. 310, and became Worshipful Master thereof; he also received appointment as Provincial Grand Pursuivant. There are three of his children dependent on his widow. No. 38, Vernon Peed Gaches, is the last on the list brought forward from the October election of 1887. He is the son of a brother initiated in the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, Norths and Hunts, and brings forward 669 votes. His father was Junior Warden of his Lodge, and filled the same office in Provincial Grand Lodge. There are three children now dependent on the widow. No. 41, Reginald Woodley Goldring, is one of four children dependent on a widowed mother. His father was initiated in the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067, Gloucestershire, and rose to the office of Junior Deacon. No. 42, Richard George King, is another Hampshire case. The father was initiated in the Londport Lodge, No. 1776, and afterwards joined the Portsmouth, No. 487. There are six children now dependent on his widow. No. 46, Robert Samuel Bird, is the only case on the list in which an East Lancashire Lodge is concerned. The father was initiated in the Minerva Lodge, No. 300. The lad is one of four children dependent on their mother. No. 56, Frank Gowland Harvey, has a sister in the Girls' School; both his parents are living. The father was initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1631, Suffolk, and afterwards joined Friendship, No. 100, Norfolk; he is a Life Subscriber of the Benevolent Institution. There are four children yet dependent on him. No. 58, Ernest James Brown, is a Lincolnshire case, the father having been initiated in the Harmony Lodge, No. 272. He died in 1885, after eleven years' association with the Craft, and left a family of three, now dependent on his widow. No. 61, Rhys Edgar Morgan, is one of seven children now dependent on a widowed mother. The father was an initiate of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, and a joining member of the Merlin Lodge, No. 1578, both in the Province of South Wales (East Division). He subscribed until his death, and during his lifetime supported the Benevolent Institution.

From abroad we have No. 2, Harold Gray, who now applies for the fifth time. His father was initiated in the British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, King William's Town, and filled the office of Secretary and Junior Warden therein. The lad on whose behalf application is being made to the Boys' School is an only dependent child, and goes to the poll with 752 votes to his credit. No. 6, Frederick William John Scott, is one of three children dependent on a widowed mother, and now applies, for the fourth time, with 118 votes to his credit. His father was initiated under the Scotch Constitution, and subsequently joined St. John's Lodge, 828, Cape of Good Hope, subscribing thereto until his death, in December 1885. No. 49, Edward George Jarmain, is also one of three dependent on a widowed mother. His father was a member of the St. Andrew's Lodge, 509, Kamptee, and of the Bangalore Lodge, No. 1043, Bangalore, serving the office of Secretary in the Craft. No. 53, Frederick George Hart, is one of five children left to the care of their mother. The father was initiated in the Phœnix Lodge, No. 914, Jamaica, and subsequently joined the Adams, No. 158, Kent, and the Cecil, No. 449, Hertfordshire.

In concluding our summary we can but repeat the good wishes we expressed last week, when referring to the candidates for the benefits of the Sister Institution. May the most deserving secure election next month, and each, in turn, receive the benefits of the Institution for which they are now candidates.

FREEMASONRY IN MEDIÆVAL GERMANY.

IN order to comprehend the origin and especially the successful execution of those miracles of architecture, according to one great plan, we must remark that it was not individual architects who, with sometimes good, sometimes bad workmen, as in our times, undertook such works, but they were accomplished by an Association of Masons, distributed over the whole of Germany, and, indeed, over the whole of Europe, who were bound together by religion, honour and discipline. Even among the Romans there were building societies of great extent, the later members of which retired to the monasteries, and there occupied themselves chiefly with the construction of churches, and created the more sublime style of Christian architecture. Regular but temporal builders were also received into the society; and when, in the eleventh century, the vigour of the monastic system began to slumber in the indolence and satiety of acquired riches, these temporal builders obtained by degrees the superiority, and eventually formed the grand associations by means of which those wonderful works were executed. They possessed and followed mysterious signs and customs, by which the members of the body forming the class of the more sublime architecture were distinguished from the more simple artisans. Every society had its protecting patron, from whom it was named, and wherever a grand undertaking was to be executed, they all came from their various districts and assembled on the spot, so that their art, like a common possession, was beneficially distributed throughout most Christian countries. These important societies received from the reigning emperor and princes letters of license, and even their own exclusive judicial courts, at which the

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chief architect presided as judge. Close on the spot on which was to be erected the large building they were engaged upon, and which edifice, perhaps, took centuries to construct, a wooden house or *Hütte* was generally built, neatly adorned inside, in which the said chief architect, with the sword of justice in his hand, sat under a canopy and pronounced judgment. This *Hütte*, or court-house, in Strasburg derived a peculiar importance during the period of the construction of the Minster. It was soon regarded as the most distinguished amongst all in Germany; its institutions were imitated, and the other court-houses frequently derived counsel and judgments from it. After Strasburg came, in 1681, under the dominion of France, all connection between this principal *Hütte* and the others of Germany gradually ceased to exist; and the consequent disputes which arose between these latter on the subject of each other's claims to superiority were eventually put an end to in 1731 by an imperial decree, by which all distinctions of privilege between these associations and the common class of architects were abolished.—*Architect.*

CHANGELESS FREEMASONRY.

WHAT a world this is! Change is stamped upon everything. Nothing stands still, nothing is to-day what it was yesterday. Night and day are hotly chasing each other, and alternately overtaking and leaving each other in the rear, but gaining no continuing victory. Time is ringing changes on the hours. Every man is taller when he rises in the morning than when he retired at night. Every seven years he is physically an entirely different man, and might not know himself were it not for his name. And his tailor sees that the cut of his coat matches the changeable man. Truly, fashion rules the world, but it, with all else that is sublunary, will have to succumb at last, for the Great Light tells us, "the fashion of this world passeth away." The procession is always moving, and if we do not observe it it is because we are a part of it.

Change is the fickle god of the profane world—may the Grand Architect of the Universe deliver Freemasons from the thraldom of its sway! "Let the great world spin for ever down the ringing grooves of change;" let "desultory man" be "studious of change, and pleased with novelty;" but let Freemasons and Freemasonry be exempt from its tyrannic power. There is reason for men and things changing, but none for Freemasonry. Men cannot endure as they are, and would not if they could. Who would, or could live for ever with a decaying body and infirm mind? How could this earth endure, rent as it is by earthquakes and volcanoes, and worse than rotten at the core? Who would perpetually breathe an atmosphere which one day is charged with the leaden moisture of an east wind, another day with the icy breath of the north wind, and still another with the enervating heat of the south wind? Who would wage a war for ever with the evil that is around him, and in him? Let the earth spin on its delusive merry-go-round until the end of time, and then we hope for something better. But, mark this, you cannot find on this earth a better human institution than Freemasonry, and you cannot improve it by changing it.

Why cannot Freemasonry be improved? Because it is a living embodiment of Truth and Love, and to alter these, in substance or in form, would be to weaken them. The Truth of Freemasonry is the Truth of God—it is Bible truth. It is neither partial nor sectarian; it is firm, moral ground, upon which all good men and true can stand. The Love of Freemasonry is that beneficent love of our fellows which has its highest characterisation in the inspired statement—"God is love." Now, the symbolic ceremonies of our Fraternity, which teach that Truth and Love should be, *as nearly as may be*, as changeless as these virtues themselves. We know there is only one in the universe who can truthfully say, "I change not," but we know also that which is the best in the world should be the least subject to change. Let other societies be chameleons,

> "Borrowing from their neighbour's hue
> His white or black, his green or blue,"

but let Free and Accepted Masonry aim to change, even in the smallest matters, as little as possible.

We are aware that Freemasonry has changed in the past. Some changes were inevitable; for example, when the Craft became speculative as well as operative, and finally purely speculative, and when it was revived from its feeble condition at the close of the seventeenth and beginning of the eighteenth centuries. But how often, in various Masonic jurisdictions, have causeless and injudicious changes been made. How have ritualists and lecturers and consitutionalists tinkered at Masonry, until it is in some sense, taken as a whole, a piece of Masonic patchwork. Look at the Masonic quilt which is spread over the world, and observe how diversified it is.

Here, permit us to say, Pennsylvania Freemasons have just reason to be proud of their heritage. By the consent of all who are acquainted with the facts of Masonic history on this American continent, in Great Britain and throughout the world, the "*work*" of Masonry in Pennsylvania is purer, simpler and more ancient than in any other Masonic jurisdiction on the globe. During the past century and a quarter it has been as nearly the same as it is possible for the memory of man to maintain it. There has not been here, as elsewhere, the deliberate purpose to change it. The only effort has been to restore, never to alter. We abhor the profanity of the sentiment, "new day, new duty." There can be but one duty—to uphold the Freemasonry we have received *as we received it*, and deliver it unimpaired to our successors. We acknowledge no fashions in Masonry. The garb in which it came to us is the garb we would perpetuate. We cannot improve it.

> "How, now, foolish rheum!
> To guild refined gold, to paint the lily
> To throw a perfume on the violet,
> To smooth the ice, or add another hue
> Unto the rainbow, or with taper light
> To seek the beauteous eye of heaven to garnish,
> Is wasteful and ridiculous excess."
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> —*Keystone.*

THE LIGHT BEHIND THE KNOCKER.

MANY years ago it was customary, among benevolent institutions, such as Monasteries, Convents, and other asylums that were reared for philanthropic purposes, to have placed upon the large entrance door a huge knocker, whose unmusical sound might reach the most remote part of the building, and as the day departed, leaving the night and darkness behind, some kindly hand would place a bright light behind this knocker, apparently a thing of little account, but, like the beacon on the rocky coast, it guided to safety. The traveller in the storm, wending his way along the deep mountain passes, amid dangers and difficulties, has hailed with joy this messenger of love; the weary limbs quicken their pace, and the sinking heart utters a prayer of thanksgiving for this beam of hope; thus struggling on, at last he stands on the threshold of comfort; the kind friends within know nought of his coming, the door is barred, he knows that in order to enter he must knock, and as he does this the door is opened, and if found worthy, he is received and welcomed.

How similar to this plan of ministering to humanity is the Masonic Institution; the chief desire of those long departed saints was to do good to their fellow men. And this most certainly is the leading purpose of Freemasonry.

The keynote of our institution is brotherly love, and pursuing this comparison further, how beautifully the light of our Craft sheds its rays o'er plain and mountain, and out across the ocean's breadth and depth; how many strangers and pilgrims, journeying along the paths of life, have felt the silent influence of this mysterious brightness, unable to discover its sources or meaning, and at last have been drawn nearer and still nearer, until finally the applicant stands before the door he desires to enter, raises the heavy knocker, sounds the alarm, and from within the bolts are drawn, and if, like the footsore traveller of old, he is worthy, he is allowed to enter. He treads the inner court; before him on the sacred altar lies the source of all this radiance, which has drawn him thither. He recognises in it God's Holy Word, he also conceives that all Masonic thought, teachings and work, can be traced to this silent monitor of our Mystic Brotherhood. What an inspiration is the thought that this great light is the guidance star of many a poor wanderer, leading him up out of darkness and despair, bringing him at last to this quiet retreat where strife and discord are forgotten, where he becomes a workman in the temple, still guided by the light which burns brightly behind the knocker.—*Royal Craftsman.*

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ANGEL LODGE, No. 51.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Three Cups Hotel, Colchester, on the 22nd inst., Bro. G. Harrison P.M. 1828 W.M. in the chair, and there were also present the following Officers and brethren:—Bros. Quilter S.W., Horsman J.W., Welch P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, Ralling P.M. P.G.A.D.C. England P.G. Sec. Essex Secretary, Reichter S.D., Ablett J.D., Ives P.M. P.P.G.A. Sec. D.C., Jones I.G., Williams, Gray, and Francis Stewards, Wright Tyler, Sowman P.M. P.P.G.J.W., Hennemeyer P.M. P.P.G.S.W., Sparling I.P.M., Turner P.M. P.P.G.O., Edwards P.M. 254 P.P.A.D.C. Warwickshire, Rix P.M. 697 P.P.G. Sword Bearer, Wright, Manley, Miller, Loyd, H. N. C. Hewson, G. M. Hewson, Becker, Peck. Visitor—S. Meech Secretary 2163. The Lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, Bros. Becker and Peck were passed, the ceremony being efficiently performed by the W.M. Subsequently Bro. Welch P.M., in a most able and impressive manner, gave the explanation of the Second Tracing Board, which was listened to with evident pleasure and interest, and at its close Bro. Welch was rewarded with a special vote of thanks. Bro. Turner P.M. brought up the Report of the Bye-Laws Sub-Committee, and after a protracted debate on a few points at issue various amendments were made, and the By-Laws ordered to be sent to Grand Lodge for approval. An application for assistance was received from the widow of a late brother, but it was not entertained. After the conclusion of the business the brethren sat down to the usual spread, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner, due attention being paid to the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bros. Ralling and Hennemeyer responded for the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers respectively, Bro. Sparling for the Past Masters of the Lodge, Bro. S. Meech for the Visitors, Brothers Quilter and Horsman for the Officers, and Bro. Turner for the musical brethren. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by songs, rendered by Bros. Turner, Sparling, and Welch.

ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

THE members of this Lodge on the 20th entertained the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Major and Sheriff Davies, Bro. Sheriff Higgs, and a large and distinguished company, including a large number of present and past Officers of Grand Lodge. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. H. Squire, C.C., and the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, and other distinguished guests were received, with Masonic honours, in the body of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren and their numerous guests adjourned to the banquet-room, all the arrangements of which were placed under the able management of Bro. Wright P.M. and D.C. of the Lodge. The President's place was occupied by the Master of the Lodge, who had the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor on his right, the Immediate Past Master ex-officio filling the seat on his left hand, and Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., occupying the next seat. The Senior Warden, Bro. H. Clarke, C.C., took the end of the right-hand table, the J.W., Bro. J. P. Godfrey, took care of the left-hand table, and the Secretary, Bro. J. E. Turner, faced the Master at the centre table. In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," the Chairman said that it was a toast which on these occasions was always hailed with satisfaction and loyalty. They were aware that recently Her Majesty had been much exercised in mind with regard to the events which had taken place in Germany, where her son-in-law had now become Emperor of that great nation. The present Emperor of Germany was a very excellent and much-beloved Mason; in his country he was called Masonic Protector, and he evinced great interest in the Masonry of this country. Three of the Queen's sons were Masons, and therefore it was likely, as it was the fact, that she took a great interest—as much interest as a lady could—in the Masonic body of this country. He therefore gave them "The Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Craft." The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and the Master proceeded to propose "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master the Prince of Wales," in doing which he said, he had been very much gratified by being allowed to attend the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs last week to Marlborough House, when they went to convey the congratulations of the City of London to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their silver wedding; and he also reminded the brethren that it was only last year that the brethren had assembled to the number of about 6,000 at Albert Hall, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, which the Prince declared to be the most interesting assembly of Masons at which he had been present with the exception of the occasion when he had been installed as Grand Master of English Freemasons. The toast of "The Grand Officers Present and Past," was replied to by the Rev. G. W. Weldon Grand Chaplain, who said of Freemasonry that the more it extended throughout the world the greater would be its power, and that in spite of the efforts of Socialists there was a loyalty to, and he might say a religion about Freemasonry, which would prove a bulwark to the public order of the State, and a safeguard to the liberties of the people. Bro. Eve (the Grand Treasurer) also responded for this toast. The Master in proposing "The Health of the Lord Mayor," said that they never met in the City, whether at a Masonic or any other social gathering, without recognizing the head and monarch of their city—the Lord Mayor. And when, as in the present instance, they had a Lord Mayor who trod in the steps of his illustrious predecessors, and when they remembered that he was the 699th Lord Mayor, many as had been the talented men who had occupied that position, history furnished them with no mention of any Lord Mayor who had fulfilled his duties more zealously, or kindly, or more hospitably, or more to the satisfaction of the citizens, than the present Lord Mayor the Right Hon. Polydore de Keyser. In the Masonic world the brethren knew that the Lord Mayor took and felt a very great interest. He was Master of the Lodge which he so well represented, and considering his position it was also surprising that he could still devote time to Masonry. It had been the custom, the Master said, ever since the Alliance Lodge had been established, that when the Lord Mayor for the year was a member of the Masonic body, for the Lodge to have the honour of entertaining him. It was difficult for him, in the presence of the Lord Mayor, to say as much as he would have liked to do, but he was quite sure that the brethren would join him most sincerely in drinking to the health of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, trusting that he might be spared, with health and strength, to go through his arduous duties, which he had commenced with such credit and renown to himself. The Lord Mayor in reply said, that he was almost overpowered at the very kind reception which those present had given to the toast which had just been proposed by their good Master. He believed from what he had heard of the Alliance Lodge that every member of the Corporation, and certainly the Lord Mayor, ought to belong to that Lodge, and he hoped that the Lodge would give him the opportunity of becoming a member of it, and that in that manner he might make up for what he believed to be a want in his education as a Mason. Although he was Master of his Lodge this year, he was not a young Mason; he had been one for 25 years, and entirely adopted and was inspired by those principles which had been enunciated by their Grand Chaplain. He thanked them for having, for the second time in the last ten years, to visit their Lodge; he thanked them, not only as a Mason but as Lord Mayor, for their kind reception, and desired to express his gratification at the honour they had paid him. The health of the Master of the Lodge was proposed by the Lord Mayor, and the Master replied in suitable terms. The health of the Sheriffs was then proposed by the Master, and Major Davies, in replying, asked to be allowed to become a member of the Lodge, but said that he should not be satisfied if admitted until he occupied the position of its Master. Mr. Sheriff Higgs also responded. The toast of the Visitors was replied to by Dr. Egan, Bro. Broadley, and Bro. Hafeley (of New York). Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton replied for the Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro. J. Marcham was toastmaster.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE usual meeting of this "Press" Lodge, was held on Saturday, the 17th inst, at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton. There were present: Bros. J. C. Duckworth W.M., Dr. Griffiths S.W., Herbert Wright J.W., H. Massey P.M. Treasurer, R. J. Albery Secretary: H. F. Bussey P.M., Thomas Minstrell P.M., W. F. Perkins S.D., C. Basil Cooke I.G., C. K. Moore W.S., James M'Intyre, William MacDonald, John Bunn, J. W. R. Brown, Peter Bruce, J. C. Manning, John Allen, Charles Lock, G. F. Babington, H. J. Saunderson, W. E. Pitt, Wallace Husk, S. James, J. Masson, H. Ashenden, &c. Visitor Bro. Saunders J.W. 1257. Bro. James Walker was elected a joining member. Bro. Ashenden was raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being performed in a most able manner by the W.M. Bro Wallace Husk was appointed Organist, and duly invested with the collar of his office. The brethren were requested by the W.M. to support to the utmost of their power the case of Mrs. Mary Cooke, widow of Bro. Cooke, late of the *Standard* reporting staff. Bro. Duckworth, the W.M., also appealed to any Masons whose votes for the next election to the Masonic Benevolent Institution were not engaged to send them to Mrs. Cooke, 40 Wilson-road, Camberwell, as the case was a most deserving one, and strongly recommended. The business having been completed, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. A successful Cinderella dance followed the business proceedings. The Worshipful Master, Bro. J. C. Duckworth, inaugurated his year of office by holding a ball, and since then he has allowed two Cinderella dances to take place in the name of the Lodge. The July meeting of the Lodge is to be of a purely formal character, as far as Masonic work is concerned. The Lodge will meet early in the morning, and adjourn to some pleasant place in the country, the members being accompanied by their lady friends. The fact that ladies are admitted to so many of the social gatherings connected with the Gallery Lodge is depriving Freemasonry of a great deal of its exclusiveness, and is making the Gallery Lodge exceedingly popular amongst the ladies connected with the knights of the pen. At the Cinderella dance on Saturday last, there were present journalists representing almost every newspaper in the country. The Worshipful Master and Mrs. Duckworth are to be congratulated on the very great success of these gatherings. Thanks are due to Bros. Perkins (Secretary), C. K. Moore and C. Lock (M.C.'s), by whom the arrangements were carried out.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

THE installation meeting, was held at the Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Brother Dr. Hooper W.M., and the principal Officers being invested. The gathering was a large one, many of the brethren of the Upper Norwood Lodge being present. The installation ceremony was splendidly performed by Brother H. Hartley.

JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2195.

THE first annual installation banquet of this military Lodge took place on Friday, 23rd March, at Dover, Assistant Commissary General Bro. Moore being installed in the chair. Several military brethren, former members of the Portsmouth Lodges, were amongst those present, also Bro. Jenkins, the present Worshipful Master of the Portsmouth Lodge, who attended to represent the Portsmouth brethren, and replied to the toast of the Visitors.

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METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bro. Thomas Charles Edmonds W.M., who was supported by P.M.'s Bros. G. W. Knight, C. J. Scales, H. Stiles, W. M. Stiles, G. Edwards, H. Lovegrove, Geo. Clark; Bros. F. W. Dimsdale S.W., W. Davey J.W., F. J. Perks P.M. Secretary, W. F. Bates S.D., R. Fraser J.D., A. Bryce Director of Ceremonies, R. A. Calway Assistant Director of Ceremonies, J. F. Saunders and W. Little Stewards, and the following among other Visitors:—Brothers H. Battams 1777, W. J. Lee 1777, G. F. Penny 2184, F. A. Fullcher 212, A. Walter J.W. 1791, B. Kauffman I.P.M. 1732, H. V. Chenny 1260, C. J. Knightley 1744, E. Hislop W.M. 1708, R. Ross S.D. 1744, R. Bryce 1421, R. A. Hose 1314, A. H. Scurrah Sec. 2206, G. Wiltshire 860, G. Dickinson W.M. 1681, W. A. Scurrah W.M. 2206. In addition there was a large attendance of members of the Lodge, the whole company numbering upwards of eighty brethren. The Lodge having been regularly opened, the minutes were confirmed. Mr. Aime Charles Bertrand was balloted for as a candidate for initiation, and being approved of, he received the benefits of Masonic Light at the hands of the Worshipful Master. Bros. John Henry Timberlake and George Henry Jennings were next passed, and then the third degree was performed on behalf of a candidate who came forward for advancement. This being the election meeting of the Lodge, the ballot was now taken for the office of Worshipful Master, the choice of the brethren being unanimous in favour of Bro. Dimsdale S.W. Bro. James Willing jun. P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, also without opposition, the brethren expressing regret at his long enforced absence from their meetings and wishing him a speedy return to his former health. Bro. Whiting was re-elected Tyler, after which an Audit Committee was appointed. The best thanks of the Lodge were passed to Bro. Edmonds for his services and able presidency during his year of Mastership, and the sum of ten guineas voted from the funds to provide a Past Master's jewel for him. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the same to be placed on the list of Bro. W. M. Stiles, who will act as Steward at the coming Festival. Other matters of business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet. In due course the customary toasts were given, the first three on the list being briefly proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by the brethren. Bro. Knight I.P.M. submitted the toast of the W.M., who stood in a somewhat peculiar position to what had been his experience during the time he had been in the chair of the Lodge. He had before him a long holiday, while he had had a busy time in the past. It was not necessary to make a long speech in praise of Bro. Edmonds, who had given them great satisfaction while he had been at their head. All he could hope was that future Masters in the Metropolitan Lodge would prove themselves as efficient as he had done. The toast was most heartily received, and Bro. Edmonds made a telling speech in reply. He rose with pleasure, and yet with regret, for he could but remember that was the last time, in the usual course of events he should appear before them as W. Master. He sincerely hoped he had maintained the honour and reputation of the Lodge during his Mastership. It was, comparatively speaking, only a young Lodge, yet it had secured for itself a reputation which was not surpassed by any other. No matter what part of the country its members visited, they were received with the greatest cordiality and good feeling. To his mind this proved that the Lodge was recognised as worthy of honour. Bro. Edmonds then tendered his thanks to the Past Masters of the Lodge for the kindly assistance he had received from them, and also complimented the Officers on the efficient way in which they had discharged their duties. He next spoke of the kindly feeling which was manifested towards him by the entire membership of the Lodge, the brethren of which seemed to regard him as a dear friend. He was very proud of the title they had bestowed on him, as he felt it was really the expression of true friendship, and one which could not be bestowed on a brother they did not appreciate. He had striven to his uttermost to make himself competent to uphold the honour of the Lodge, and felt he had been somewhat successful when he witnessed the unanimity with which they had voted their thanks in the Lodge. Speaking of the future, he felt there was little of a holiday for him. His next duty would be to instal his successor, and to make himself proficient for that work would require much of his spare time, as it would be his aim to do it in such a way as would place him not far behind those who had preceded him. The next toast he proposed was the health of the W.M. elect. He knew how he felt at that time twelve months ago, and he knew the brethren would require but little persuasion to honour this toast. The W.M. elect was a brother he and the Masters before him had been working with for many years past. He had shown great aptitude for learning his duties in the Craft, would make a good Master, and would assuredly win the approval of the Lodge. Bro. Dimsdale replied. He had worked very hard to secure the honour of their approval, and felt he had won a high compliment that day. He would do his best to deserve the highly complimentary remarks which had been offered him. He appealed to the Officers to perfect themselves in their duties, and make themselves proficient for higher office if they desired preferment. The toast of the Past Masters was next submitted, with it being coupled the names of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bros. Knight, Scales, Stiles, Perks, &c. responded, after which the initiate, the visitors, and the Officers were honoured. Thus the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

Emperor William, of Germany, recently addressed to the Masonic Lodge of Rostock, Mecklenburg, a letter of congratulation, on the 75th anniversary of its foundation. He said: "Freemasonry constitutes a true element of the religious sentiment, and works for the well-being of humanity."

ROYAL ARCH.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 124.

A MEETING was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, on the 27th inst., for the installation of the three Principals and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year. Comp. Sewell was elected Z., W. Logan H., and J. Lawson J. The ceremonies were performed by Companions J. Hiller, R. Hudson, and W. Logan. The Auditors' report was afterwards received and adopted, it being considered very satisfactory. A presentation of a jewel was then made to Comp. W. Logan, by Comp. R. Hudson, for the interest he has invariably taken in Freemasonry, and especially in connection with the obtaining of the centenary jewel to the Concord Chapter. The brethren were afterwards entertained to supper by Comp. Sewell.

SEGONTIUM CHAPTER, No. 606.

THE annual installation took place on the 27th inst., in the Lodge-room at Carnarvon Castle. The installing Masters were Bros. R. J. David and J. W. Poole. The following were installed:—Comps. J. Lloyd Griffith Z., Pritchard J., Morgan H. The attendance of brethren included Cornelius Davies, Harris, Edward Roberts, Davies, Watkins. The banquet was served at the Royal Sportsman Hotel.

The Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to which we referred last week, was duly held on Saturday, when upwards of three hundred brethren attended. The meeting was opened in the usual Board Room of Freemasons' Hall, and Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. was voted to the chair. An adjournment was then made to the Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern, which afforded ample accommodation for the exceptionally large gathering assembled. The case for the brethren who had requisitioned the meeting was opened by Bro. John Glass P.Prov.G.D. Essex, P.M. and Treasurer of the Chigwell, No. 453, of which Lodge the late Bro. Motion—the father of the lad referred to in the notice calling the meeting—was a member. Bro. Glass made an able, temperate and forcible speech, but it was clear to almost every impartial listener that there was not sufficient in the case he laboured for to warrant the interference of the subscribers with the decision of the House Committee. Bro. Glass was admirably supported by Bro. George Corble P.M. 453, P.Prov.G.J.W. Essex, and others interested in the case. Brother A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Vice President of the Institution, moved the rejection of the proposal, and he also was sustained in the arguments he adduced. As the result a division took place, when the original proposition was rejected, by 199 votes to 118. We hope the case will end here, especially as we feel that any further action in the matter can do no possible good for the lad who is supposed to be aggrieved. His term for remaining in the School has now expired—he cannot therefore be taken back, and we fail to see what advantage even the most ample apology would do him—supposing such was either needful or contemplated.

KAISER WILLIAM AND FREEMASONRY.

THE late Emperor of Germany was initiated into Freemasonry in 1840, shortly before his father's death. A special Lodge was convened for the purpose, presided over by the three Berlin Grand Lodges, in accordance with the wishes of Frederick William III. (his father), who had for long been a member of the Craft, having been admitted in 1814 in Paris. William I. assumed the Protectorate of the Masonic Lodges in the Prussian Monarchy, the title being continued down to his decease. His son, Prince Frederick William, lately the Crown Prince and now the Emperor, was appointed Deputy-Protector, having been initiated by William I. (then the Crown Prince) in 1853 in the Royal Palace, at which representatives attended from the three Grand Lodges. The gavel used by his Imperial Highness on that occasion formerly belonged to Frederick the Great, who became a member of the "mystic tie" in 1738. According to Speth's "Royal Freemasons," every King of Prussia, with the exception of Frederick William IV., had been a Freemason, from Frederick the Great until now, and as regards Emperors of Germany the Fraternity can point to Franz I. of Lorraine and Austria, 1745-1765, William I., and now Frederick III., both Kings of Prussia. A medal was struck in silver and bronze to commemorate the initiation of the late Emperor on 22nd May 1840, and two others about the same period were also circulated in the same metals in celebration of the centenary of the Masonic reception of Frederick the Great, one of which, by Pfeuffer, is of most suggestive design.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Terry's.—A more charming and unconventional piece than "Sweet Lavender," produced at this theatre last week, could not be wished for. Fully bearing out its title, the work brims over with pleasant sayings, happy conceptions, and refreshing incidents. The idea that Mr. A. W. Pinero has so well worked out is one that courts favour, inasmuch as, in some way or other, it touches the hearts of every one that sees it. In "Sweet Lavender" Mr. Pinero has successfully struck a new vein. First of all he has given us what may truly be called a new play, founded on a theme distinctly original, but never exaggerated. Secondly, he has sketched a character—though not a sober or intelligent person—possessing a kind heart and generous in every respect. Such is Dick Phenyl, who falls and falls again, till, by the kind help of Clement Hale, a straightforward young man, he finally conquers his predominant vice. Throughout the piece can be traced Mr. Pinero's bright and witty sayings, but it is not so much this that makes the play, it is the really living characters, that stand in our memory long after the curtain falls. To give our readers some idea with what ingenuity Mr. Pinero has handled his subject, it will be well to give a short outline. There is living in chambers in the Temple Clement Hale, the adopted son of Mr. Geoffrey Wedderburn; for a friend he has Dick Phenyl. Clement has fallen desperately in love with his housekeeper's daughter, Lavender; this young lady returns his love. Clement's father visits him, and Ruth Rolt, the housekeeper in question, recognises him as the parent of her daughter, and consequently decides to run away, and thus prevent her history becoming known. After a touching interview between the youthful lovers, Ruth and Lavender depart, to return, however, as nurse to Wedderburn, who has received a shock owing to the bank he is connected with having suspended payment. How a happy issue is brought about we leave our readers to ascertain for themselves, but we may state that Wedderburn, who secretly has loved Ruth ever since he left her, resolves to redeem his promise. The company Mr. Edward Terry has secured to co-operate with him represent this play most satisfactorily. Mr. Terry plays Dick Phenyl, with great effect. Every one of Mr. Pinero's witty sayings are capitally brought out, while the struggle to keep his word with his friend not to drink is admirably depicted. A more realistic picture could not be wished for. Mr. Bernard Gould is a manly Clement Hale, while the difficult part of Geoffrey Wedderburn is entrusted to Mr. Brandon Thomas. The Dr. Delaney of Mr. Alfred Bishop is another well drawn character, that this sterling actor makes the most of. Miss Norreys, as Lavender, is not so successful as usual; the part is too solemn for one who seems to revel in fun. Miss Carlotta Addison depicts well the sorrows of Ruth Rolt, while Miss M. A. Victor is good as Wedderburn's sister. Miss Maude Millett is charming as a young lady in love with a youthful American,—Horace Bream, who finds a careful interpreter in Mr. F. Kerr. Mr. Sant Matthews as a solicitor, and Mr. T. C. Valentine a hairdresser, add to the completeness of the caste. In conclusion we may express the opinion that "Sweet Lavender" is sure to have a successful run; it is a piece that can be seen again and again, and still be thoroughly enjoyed.

The Handel Festival.—The most remarkable musical celebration of its kind in the world recurs in this year—the Great Handel Festival, that is held triennially at the Crystal Palace; it could not be celebrated on the scale it has created for itself in any other arena, nor could it take place with like appropriateness, or even with a similar art result in any other country. It is as unique in respect of the numbers who take part in it, and as regards its character, as it is in its art effects. The result of a national organisation carefully maintained and used during many years, the 4,000 performers brought together are individually proficient in their several parts, and their united efforts are to be rated as absolutely alone in the sublimity of musical effect. The organisation is possible only in England, where our Cathedral choirs exist as a nucleus for the provincial sections of the Great Chorus, and, together with the county and local choral associations, whose members take part in the Festival, are familiar by practice with the music of Handel. This wide-spread knowledge is a most important element. There is, moreover, more than mere musical delight conducing to the way the Handel Festival is received by the public; there is much of a religious feeling that tends to give the occasion a significance of its own—peculiar perhaps to England, for which Handel wrote his masterpieces. Mr. August Manns and all his coadjutors are already working actively to carry out the musical arrangements with most scrupulous care, so that the performances in June may be, if possible, more perfect than ever. It is not possible to bring the members of the Great Chorus together with completeness, except at considerable intervals. They come from all parts of the kingdom. There are to be active rehearsals in the provinces, where, at several local centres, the singers of the respective districts will be assembled, and the works gone through under Mr. Manns's personal direction; and these provincial rehearsals are to be prosecuted this year more frequently than ever, so that when the provincial sections meet the London contingent on the Great Orchestra the work of getting all to go together will concern sections of a great whole, rather than individuals. The most distinguished solo singers have been engaged, among whom Madame Albani, Madame Nordica, Miss Annie Marriott, Madame Valleria, Madame Patey, Madame Trebelli, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. Barton McGuckin, Mr. Santley, Mr. Bridson, and Mr. Brereton are to be particularised. Mr. W. T. Best will play a solo on the great organ, and all together there will be 4,000 performers, each one of whom will contribute effectively to produce the purely exceptional result that will be presented to those who are fortunate enough to be present in June next at the Great Handel Festival.

Messrs. Wills and Grundy's new play, "The Pompadour," will be produced at the Haymarket Theatre to-night (Saturday). The following ladies and gentlemen are in the caste:—Messrs. Beerbohm Tree, Ashley, Fred Terry, Royce Carleton, Brookfield; Mrs. Tree; Meedames Achurch, Marion Terry, Le Thiere, and Rose Leclerc.

"A Run of Luck" will be revived at Drury Lane to-night (Saturday). This realistic drama, which was withdrawn in the height of its success in 1886, will be welcomed again with genuine eagerness. The caste which Bro. Augustus Harris has secured is a strong one.

Messrs. George Giddins and T. G. Warren having undertaken the management of the pretty little Novelty Theatre, in Great Queen-street, will commence operations to-night (Saturday), with "Nita's First," and a new one-act play, entitled "Fennel." Mr. Giddins, who will play in both pieces, is to be well supported.

Miss Genevieve Ward and Mr. W. H. Vernon will next week commence a short season at the Lyceum Theatre, with "Forget-me-not," and "Nance Oldfield." We may state the first-named piece has now had a continuous run of over 2000 nights.

Mr. Charles Harris will take his annual benefit at the Gaiety, on Thursday afternoon, the 5th April. A liberal programme has been provided, and a full house may be expected.

INSTITUTE OF AUCTIONEERS AND SURVEYORS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE general meeting of the members of this new Association was held on Wednesday, at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the presidency of Mr. J. M. Kienck, who was supported by representatives of the profession from Bradford, Cambridge, Keighley, &c. In moving the adoption of the report, the chairman congratulated the members upon the success which had attended their efforts to promote the prosperity of the Institute. The Council had received 720 applications for membership; these had been disposed of as follows: Fellows, 476; Associates, 156; Students, 15; leaving 58 for further information and investigation. Some members were anxious to see the Institute move more quickly, for the benefit of the profession, but the Council submitted that the first step to be taken was to procure a Charter of Incorporation. Communications had been made with the authorities of the Inland Revenue with respect to certain persons who held themselves out to be auctioneers and agents without the necessary licences, and a result favourable to the profession had been secured. Prior to the Local Government Bill being adopted, it would be necessary to look into the clause relating to compensation and as to the appointment of an arbitrator, and also into the law of distress. These and other matters would engage the attention of the Council. Mr. Weatherhead (Mayor of Keighley) seconded the motion, which received full consideration, and finally was adopted. Mr. Abraham Smith (Honorary Secretary) stated that he had received a letter from the Chairman, calling attention to the desirability of establishing a benefit fund in connection with the Institute. He appealed for subscriptions for the purpose. The Solicitor was instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain a certificate of incorporation. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the President. In the evening several members and friends dined together, at the Holborn Restaurant, under the same presidency. In the course of the after proceedings several admirable suggestions as to placing the Association on such a basis as will tend to advance and uphold the best interests of its members received earnest consideration, and the Chairman was congratulated on the successful preliminary efforts that had been made to this end.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE.—Brethren, the prosperity and glory of Masonry rest with us. As Masons we should feel that we have a duty—a high duty—to perform in trying to maintain the dignity and glory of Freemasonry as handed down to us from the fathers. It stands before us to-day as it stood from time immemorial, unsullied and unscarred by vandal hands, though its would be destroyers have continued for ages to hurl their anathemas against its fair proportions; and as such it will continue to stand if Masons will be true to their professions; because the institution is Founded upon the eternal principles of *Truth*, and *Truth* will live for ever.

It has been well said by an exchange that we should not allow ourselves to be dazzled by outward show, but carefully scrutinise every applicant for admission to the Order. Masonry is not made stronger by numbers, and if ever the charm and beauty of the Temple is defaced or obscured, it will come from the hands of vandals.



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Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution. Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic afflictions he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

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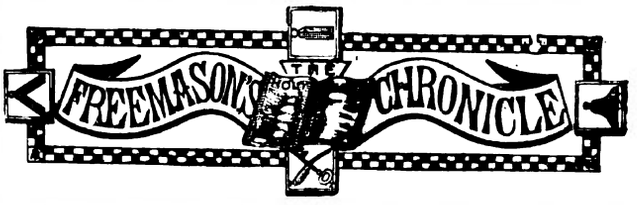
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LODGE HISTORIES.

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LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 174.

A VERY interesting volume has just been issued to the Craft, viz., a History of the Lodge of Sincerity; compiled from the Minutes, 1784 to 1887, by Bro. John Newton, F.R.A.S., P.M. and P.Z. In many respects this book may be held up as a pattern for imitation by those who undertake similar duties in connection with other Lodges in years to come, but perhaps the most pleasing feature about it is its completeness, the summary being entire for upwards of one hundred years. It is not the good fortune of many Lodges to possess such a record as does the Sincerity, which has in its possession the original Minute Books of the Lodge, from the 10th March 1784 to the present time, hence it is that the compilation of Bro. Newton is all the more likely to please such members of the Craft as may secure a copy. We cannot, of course, attempt here anything like a lengthened summary of the contents of the volume, but shall endeavour to select sufficient of the doings recorded to make our remarks acceptable to our readers. The original formation of the Lodge dates back to May 1768, since when it has never been in abeyance, although it has passed through some troublesome times, and been compelled to shift from place to place, for one reason or another. Its earlier history is somewhat shrouded in mystery, for, there being no books in the possession of the Lodge relating to the first sixteen years of its existence, it is only possible to record such items as may be gleaned from the Registers of Grand Lodge. From these it appears that the early members were chiefly mariners, the Lodge of Sincerity being, for many years, pre-eminently a maritime one.

The original Warrant of the Lodge was nearly destroyed by fire in 1849, rendering a Warrant of Confirmation necessary. This was granted by the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, on the 26th December of that year. This document gives the number of the Lodge as 423 at its formation, and records that at the closing up and alteration of numbers in 1770, 1781 and 1792, it became Nos. 358, 275 and 231 respectively. By the Union of the two Grand Lodges of England in 1813 it became No. 290, which number was again altered, in 1832 to 203, and in 1863 to its present number—174. From the books of Grand Lodge we learn that on the 21st October 1768, that is six months later than the date of its Warrant, the Master of the Lodge attended the Committee of Charity—which Committee then performed the same duties as are now carried on by our Boards of Benevolence and General Purposes. Similar records are given in reference to the years 1773, 1774, 1778 and 1780, so that, even at this early date, the Lodge appears to have taken its share in the general work of the Craft. Its members were among the first to subscribe to the fund for the purpose of building a Hall, &c., contributing five guineas for this purpose in 1773, and supplementing that amount from time to time till, at the end of 1785, the amount standing to the credit of the Lodge, on this account, was £28 15s 6d. Having given these brief details of the early doings of the Lodge, we may turn to

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the first entry in the earliest Minute, of the 10th March 1784, when the Lodge met at the White Lyon, Prince's Stairs, Rotherhithe, and was presided over by a visitor, Bro. Scurry, of the King's Arms Lodge. On the 15th September following the Lodge was removed to the Bull's Head, Rotherhithe, and the Wardens appear to have been appointed. The initiation fee at this period was £2 7s, and the annual subscription 12s, while among the expenditure of the year was two guineas for rough and perfect ashlars, with triangle and blocks, and twelve aprons. It was no uncommon practice in these times to confer two or three degrees on a candidate at one meeting, although, says the compiler, in most instances it was foreigners or seafaring candidates who were thus advanced. There are the usual references to half-yearly elections of Master and other Officers, as was customary at this period, and in 1778, we find a Minute that "Bro. John Noble was proposed to become a member of this Lodge, which was second'd and third'd, and carried nem con." The financial state of the Lodge was not very bright, the balance due to Treasurer at end of 1785 being £13 19s 8½d; at end of 1786, £12 0s 2d; and at end of 1787, £7 9s 0½d. The income for the year 1786 was £18 3s 8½d. In 1788 the Lodge was removed to the White Lion, and in 1790 to the Jamaica House, Bermondsey. During this latter year there were no initiates, and the Lodge appears to have been on the decline, a motion being carried at the last meeting of the year that all members who did not pay up their arrears be discontinued till they were paid. The following year the chair was declared vacant, through the non-attendance of the Master, and a Brother Alexander was elected in his stead. This brother appears to have done well. He was re-elected to the office, and initiations seem to have been very numerous, no less than twenty-nine gentlemen being received during the two years the Lodge was under the rule of Brother Alexander. On the minutes of 1792 appears a proposition that a Masters' Lodge be held every fifth Tuesday, and during this year the first record of a Lodge Festival is noted. The dinner was provided by the two Wardens; each member paying 5s, and each visitor 6s 6d; thirty-two brethren were present, and the sum realised was £9 2s, leaving a profit of 4s 7d. During this year a Tyler's jewel was presented to the Lodge, which jewel is still used by the Tyler on duty. The initiation fee was raised to £2 12s 6d in 1791, and another 5s added to it the following year, the latter increase appearing to be the result of agreeing to a suggestion by the then Grand Secretary, in reference to a request made by the Governors of the Cumberland School (the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls of to-day), that a sum be set aside for the Charity from each "making" fee. In December 1794 it was resolved that all candidates be received or rejected by ballot, and that a majority either way should determine. In 1795 the Lodge agreed to contribute any proportionable expense attending the prosecution of three persons who intruded themselves into the Peace and Plenty Lodge, No. 67, but little, if anything, appears to have been done in the matter. In 1796 the Lodge removed twice, on the last occasion to the Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey, where it continued until 1800. The fees were again increased in 1797 to the following amounts: annual subscription £1 1s, payable quarterly; seafaring and country members 6s per annum, and 2s on Lodge nights when present, and 8s on the feast day when they dine; initiation, £3 3s; joining, 3s 6d. Every regular member had to pay 6s on feast day if he dined. The minutes of 1799 record the swearing of the register as directed by the Act of Parliament passed at that time. The Lodge removed to the Ship on the Wall in 1800, and to the Lyon and Castle, Bermondsey, the following year. At this point of the Lodge History Brother Newton has inserted a copy of the certificate formerly issued by the Sincerity Lodge, the use of which certificates were discontinued by Grand Lodge resolving, in 1818, "that no Lodge shall grant a private certificate, except for the purpose of obtaining a Grand Lodge certificate." In 1806 five shillings was added to the initiation fee towards assisting the Charity School; a present of one guinea was made to one brother, and seven shillings voted to another, "he being in distress." In 1807 appears a resolution that "no liquor be called for at the Lodge expense until the R.W.M. takes the chair, and that after the Lodge is opened no Br. charge his glass until so ordered by the R.W.M." At a later meeting the same year it was resolved that "neither wine nor punch be drunk at this Lodge before supper," and about the same time the subscription was raised to seven shillings per quarter. In 1808 it was resolved that three black balls on the ballot should exclude a candidate. In 1811 a letter was received from the Committee at Lloyds, soliciting aid in support of the British prisoners in France. This was immediately responded to, with a collection of £2 15s 7d, and at the next meeting a further sum of £2 16s 6d was collected for the same purpose. In 1812 is recorded the initiation of Bro. James Norris, who was well known to a large circle of Freemasons for many years, as filling the office of Warden at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for some time prveious to his death, which took place on 21st December 1884; he then being 95 years of age. The Lodge moved back to the Jamaica House in 1814, and during that year voted various sums in charity. In 1816 a widow's petition to the Lodge of Benevolence was signed—the first mentioned on the minutes—with the gratifying result that a donation of £10 was made. In 1820 there is a minute limiting the powers of the Lodge of Instruction, which for some years previously appears to have been in existence. It was, indeed, the custom to propose members at the Lodge of Instruction for initiation at the following regular Lodge meeting. The minute of 1820 enjoins that such Lodge of Instruction be confined solely and exclusively for the purposes of Masonic Instruction, and that the mother Lodge shall not be liable for any expense thereby. A collection was made in 1822 on behalf of a brother, and the money expended in goods, which were sent to him at the Cape of Good Hope, where he then resided. In 1827 a communication was received from the Grand Master, requesting the presence of the Master and Wardens at the laying of the foundation stone of the Caledonian Asylum, Holloway, which invitation was duly attended to. For some years the Lodge now made but little progress. Elections and installations were postponed, new members were but few, and the attendance of brethren seldom more than five or six at any meeting, and sometimes only three or four. This went on until 1837, when an effort appears to have been made to revive the Lodge. It was removed to the Kings' Arms, Elephant Stairs, Rotherhithe, and several brethren became joining members. The fees were raised: Initiation to £4 14s 6d, and joining to 10s, exclusive of Grand Lodge dues or refreshment of any kind; still the Lodge does not appear to have made progress. The quarters were removed, first to the Angel, then to 144 High-street, Wapping, then to Tower Shades, Tower Hill, and next to the Green Man and Bell, Lower Thames Street. In 1841 reference is made to a communication from Grand Lodge as to the publication of the proceedings at Lodge Meetings, opinions being much divided as to the propriety of issuing the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review* or similar publications. Two gentlemen were initiated in 1842, making but three since 1828, a period of 16 years, but there were three the following year, and a general revival of the Lodge appears to have set in. In 1844, first mention is made of the Royal Masonic Annuity Fund, the balloting paper, consisting of 48 votes, being then disposed of. In 1845, the Lodge removed to St. Katharine Dock Hotel, staying there until 1848, when it took up quarters at the Crooked Billet, Tower Hill. From thence it removed, in 1857, to the Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars, where it remained until 1869, when it migrated to the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, where the meetings are now held. Bro. Dovey, who is still a member of the Lodge, was initiated in 1846, during which year arrangements were made for a summer outing, the members of this Lodge uniting with those of Friendship, No. 248, and Nepture, No. 22, in a trip to Gravesend. In 1850 the Worshipful Master offered his services as a Steward on behalf of the Girls' School, while the Treasurer signified his intention of being "one of the Stewards at the Festival for the United Charities." In 1853 a testimonial was presented to Bro. Mortleman, on his completing his 50th year of membership, the testimonial taking the form of a handsome snuff box, presented, in the name of the ladies of the members, at the Summer Festival of the Lodge, held at the Roebuck, Woodford. In 1859 Brother Pendlebury, the present Assistant Grand Secretary, who was then under age, was initiated, special sanction being obtained from the Grand Master, on account of his being about to leave England for India. The death of Bro. Mortleman, to whom we have already referred, is recorded in 1860; for some years previous to this the Lodge had rendered him assistance, both from

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Lodge funds and from the Charity box. The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge was mooted in 1861, and finally established in 1863, since which time it has been of great service to many a poor brother or his family in time of distress. Application for a warrant for a Chapter was agreed to in 1865, but this was not obtained until 1867. In 1869 the Lodge received the necessary sanction for a Centenary jewel. In 1875 is recorded the presentation of a handsome testimonial to Bro. John Newton, in appreciation of his services as Secretary. The members also presented a gold chain and locket for Mrs. Newton. There are many other items of interest to which we might have referred in our very brief summary of Brother Newton's History of the Sincerity Lodge, but as copies of it are available for any brother who may desire to know more of what has taken place, we here close our summary. We cannot, however, omit a word of praise to the members for their continued and persistent efforts in the cause of Charity. There are very few years to which reference is made in the History—and these range from 1784 to 1887—without a record of some expenditure towards helping those in distress. As a consequence, the Lodge of Sincerity has won a proud position in the estimation of the Craft, and that it may long continue to enjoy that position, and that its present members may be spared for many years to come, is our sincere desire. We have spent many happy hours at the Sincerity Lodge during the past thirteen years, and have experienced especial gratification in perusing its History, which has been so carefully compiled by our dear friend and brother John Newton.

An enjoyable ball, in aid of the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Fund and the Alpass Memorial Fund, was held on Thursday, 22nd inst, at the Skelmersdale-hall, Westminster-road, Liverpool. The event was promoted by the Masonic Lodges of the north end of the city, and reflected great credit upon the brethren who acted as the committee. The attendance numbered 150. Brethren were conspicuous by their regalia. It is expected that a handsome sum in aid of the Masonic Charities will remain, after payment of the necessary expenses.

Bro. Henry Sadler, Grand Janitor, the author of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," has accepted an invitation from the members of the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, which meets at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Paddington, W., to deliver a lecture on "Banners and Ensigns." Friday evening, the 6th April, is the day fixed, and the proceedings will commence at 8 o'clock. We feel assured that Companions who can make it convenient to attend will spend a profitable and agreeable evening.

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 hearts 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 Brother love divine.

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Obituary.

BRO. JAMES GIEVE, J.P.

A PROMINENT member of the Craft in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight has been called to his rest in the person of Bro. James Gieve. Although of a quiet, unostentatious, and retiring disposition, Bro. Gieve had for a number of years taken a warm interest in local affairs, and while his voice was rarely heard at the meetings of the Town Council, he attended as regularly as the state of his health would permit to his municipal duties, and his urbanity and geniality gained for him the respect and esteem of his colleagues. On Thursday night of last week, Bro. Gieve took the chair at a meeting at the Green Row Rooms. The small room was fairly well filled, when Bro. Gieve, sitting close to whom was his son, Mr. J. W. Gieve, commenced the proceedings by reading a letter. He began in his usual tone of voice, but he had not proceeded far when it was noticed that he became somewhat incoherent, and he so wandered that it was clear he had been attacked by sudden illness. No sooner was this discovered than he staggered, and was only prevented from falling by Mr. F. Morley, surgeon, who caught the deceased in his arms. Mr. Morley, who saw at once that Bro. Gieve had had an apoplectic seizure, adopted the usual precautions, and as quickly as possible the deceased was removed in a cab to his house in High-street, where he was seen by his regular medical attendant, Dr. Burford Norman, who prescribed the application of ice to the head and leeches to the temples. The attack, however, was of so serious a character that recovery was, from the first, considered hopeless. At midnight Dr. J. Ward Cousins was summoned, and he approved of what had been done by Dr. Norman and Mr. Morley. The members of the family, as well as Dr. Norman, remained with Bro. Gieve till death took place, at a quarter to five o'clock in the morning of the 23rd inst. The deceased, who was in his 67th year, was an active member of the Craft. He was a Past Master of the United Brothers' Lodge at Southsea, and a Past Grand D.C. of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; a Past First Principal of the Portsmouth Chapter, and a Past Master of the Phœnix Mark Lodge, Portsmouth; he had also held office in the Provincial Mark Lodge. In November next Bro. Gieve would have completed his third triennial period as a representative of St. Thomas's Ward in the Town Council. About two years ago the Lord Chancellor placed the deceased on the commission of the peace for the borough.

BRO. CHARLES FLETCHER.

A RYE correspondent records the death, at the advanced age of 95 years, of Bro. Charles Fletcher, of the Mint, Rye. Deceased had been wonderfully hale up to within the last few years, but the severe weather of the present winter seemed seriously to affect him, and he expired on Friday, 16th inst. Deceased had always taken great interest in Freemasonry, and, in conjunction with the late Bros. Kidd and Shearer, kept the "Wellington" Lodge in existence at a time when the Craft was at a very low ebb in the town.

The Daily Telegraph of Tuesday says:—

There was a most interesting ceremony last Friday evening, in the Temple of the Royal York Masonic Lodge at Berlin. Upwards of two thousand Masons had assembled to hold a commemorative service for their departed brother, the Kaiser Wilhelm. The most distinguished members of the Craft, from all parts of Germany, came to Berlin for the occasion. In the centre of the Temple stood a coffin, on which lay the Three Roses, and the ceremony was carried out according to due Masonic rites. Professor Wagner, a well-known Conservative, delivered a most excellent and impressive address.

It is interesting further to know that the Chief Masonic Lodge in Italy has communicated with the leading Lodges in all the countries of Europe, praying all Masons holding high State positions to do their utmost to bring about a general disarmament in the interests of peace.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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SCOTLAND.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE annual meeting of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., Comp. W. Mann Depute Grand Principal presiding, when Grand Office Bearers for the ensuing year were elected and installed, as follows:—

Comps.	Col. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart. ...	1st Principal
	The Earl of Mar and Kellie ...	Past 1st Principal
	Wm. Mann	Depute Principal
	The Earl of Kintore	2nd Principal
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	James Dalrymple Duncan ...	Chancellor
	George Christie	1st Sojourner
	Lord Saltoun	2nd Sojourner
	Col. John Campbell	3rd Sojourner
	James Crichton	Sword Bearer
	William Hay	Supt. of Works
	Colonel P. Stirling	1st Standard Bearer
	H. J. Coventry	2nd Standard Bearer
	John Taylor	Janitor

Thereafter the members of the Chapter celebrated the Festival of the Vernal Equinox, the Earl of Mar and Kellie Past First Grand Principal presiding, and Comp. Mann acting as croupier. The chair was supported on the right by Comp. Sir James Buchanan, and on the left by Comp. W. Villiers of Closeburn, and amongst the others present were Comps. J. Dalrymple Duncan, W. Edwards, Macallister of Carbeth-Guthrie, Colonel Campbell, Surgeon-Major Black, Major Allan, W. Officer, D. Murray Lyon, &c.

CONSECRATION OF LODGE MONTEFIORE, No. 753.

AN interesting Masonic ceremonial took place on the 9th instant, in the St. John's Lodge, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, when Lodge Montefiore, No. 753, the first Jewish Lodge in Scotland, was solemnly erected and consecrated by a deputation of Provincial Grand Lodge, accompanied by Bro. Lyon, Grand Secretary. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly opened to the third degree, the ceremony of erection and consecration was carried through with grand honours, and at its close Brother Simons, the first R.W.M. of Lodge Montefiore, took his seat beside the S.P.G. Master amid applause. In the course of the proceedings the Grand Chaplain (Rev. W. W. Tulloch) delivered a brief address, specially appropiate to the occasion. He reminded the brethren that the name of the new Lodge recalled that of Sir Moses Montefiore, the first Jew ever knighted by a British sovereign. Sir Moses was a striking example of a man who had brought lasting renown to himself; while by his beneficent activity, by the unceasing and brotherly devotion with which he laboured for his race, it was chiefly through his exertions that the Jewish disabilities were removed, and that his nephew, Baron Rothschild, was the first Jew who sat in our Parliament. That was the beginning of a long series of successful endeavours on behalf of his brethren to break their bonds and to help them in their poverty and distress. Was it too much to hope that the Lodge Montefiore, animated by his spirit and inspired by his example, would be conspicuous among the Lodges of the province and of Scotland for its philanthropy and its beneficence. The R.W.M. and Office-bearers of Lodge Montefiore were afterwards duly installed, and R.W.M. Simons having taken the chair, was suitably addressed by S.P.G. Master Graham. In addressing the brethren in reply, Right Worshipful Master Simons said the Lodge Montefiore was, as they all knew, under Jewish auspices. That was a comprehensive term. He rejoiced to think that a Lodge so constituted could be nothing less than a Lodge conducted in accordance with the highest and best principles of Masonry. In the sister kingdom there were numerous Lodges under Jewish auspices, and they were pleased to know that these Lodges were for the most part presided over by Masters who were not of the Jewish persuasion. They must therefore rest assured that there was nothing in those tenets of Judaism so touchingly refered to by Bro. Tulloch which were in any way inimical to the highest and most sacred professions of Masonry or the highest duties of citizenship. There was nothing to prevent them extending the right hand of fellowship in all truth to those who recognised, as they did, the supreme authority of the Great Architect of the Universe. Bro. Lyon, Grand Secretary, afterwards briefly addressed the brethren, and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to attend on so interesting an occasion. R.W.M. Simons afterwards invited all the brethren present to partake of supper at his residence, in Bath-street, whence they proceeded after the Lodge had been closed in the usual manner.

KILWINNING LODGE, No. 4.

THE 153rd anniversary of this Lodge was held in the Alexandra Hotel, Glasgow, on Friday, 22rd instant. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W.M. Bro. John Gordon, Bro. John Barr occupied the chair; he was supported by Bros. A. B. Thorburn, G. Glen, and Garside. The croupiers were Bros. Bell and M'Connell. After an excellent supper the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

THISTLE LODGE, No. 87.

THIS Lodge celebrated its 126th anniversary on Friday, 23rd inst. (the Charter was granted on 16th March 1762), in the Langham Hotel, Glasgow. Dancing commenced at eight o'clock, Bro. James Booth P.M. and Treasurer discharging the duties of M.C. Supper was served shortly after nine o'clock, the chair being occupied by Bros. Wm. Kean R.W.M., Bros. Wm. Morgan S.W., David Russell and John Fraser acting as croupiers. During the evening songs were rendered by Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Paterson, and a humorous reading by Mr. W. Buchanan. A pleasing feature of the evening was an entertainment by Bro. J. C. Macdonald, Miss Maud Bruce, and Mr. D. Lally, who travelled from Dumbarton specially to be present.

In St. Andrew's Established Church, Dundee, on Sunday last, the Rev. D. G. Mannel, B.D., preached the annual sermon to the members of the Masonic Lodges in the city. The brethren met in the Royal Arch Lodge Hall, Parliament Close, from which they walked in procession to the church. The rev. Gentleman took for his text 1 Corinthians i. 11.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

ROYAL VETERANS ENCAMPMENT.

A CONVOCATION of this Encampment was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Friday, 23rd instant, when there was a goodly attendance of Fraters, including Sir Knight F. B. Westlake P.E.C. P.P.G.T., who officiated as the M.E.P. Comps. J. R. Lord P.Z. 70, and Henry Rogers J. 1099, were then installed as Sir Knights. Sir Knight E. Binding 1st Captain was installed as Eminent Commander, and at the close Sir Knight Binding appointed and invested the following Knights as his Officers:—F. B. Westlake I.P.E.C., J. R. Lord 1st Captain, Rogers 2nd Captain, Aitken Davies Prelate, Austin Treasurer, Bond Reg., Gover Expert, Browning C. of Lines, Jew St. B., Keats Swd. B., and Phillips Equerry. The convocation being closed, the Knights adjourned to the Masonic Club, where the annual banquet was held. Bro. Symons provided an excellent spread, which was much enjoyed, and a pleasant evening spent by all present.

ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY, No. 101.

ON the 13th instant the annual meeting was held, in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, when the Conclave was opened by E. Fra. Cowper Preceptor. After some preliminary business the chair was taken by E. Fra. Whytehead, who proceeded to instal the E.P. elect, Fra. Brown, after which the outgoing Preceptor invested E. Fra. Brown with the two honorary jewels presented by the American Pilgrims in 1876 and 1887. The Officers were appointed, as follow:—Fras Seller Constable, Major McGachen Marshal, Whytehead P. Registrar, Dyson Sub-Marshal, Williamson 1st Herald, Harris 2nd Herald, Cockrane Standard Bearer, and others. A number of apologies from absent fratres were read. The report of the auditors showed a small deficiency, which, considering the abnormally heavy expenses of the year, was regarded as a matter for congratulation. The alms were collected and the Conclave dissolved, after which the E.P. presided at dinner, supported by his Fratres.

MARK MASONRY

LYEGROVE LODGE, No. 218.

THE Installation Festival was held on Monday, 19th inst., at the Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, when Brother Edwin Lee (of Gloucester), the Worshipful Master elect, was duly installed in the chair for the coming year. The ceremony of installation was performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master of the Province of Gloucestershire, Bro. W. Forth, assisted by Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres Prov. G.S.W. P.G.M.O. The W.M. invested Bro. Thomas Milligan I.P.M., and the following Officers:—Bros. Joseph Owner S.W., Gunning J.W., Charles Roberts M.O., Fivash S.O. John Cameron J.O., the Rev. E. M. Nagel Chaplain, John Naysmith Treasurer, Charles Newman Secretary, Ferris Director of Ceremonies, Johns S.D., Hughes J.D., Ferris Reg. of Marks, Leveritt Organist, Hill I.G., and Charles Iles Tyler. The following members of the Lodge and visitors were also present:—Bros. Norman, the Rev. James Fountain, Henry Firth, T. W. Stone, Charles M. Penley, &c. After the Lodge the brethren sat down to an excellently-served banquet, at the Grapes Hotel, and the usual Loyal and Mark toasts were duly honoured.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Safely and securely.—When the severities of winter have yielded to the genial spring, invalids should make a determined effort to regain their lost health; when, through confinement indoors, want of appetite, and disturbed sleep, the entire system has been weakened, and the spirits have been broken down, Holloway's remedies are equal to the occasion. The Ointment rubbed over the regions of the stomach and liver, aided by the internal administration of his Pills, will rectify the digestion, regulate the bile, and purify the blood—three sanatory actions which will speedily confer renewed vigour, brace up the failing nerves, confirm the flaccid muscles, and restore to the ailing cheerfulness, that great charm of existence.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 31st MARCH.

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
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 2nd APRIL.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1689—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2098—Harlesden' National School, Harlesden
2020—St. Botolph's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
529—Semper Fidelis, Crown Hotel, Worcester
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
604—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
627—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
650—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1434—Nottinghamshire, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
H.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 3rd APRIL.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 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 8 (In)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Hart Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, [illegible] Pavement, E.C., at 3. (Inst.)
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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
236—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
365—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, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
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
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1322—Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyl
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1983—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2133—Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R.A. 645—Humphrey Cheetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 4th APRIL.

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)
229—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
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, Bardolet-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
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.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (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.)
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)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
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)
R.A. 1329—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.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
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
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Bradford
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley
1147—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Charlotte-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, 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

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R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Chesham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leed.
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
R.A. 1348—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 5th APRIL.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
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.)
504—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)
823—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
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)
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)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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)
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
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24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
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38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester

41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
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269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
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317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
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463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
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913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)

1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1382—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire

1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich

1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks

1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon
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
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FRIDAY, 6th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
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)
766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaucontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1294—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (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
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate

219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds

442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, 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
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.

1387—Choriton, Masonic Rooms, Choriton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.

1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—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
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton

SATURDAY, 7th 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', 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)
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. (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8

1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
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THE CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

WE are this week in a position to announce the completion of another stage in the arrangements for this all-important event, and in doing so we are sure of bringing upon the Institution the heartiest congratulations of its well-wishers. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, has consented to preside at the Celebration of the Centenary of the Charity, and has fixed Thursday, the 7th June next, as the date for the Festival, which will thus become, as we anticipated some time back, one of the greatest, if not the greatest Masonic event of the current year.

It has long been an open secret that the Committee of the Institution were in hopes of securing the patronage of the Prince of Wales in connection with this unique celebration, and to a certain extent the benefits arising from such distinguished presidency have been in consequence discounted. Still this has not been the case everywhere, and we shall be much surprised if the gracious act to which our Grand Master has just given his consent does not produce a most beneficial effect on the Festival, which will take place at the Albert Hall, Kensington, a building so intimately associated with His Royal Highness's career in Freemasonry. On this account alone we believe success is certain, for the brethren of England will unite in securing for our beloved Prince a repetition of the grand Masonic gatherings he has already witnessed in that Hall, and in doing so they will materially assist the Institution on whose behalf the gathering will take place.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was founded on the 25th March 1788, at the suggestion of the Chevalier Bartolomeo Ruspini, Surgeon Dentist to His Majesty King George IV., then Prince of Wales, and the first fifteen girls were admitted to the benefits of the School in the January following. Since that date upwards of fifteen hundred children have been provided with education, clothing and maintenance by the Institution, which now has 244 girls on its books, each receiving a good sound English education, together with clothing and maintenance at the home of the Institution at Battersea Rise. As an instance of the great extension of the Charity during recent years we have only to look back to 1872, when there were but 100 children on the funds, so that, in the period of fifteen years which has since elapsed, 144 have been added, or, in other words, the benefits have been extended nearly one hundred and fifty per cent.

It may well be imagined that these very rapid extensions have made considerable additions necessary to the School buildings and general accommodation at Battersea. This has been accomplished, from time to time, through the generosity of the Craft, but it was thought that some especial effort might be undertaken to mark the Centenary of the Institution, and a Committee was accordingly appointed, some time back, to consider and draw up a comprehensive scheme for the celebration. This Committee recommended alterations and additions, which were submitted to the Quarterly General Court in October last, and then received the approval and sanction of the governors and subscribers; it was also decided that an earnest appeal be addressed to the Craft to furnish the necessary funds to carry out the proposed schemes. The alterations agreed upon were divided under two heads. Scheme A was a plan for uniting Lyncombe House and the two houses recently purchased, thus forming one enlarged Junior School, and providing accommodation for thirty-five additional girls, together with the necessary complement of domestic offices, &c. This was at once agreed upon, it being resolved to make the proposed alterations at a cost not exceeding £2000. Scheme B—which is really the Centenary Memorial—was of a much more comprehensive character, and provided, amongst other matters, for the erection of a large "Centenary" Hall, needed for assemblies of the whole School, drill and recreation; the erection of new domestic offices, and various other matters, entailing an outlay of about £20,000. This proposal, as we have said, was also approved of, subject to any modifications which might be deemed desirable by the Quarterly Court to be held this month. In accordance with this resolution revised plans will be submitted to the Court which will be held on Saturday next, and, as in all probability these revised plans will be then adopted, we give full details of what they include, although our readers will recognise they are virtually the same as those adopted in October last.

The design contemplates :—

(a) Building a Large Hall, 100 feet by 40 feet, for assemblies of the whole School, Drill and Recreation, to be called the Centenary Hall.

(b) Building new Kitchen Offices, with Matron's Room, Cooking Class Room, House Dining Room, and Servants' Bed Rooms. (The existing Domestic Offices, situate in the N.E. wing, having been arranged for a School of 80 girls, are now quite inadequate.

(c) Converting the present Large School Room in the Alexandra Wing into a Dining Hall.

(d) Converting the present Dining Hall and Cookery Class Room into School Rooms.

(e) Building three Large Class Rooms having an average area of 722 sup. feet each.

(f) Building six Large Dormitories over, on two Floors, with necessary Governesses' Bed Rooms, Lavatories, and Bath Rooms.

(g) Constructing New Wide Hard Wood Staircases in place of the existing ones, which, at present, include a Small Circular Staircase and one with many winders.

(h) Erecting Day Lavatories, Boot and Cloak Rooms, and Latrines.

The increased accommodation must be considered relatively to the increased space demanded in the existing building, in order to give 50 feet area to each bed.

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At present there are 206 children sleeping in the Dormitories, but in order to give each child 50 feet superficial area, the number would have to be reduced to 172.

The altered building will accommodate sleeping space for 240 children, with 50 feet superficial to each child, with an average height of 15 feet.

It is proposed to warm the Old Building as well as the New with hot water, and to ventilate the new rooms by a system of exhaust, similar to that used at the Ventnor Hospital.

It estimated that the cost of these works, without warming, scientific ventilation, and fire mains and hydrants, will be under £20,000.

New Kitchen Building - -	under	£7,000
Corridor to communicate with Alexandra Wing and Main Building - - -	,,	600
New School Room, Dormitories, Stairs, &c.	,,	5,000
Latrines, Lavatories, &c. - -	,,	1,400
Centenary Hall - - -	,,	5,000
Contingencies (exclusive of Warming, Scientific Ventilation and Fire Mains, &c.) -	,,	1,000
		£20,000

It will thus be seen that the money it has been decided to expend will not only place the Institution in a better position so far as its present requirements are concerned, but will allow of considerable addition to the number of inmates, whenever it may be found possible to provide for more pupils than are at present receiving the benefits of the Charity.

Having thus given an outline of what is proposed to be done in connection with the Centenary Celebration of the Institution, we may again refer to the Festival, which will form so important a part in the programme, and on the result of which all may be said to depend. We have already shown that special expenditure, amounting to £22,000 is contemplated (£2,000 in connection with the Junior School, and £20,000 in additions and alterations to the main buildings); to this must of course be added the usual expenditure of the year, which will no doubt amount to another £10,000, and we have a total of £32,000 as the sum actually required for the Institution to carry it through its Centenary year, without allowing anything on account of "extras" in connection with the proposed additions and alterations. It is to raise this sum of upwards of £32,000 that an appeal is now before the Craft, and in support of which appeal the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England has kindly consented to preside at the next Festival. At the present time the number of brethren who have given in their names as Stewards for this event is 1007, but large as this number may appear it is not considered sufficient to ensure the desired amount, and on that account it is hoped that many more will signify their intention of supporting the Prince of Wales, and the Institution he has evinced so much interest in, on the occasion of the Anniversary Festival of the current year. In addition to the objects we have already spoken of, and which in themselves are sufficient to awaken enthusiasm in the Craftsmen of England, the Institution offers a special attraction this year in the form of Premium votes, while the conditions in regard to List votes are modified, in the hope of affording additional inducement for Brethren to exert themselves, to an even greater extent than is customary on behalf of our noble Charities. The Premium votes conferred under Clause 1 of Law XXIV. will on this occasion be supplemented by two votes in consideration of the first ten guineas of a Steward's personal donation, and one for every five guineas beyond that sum; while for the time being Clause 3 of the same Law will be suspended, and in lieu of the privileges thereby conferred every Steward at this year's Festival will be entitled to two Premium votes for every twenty guineas on the gross total of his list. Special attractions are also offered for new Annual Subscribers, a class we hope to see very considerably extended in connection with all three of the Institutions ere long.

We would here point out the immediate desirability of strengthening this particular item of income in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. We have already shown that the Schools, so soon as the alterations and additions are completed, will be ready for the accommodation of a largely increased number of pupils, but to allow of these new places being filled, the Committee must have a reasonable prospect before them that the income will be sufficient to meet the expenses—and it is only by increasing the number and amount of Annual Subscriptions that anything approaching a permanent income can be assured. It therefore remains for all who wish to see the number of pupils increased to use their best efforts, not only to secure donations from their Lodges and friends, but to try and add at least one to the roll of Annual Subscribers.

It will thus be seen that every preparation which forethought or kindly co-operation can suggest has been undertaken in the hope of making the Centenary celebration of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls an event worthy of being recorded in the annals of Freemasonry, and we can only hope that such support may be accorded by the Craft as will ensure the success which is desired on all sides.

It is early yet to speak of the arrangements for the Festival, but a moment's consideration of the accommodation available, even at the Albert Hall, will show that few beyond the Stewards will have an opportunity of sitting down to the actual dinner, a consideration which will no doubt have its effect in increasing the already unique roll of Stewards. No doubt visiting brethren, as well as ladies will be entertained in some way or other, but we fail to see how it will be possible for any but Stewards to dine in the body of the Hall, as, to provide for them alone, irrespective of distinguished guests, upwards of one thousand seats must be available, even if the number is not increased before the Festival, and we fully anticipate an addition of at least two or three hundred names to the list as it at present stands, especially when it becomes generally known under what distinguished auspices the Festival will take place.

It will be our endeavour to keep our readers fully posted in the arrangements made for the Festival, and the various matters of interest connected with this Centenary celebration. Meanwhile, we repeat our wish for the success and future prosperity of the Institution, which is justly entitled to be regarded as one of the brightest ornaments of English Freemasonry.

Referring to the above the *Nottinghamshire Guardian* says:—

Freemasons in all parts of the country will note with great satisfaction that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has consented to preside at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Only Freemasons, perhaps, or, at least, those who are acquainted with the inner working of this stupendous charity, will realise what this means. It will mean double subscriptions, treble attendance at the dinner, and altogether a renewed interest in its working, all very fitting occurrences at its Hundredth Anniversary. It is fitting that the Grand Master of the Order should preside on such an occasion, but the fact, so gratifying in itself, has already perplexed the Board of Stewards as to how it will be possible to provide for all those who will desire to attend.

ON SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF MASONIC UNION.

IT is not my intention to say anything about the past, but believing that there is now a growing conviction amongst the Lodges, as well as amongst the brethren under the old Constitutions, that union is desirable, I would direct attention to some of the advantages which will accrue to the Craft when this happy consummation is achieved.

The first and most important will be that there will be

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an end of that undue rivalry amongst Lodges, which has resulted in the admission of most unworthy persons into the Craft. It is now put forward sometimes as a reproach to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales that their Lodges admit persons who could not have gained admission into a Lodge under the other Constitutions. This may be, and I have no doubt it is true in some few instances—but not as a general accusation. The evil was not created by the erection of the Grand Lodge; it existed to an alarming extent long before the Grand Lodge was thought of, but has, no doubt, been aggravated by the existence of four competing bodies instead of three. Every Mason of even a few years' experience, either in New South Wales or Victoria, can remember instances where persons have even been blackballed in country towns and have gone to the metropolis, or some other country Lodge, and returned in a few weeks to demand admission to the Lodge that had refused to receive them. And in the metropolis itself the same thing happens; persons rejected at one Lodge being eagerly accepted in another. The undue multiplication of Lodges leads the officers to seek eagerly for recruits. The important Masonic principle that no man should be asked to become a Mason, is ignored; and for the sake of the guineas a blackball is comparatively seldom heard of. Lately we read an important article on the question, "Why do so many Masons sever their connection with Masonry?" The answer is simple enough, "Because so many unworthy persons are received?" There is a second reason, which I will only mention now, as it does not bear directly upon the subject, namely, "Because promotion in the Craft is made too easy, and brethren are not made to *earn* their promotion, and therefore do not value it; and many of them *never* know what Freemasonry is."

With a United Grand Lodge holding undisputed sovereignty, this evil would at once be greatly checked, and under judicious management could be almost entirely suppressed. Rules could be framed: for instance—That a second Lodge should not be established in any town until there was a certain number of subscribing members on the roll of the first Lodge, say one hundred; fixing a minimum initiation fee; requiring a certain term of probation in each degree, say three attendances at Lodge, before allowing any advancement; and others which will occur to experienced Masons.

Another great benefit we might enjoy, and one which is greatly needed, is *regular visitation* by a Grand Lodge Officer to all country Lodges. The Lodge of which the writer is now a member has never seen a District Grand Lodge Officer within its doors, and is by no means a solitary instance. There is, no doubt, a difficulty in the way, namely, want of funds; and here again we may see what we shall gain by union. At the present time the E.C. and S.C., between Secretaries' salaries and remittances to England and Scotland, are paying away *Thirteen hundred pounds a year!* which might be devoted to legitimate Masonic objects in our own colony. At present, Grand Secretary [N.S.W.] receives a salary of £200 a year. If we had union, his time would be fully occupied with secretarial duties; Grand Lodge could afford to pay him £500 a year, and still have £1,000 a year to devote to useful purposes. Say £300 for the travelling expenses of Visiting Officers (several could be found who would spare the time if its costs out of pocket were defrayed); and £700 would be left for Widows and Orphans, or other Masonic Charities; to say nothing of the economy in working which would necessarily result from having only one secretariat instead of three.

At present we have no means of making our views on these and kindred subjects known to D.G. Lodge. Living in remote country towns, and widely separated from each other, we are deprived of the opportunities that we should like to have of ventilating this subject more freely by meeting in friendly council those who feel, as very man of us do, that our present unhappy divisions are a sham and a reproach to our professions; and as we never see a D.G.L. Officer, we have literally no opportunity of making our wishes know at headquarters. True, we have a so-called official organ, but any one who has tried to ventilate any question *there* will know of what use it is. Then D.G. Lodges write home about the "expressed wishes" of the Lodges on the subject of a Grand Lodge. Why, they will not let us express our wishes—if they can possibly help it, as recent well-known cases abundantly prove.

The present time appears to be particularly opportune for securing union. It appears by recent reports that the Old Masonic Hall, in York-street, is in private hands, and the Lodges under the E.C. and S.C. have literally no "local habitation" of their own. Then it is announced that all the funds of the Scottish D.G. Lodge (some £4,000) are to be spent on a 21 years' building lease upon terms which mean little short of losing all the money. With an undoubtedly handsome and commodious hall in Castlereagh-street (which could easily be added to); with our Governor evidently anxious to seize the opportunity, if offered, of cementing our union by taking a prominent position, and using his influence with the Prince of Wales to secure a friendly recognition; with Lord Carnarvon on the spot to see and hear for himself what is the real feeling on the matter; and with the recent evidence that an effort is at last being made to secure an *unbiassed* expression of opinion from all Lodges in the colony;—there is good ground for hoping that our Centennial year will not pass without witnessing the establishment of a United Grand Lodge.

There is only one obstacle in the way—vested interests—and that is not so formidable as it might be. The accumulation of Benevolent Funds, now in the hands of D.G. Lodges E.C. and S.C., might (if so required) be reserved for specified objects. The Masonic Hall shares (York-street) were a dead loss to their holders years ago. There only remain the Secretaries and the Tylers, who might look upon union as a personal loss. Well, when we started Responsible Government, we secured to certain gentlemen a sum, by way of pension, in lieu of their salaries. Let us do the same in our own case. Even if we had to pay the full amount now paid to the three Secretaries (say £200 each—as they would be relieved of duty—to the E.C. and S.C. Secretaries, and £400 to the present G.L. Secretary) union would be cheaply purchased. The Tylers could still be all employed by the Lodges. We should even then save some £600 a year that now goes out of the colony. And even if we saved nothing at present, the healthy vitality that would shortly be infused into the Craft, and the respect that it would in a few years gain by the cessation of our present differences and division would more than compensate for any loss of money.

D., A P.M. UNDER THE E.C. AND S.C.

—*Sydney Freemason.*

EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF FREEMASONRY.

MANY brethren must be as surprised as ourselves when they read of the awful deeds which have been perpetrated in various parts of the world under the cloak of Freemasonry, or that have been ascribed by public writers to the brethren of the Mystic tie, and however much they may feel there is no truth in the accusations made against the Order, they cannot wholly ignore the charges brought forward, or dismiss from their mind the feeling that there must be some fire to account for all the smoke. The question is, where are we to look for the fire, and how shall we regard the smoke? Is it not most likely to be the fire of jealousy which burns, while the smoke is intended rather to hide the good of Freemasonry than to attract attention to the shortcomings of its members. We have had a tolerably wide experience of Freemasonry during the past thirteen years, and so far we have been unable to trace any truth in the charges brought against the Order, while, on the opposite side, we have seen and heard much that reflects the greatest credit on its members.

During the period of our existence it has been our pleasure to refer to several of the attacks which have been levelled against Freemasonry, and many other writers have joined us in defending the fair name and reputation of the Craft against those who seek to associate it with events wholly inconsistent with its principles or teachings, and entirely outside its true scope or intentions. We believe these efforts have been crowned with success, to such an extent as to render Freemasonry almost universally respected, while in many quarters the actions of its members are held up as patterns worthy of imitation, and it is recognised as an Association formed and working for the general good of mankind. This high estimation, in which Freemasonry is at present held, should satisfy its members that their work is having a beneficial effect, and that what they do is appreciated. It should also urge them to yet greater efforts in the cause of Brotherly Love,

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Relief and Truth; as by a judicious display of these three great principles they may prove to the world at large the true basis on which our Order is formed, and, it may be, lay a foundation on which shall some day arise a means of relieving their fellow creatures of some of their greatest troubles.

It is only a few weeks back a writer in one of the leading papers of this country spoke of an extension of the scope of Freemasonry which, although it may be ascribing too much power to the Craft, yet proves the opinion entertained concerning it by one who is generally accredited with knowing something of the world; again, our last issue contained an extract from another daily paper recording the efforts our Italian brethren are asking Freemasons to make, with a view of securing "a general disarmament in the interests of peace." The former writer to whom we refer, after speaking in general terms of Freemasonry, and instancing some particular cases in which it had proved of the greatest service to its members, concludes with the apprehension that, in a political sense, should ever revolution attack society in this country, Masonry would prove one of the strongest stays to its progress. He considers it certain that a civil war would be impossible in a country like this were Masons to do—as in all probability they would—their duty. Either some *modus vivendi* or the abdication of rights by one side or the other would be resolved upon, for he argues that the two thousand two hundred English Lodges could never be arrayed in battle one against the other.

This is a bold opinion to express, and we are afraid it would not prove practical should the occasion unfortunately arise to put it to the test, but it is useful to consider such statements and weigh their effect on the Craft as a whole. Taken in connection with the second quotation already mentioned, and which records that the Chief Masonic Lodge in Italy has communicated with the leading Lodges in all the countries of Europe, praying all Masons holding high State positions to do their utmost to bring about a general disarmament in the interests of peace, it may be said to point to an extension of the scope of Freemasonry which should merit the approval and support of each individual Mason, and of every lover of good order, peace and prosperity throughout the universe.

As we have already said, it may never be possible for Freemasonry to accomplish as much as these enthusiasts desire. It would certainly be expecting too much at present to even hope that the Craft should play any important part in the prevention or discontinuance of national quarrels; but it is not too much to anticipate that Freemasonry will some day have a much wider influence than it at present possesses in adjusting quarrels or differences between private individuals, even though neither of the disputants are members of the Fraternity. It is only necessary they should be known to Freemasons to call forth the peacemaking proclivities of the Craft, the aim of whose members is, and ever has been, to be happy themselves and communicate happiness to their fellow creatures.

A MANIA SPREADING AMONG AMERICAN GRAND MASTERS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

WITHIN a few months I have made known to the readers of the Freemason's Chronicle that one American Grand Master took the Charter away from the oldest Lodge in the State, because it would adhere to an old custom it received from Grand Master Oxnard in 1750, which custom remains unchanged in England to the present time. Another Grand Master took away a Charter from a Lodge because it did not decide that one of its members was guilty of a Masonic offence. And another Grand Master did the same thing because the Lodge would not punish one of its members for having published his disbelief in the authenticity of the Bible. And now I learn that the Grand Master of Ohio is afflicted with the same mania, and has taken away the Charters of two Lodges, not because they were guilty of offences similar to the above, but because they elected Cerneanites for Masters or Wardens.

As, however, the meaning of "Cerneanites" may not be known to young Masons, I shall briefly state that in 1807 Joseph Cerneau opened a Scotch Rite concern in New York, but as the Charlestonian Scotch Riters claimed the fathership and mothership of the said Rite, they authorised J. J. Gourgas to open another Scottish Rite concern in New York, and the Scotch Rite factions of the said origins have been fighting ever since. Each claims to be the *Simon Pure*, and stigmatises the other as bogus, clandestine, illegitimate, &c. The dignitaries of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, who are out-and-out Gourgasites, have so far been afflicted with the high degree mania as to prohibit Masons in their jurisdiction from joining or belonging to the Cerneau faction, under the following penalties:—1st. Cerneanites "*may be* expelled." And 2nd, a Cerneanite must not be elected to an office in a Lodge. Our Boston Grand Lodge, however, soon discovered its mistake; it did not indeed have sufficient courage to repeal the said laws, but they had discretion enough to allow those laws to fall into desuetude. The Cerneau concerns are in a flourishing condition. Cerneanites were installed by District Grand Masters into Lodge offices, and the well-known Bro. John Haigh, of Somerville, Massachusetts, recently served as Sovereign Grand Commander of all the Cerneanites in North America, and not one of the Gourgas faction said "nay" to him. In short, the laws against Cerneanism are dead letters in Massachusetts.

Now the Grand Lodge of Ohio is also controlled by Gourgasites, and of course they passed similar laws against Cerneanites, and not only were the said laws passed by the Ohio Grand Lodge, but in their Chapters and Commanderies they have enacted similar laws against Cerneanites, and what is more, they there carry out their laws: for instance, the Rev. Bro. Moore, the Editor of the *Masonic Review*, of Cincinnati, was expelled from one of their so-called Masonic Bodies. And as two Lodges in the State of Ohio elected Cerneanites for Masters or Wardens, the Ohio Grand Master popped down upon them and took away their Charters. And now, for the rest of the story, I refer the reader to the following article, copied by the *Masonic World* from the "Ohio State Journal" of 6th January 1888, together with some comments by the Masonic editor.

MASONS APPEAL TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THEIR RIGHTS.

Newark, O., Jan. 5.—The following petition was to-day filed in the Court of Common Pleas of this county:

State of Ohio, Licking County Court of Common Pleas.

John W. Hughes and Edwin R. Braddock, plaintiffs, v. S. Stacker Williams, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, defendant.—Petition.

The said plaintiffs here show that Newark Lodge, No. 97, Free and Accepted Masons, is a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, and is possessed of and owns personal property to the value of at least —— dollars; that it is located and transacts its business in the City of Newark, in the State of Ohio, in premises leased by it for that purpose for a term of years, which business consists in stated meetings of its members held from time to time for the purpose of conferring the degrees of entered apprentice, fellow craft and Master Mason, and receiving therefor the fees, dues and emoluments for the same, and for receiving contributions from its members in the way of fees and dues; that at said stated meetings it transacts such other business as may properly come before it; that said personal property and leasehold estate was purchased and acquired with funds contributed to said Newark Lodge, No. 97, by the members thereof, including these plaintiffs; that its officers consist of a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Tyler, and three Trustees, and said officers, including said Senior Warden and Junior Warden, have the custody, management and control of the property of said Lodge, the functions of each of said officers are properly set out in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and of said Newark Lodge, No. 97.

And the plaintiffs further say that the Grand Lodge of Ohio is a corporation duly incorporated by special act of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, passed March 12, 1844, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons," which said act of incorporation is here referred to and made a part thereof. The said Grand Lodge of Ohio is composed of three representatives from each of the subordinate Lodges of the State; that is to say, the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden, each of whom, ex-officio, is a member of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, and has a right to participate in the business thereof under article 2 of the Constitution of the said Grand Lodge, which is as follows:

Article II. The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Marshal, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, and Grand Tyler, with such other officers as it may from time to time create, together with the Masters and Wardens, or their proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered Lodges under its juris-

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diction, and such past Grand Masters and past Deputy Grand Masters as shall be present and are members of a subordinate Lodge. And the said Grand Lodge, so constituted, has, since the date of said act of incorporation hereinbefore referred to, elected successors of the persons named in said act as being then incorporated, and at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, held in the month of October, 1887, the defendant herein, S. Stacker Williams, was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and is now the head of said incorporation, and is exercising the powers and duties conferred upon him by the said act of incorporation and the laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio. Said Grand Lodge of Ohio is the owner and possessed of property of the value of at least —— dollars; that by Article 9 of the Constitution of said Grand Lodge, the defendant, as Grand Master thereof, "has the power at his discretion to assemble any subordinate Lodge, and preside therein, inspect its work, and require a strict conformity to the rules and regulations of the Order. For good cause he may suspend the functions of any such Lodge until the ensuing stated Communication of the Grand Lodge." And the said defendant is further exercising and has assumed to exercise authority which is not conferred upon him, either by said act of incorporation, or by the said laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, but has wrongfully and illegally usurped authority, and is exercising the same to the great injury and detriment of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons in said State, including the said Newark Lodge, No. 97, and these plaintiffs.

And the plaintiffs further say that on the 4th day of November, 1887, the said Newark Lodge, No. 97, held an election for officers to serve for the ensuing year; that said election was in all respects conducted according to the laws of the said Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, and of said Newark Lodge, No. 97, at which said election the plaintiff, John W. Hughes, was elected Senior Warden, and the said Edwin R. Braddock, was elected Junior Warden of said Newark Lodge, No. 97; that said plaintiffs were each and both of them eligible under said laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and of said Newark Lodge, No. 97, to hold the offices for which they were so elected, there being no charges whatever against them pending, offered, or proposed to be offered, at the time of their said election, or subsequent thereto. That by virtue of their said election they were entitled to be installed into said offices, and to hold and exercise the same for one year thereafter, which said right and title was conferred upon them by the laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and of said Newark Lodge, No. 97, hereinbefore referred to, and by virtue of the election aforsaid; that Rule 1 of the "Code of Masonic jurisprudence for the government of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, revised October, 1882, and still in force, is as follows: "A subordinate Lodge shall consist of a Master, a Senior and Junior Warden, a Treasurer, Secretary, Senior and Junior Deacon, a Tyler, and as many members as are convenient. The officers above numerated shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of votes, at the stated meeting in November or December, annually, which shall be designated in their by-laws, and be installed into office at the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, or at the stated meeting next preceding or succeeding it." That said Grand Lodge of Ohio has held and decided, and such decision is still in full force, that "objections to the installation of an officer must, when made, be stated in open Lodge, whether in form of charges or otherwise, and be sustained by a vote of a majority of the members present, otherwise the ceremonies of installation must proceed." But, notwithstanding the premises, the said defendant on the 2nd day of December, 1887, which was the day for the regular meeting of said Newark Lodge, No. 97, and was held for the purpose of installing the officers elected as hereinbefore stated, and the said Lodge was ready, willing and desirous to so instal said officers, but the defendant, pretending to act as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was present at the meeting of said Lodge, held at that time hereinbefore stated, and assumed the authority to preside thereat; that while so presiding, the said defendant, pretending to act as said Grand Master and pretending to have authority therefor, under the laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, declared the election of the said John W. Hughes as Senior Warden, and Edwin R. Braddock as Junior Warden null and void, and of his own motion, and without any cause whatever, and without any authority of law, unjustly and illegally, and by usurpation of authority which he did not have, and which had not been conferred upon him by the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, refused to instal said officers so elected as aforesaid, and refused to permit them to be installed, and ordered said Lodge not to instal them to said offices, and directed and ordered that another election should be held therefor. And for the reason aforesaid, the said officers, so elected, were not installed, and have never been installed; and the said defendant is giving out in speeches and declaring it to be his intention to prevent their installation by exercising the authority which he has usurped as hereinbefore stated. And he is further giving out in speeches and declaring it to be his intention if the said Lodge will not hold a new election, and elect officers in place of the said plaintiffs who will be acceptable to him, the said defendant, that he will suspend the functions of the said Newark Lodge, No. 97, until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, which will be in the month of October, 1888; that the said defendant has no authority to suspend the functions of said Newark Lodge, No. 97, except for good cause, and the plaintiffs say that he has no cause or authority for his threats so to do; and the said threat to so suspend the functions of said Newark Lodge, No. 97, has no foundation and no ground whatever except the usurpations and illegal acts of the said defendant hereinbefore set out.

And the said plaintiffs further say that by virtue of their said election, if they are permitted to be installed into said offices to which they have been so elected, they will be entitled to perform the functions thereof for one year next ensuing, and will also be entitled, and will thereby become members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, having a right to attend its meetings and vote upon all matters which may come before it for consideration, including the election of officers for the year succeeding the next annual meeting thereof. That the rights so to exercise said offices are valuable to the said plaintiffs and to the said Newark Lodge, No. 97, of which they are members and officers elect as hereinbefore stated.

And the said plaintiffs further say that objections to the installation of officers elected as the said plaintiffs were must be stated in open Lodge, whether in the form of charges or otherwise, and must be sustained by a vote of the majority of the members thereof, otherwise the ceremonies of installation must proceed; and so the plaintiffs say that the action of the Grand Master, as hereinbefore stated, was not only without authority, and a usurpation, but was in direct violation of the above provision of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio.

And the plaintiffs further say that under the laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, no provision is made for an appeal or any other remedy against usurpations of power by the Grand Master such as have been hereinbefore stated in this petition, and the said plaintiffs are wholly without remedy except by proceedings in a suit for an injunction, as they are doing in this case, and an appeal to the laws of the State of Ohio for protection. And the said defendant is giving out in speeches and threats that he will be present at the next meeting of the Newark Lodge, No. 97, and will preside therein, and unless said Lodge will hold a new election and elect officers who will be acceptable to him, that he will suspend the functions of the said Lodge until the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ohio; all of which is without authority and a clear, unquestioned usurpation of power by the said defendant.

Wherefore the said plaintiffs prav that during the pendency of this petition, that said defendant be enjoined from proceeding in any way, to prevent their installation as officers of said Newark Lodge, No. 97, and be enjoined from ordering a new election therein for officers, and be enjoined from suspending or attempting to suspend the functions of the said Newark Lodge, No. 97, and from exercising the powers usurped by him as stated in this petition, and from all illegal acts threatened as herein stated, and that on final hearing of this petition, that said injunction be made perpetual.

And the said plaintiffs pray for such other and further relief as may be proper.

HARRISON, OLDS & MARSH,
J. H. COLLINS,
S. M. HUNTER,
A. A. STASEL,
Attorneys for plaintiffs.

Duly verified.

On this petition so filed Judge McElroy allowed an injunction as prayed for, which has been served on Grand Master Stacker Williams.

It will thus be seen that the Masonic fight has been transferred to the courts. The Cerneau members say they have submitted to usurpation of power by the Grand Master until forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. They say that the gist of the whole trouble is simply this: that the Grand Lodge and its constituent Blue Lodges deal only with the first three degrees, and have nothing to do with the higher degrees,—York Rite, Royal Rite, or Scottish Rite,—of which latter Order there are two rival branches, known as the Cerneau and the Northern Jurisdiction; that Grand Master Williams is a member of Northern Jurisdiction branch, and being over-zealous, and acting under the advice of a few hot-heads, has rashly attempted to use his temporary power as Grand Master to make war on the Cerneaus. Wherever in the Blue Lodges throughout Ohio Cerneaus have been chosen to office he has, under colour of authority as Grand Master, declared the election void, ordered another election, and attempted to prevent their installation, —the evident purpose being to pack the next Grand Lodge with his friends,—and at Zanesville he went so far as to take charge of the Lodge, and by high-handed measures drive out the officers-elect, and instal officers of his own choice in direct violation of Masonic law. As he was about to carry out the same high-handed proceedings in Newark and other places, the officers elect in the Newark Lodges were driven to appeal to the court to lay its hand upon him and call a halt in his mad career. They say further that they are fighting wholly on the defensive and as Blue Lodge Masons; that they have endeavoured to keep the Scottish Rite fight out of the Blue Lodges, but it has been lugged in by Mr. Williams and his rash associates, who seem willing to sacrifice the harmony and prosperity of the Blue Lodges to further the ends of Northern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite. That if it is unlawful for them to be Cerneaus he should prefer charges and proceed in the regular manner provided by Masonic law, and if he goes to the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge plastered over with writs, it will not be the fault of Cerneaus; and it will not be their fault if he is compelled to report disorder and confusion among the Workmen, and that the Masonic edifice in Ohio has been shattered from turret to foundation. If all these things come upon Masonry it will be because the Grand Master has followed the Jurisdiction leaders instead of looking to the interests of Blue Lodge Masonry alone. A similar petition has been filed in the case of Ahiman Lodge, and an injunction allowed and served as in the other case.

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"SECRET" AND "OATH-BOUND."

I HAVE been led to select these two words as the basis of a short article, from the fact that while they have been the subject of much discussion, that discussion has not, as far as I am aware, led to any investigation of the philosophy of these principles and their actual relation to the subject of organisation. In the discussions of these principles by those who regard them as evil, and only evil continually, they are, for the most part, construed as mere excrescences and deformities, easily removable by knife or cautery, but for a silly infatuation upon the part of the patient which prevents their being submitted to the skill of the surgeon. As some amount of defect must accompany all human productions, it is by no means a difficult task for almost any one to point out those imperfections and, by endless reiteration, to make them appear to be of great magnitude. Starting with the assumption that at some time not specified, and in some way not shown, it has been demonstrated that "secret" and "oath-bound" are infallible indications of improper and immoral proceedings.

"Wi' mair o' horrible and awful which e'en to name wad be unlawful," the opposition have laid the foundation for a vast amount of declamation. Much of this cannot be called argument or reasoning; for reasoning consists of a process much like the balancing of a book-keeper—finding the true value of each side of the account, of both pages of the ledger, and thus determining the actual amount of excess or defect. A merchant, confining his attention to the Dr. side of his ledger might readily conclude that he was a bankrupt; a similar view of only the Cr. side might lead to the conclusion that he was a millionaire; the proper method of investigation usually leads to the conclusion that his status is at neither extreme, but somewhere intermediate between the two. While it is true that man is Lord of creation, this statement applies to him only in the maturity of his development; when immature and untrained, he is the most helpless of creatures, the most dependent upon the kind offices of his fellows. This seems to have been purposely so designed by his Creator, in order to render organising almost an instinct of his nature. Man as a unit, or individual, accomplishes nothing, except in the mental domain; as a society, a city, a nation, an empire, he produces all the grand results of ancient and modern civilisation. Voluntary organisation is the cement of the grand structure of modern civilisation, and a substitute for the enforced co-operation of masses which produced the works of ancient days whose ruins have descended to our own times, awing us by their grandeur and exciting our wonder as to the means employed in their construction. Their history is in all cases the same—that of the compelled co-operation of the serf in the plans of the despot. The pyramids of Egypt, the ruins of Nineveh, the public works of Greece and Rome all relate the same story of subjugation and slavery. They were designed, not to promote the good of the subject, but to gratify the selfish ambition of the ruler. Modern civilisation, on the contrary, relies almost exclusively upon voluntary co-operation, and in order to secure this among vast masses of people, due attention must be paid to three cardinal fundamental principles, as follow:

I. The proposed object must be for the general good, to secure organisation.

II. The organisation must be oath-bound.

III. The organisation must be secret, as the organisation is to be held together, not by pressure from without, but by the "voluntary" consent of the governed; that consent must be manifested by subscribing some oath, pledge, covenant, contract, vow or other obligation of the same nature as an oath. All our voluntary associations are thus held together, not those alone which are usually classed as oath-bound. Our governments, courts, societies, churches, partnerships of all kinds, even down to our base ball clubs, are thus oath-bound, and the so-called "secret" and "oath-bound" societies are just like all other societies in the nature of the tie which binds them together. Even the first human institution designed by the Almighty, the marriage relation, is an oath-bound relationship entered into with all the solemnities of an oath, with an appeal to the Almighty. Having thus held the philosophy of the oath-bound principle, we have indicated a course of argument that will apply with equal force to secrecy, and show that secrecy is not a distinguishing characteristic of two or three societies, but a fundamental principle of all organisations; found in all, essential to all, and therefore not evil in their nature, but means that may be used for promoting the grandest results, as they are being used to-day and have been in all the ages past.

—*J. C. Corbin, in Masonic Visitor.*

A meeting of the Committee of the Board of Stewards for the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday afternoon. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. presided. The formal announcement was made that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., President of the Institution, had graciously consented to take the chair at the Festival, and had selected Thursday, the 7th June next—the day immediately following the regular Communication of United Grand Lodge—for the celebration. The Hall Committee laid their report before the Committee, and it was agreed that the Festival should be held in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington. We understand that the distribution of prizes will take place at the Royal Albert Hall, on the Monday preceding the Festival, viz., the 4th June.

THE LOGIC CLUB.

THE sixth annual dinner of this Club, which is composed of members of various Masonic Lodges, and is formed for the purpose of mutual instruction in the ritual of Freemasonry, was held on the 30th ult., in the Victoria Room, Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly. The members of the Club are for the most also members of the musical or dramatic professions. The society has, moreover, done a good deal in the way of contributing to Masonic Charities, to which it has already given more than six hundred guineas, in the six years of its existence. The brethren present on this occasion numbered about 80. Bro. J. Maclean, the Preceptor, occupied the chair, and among those present were the Deputy Preceptor Bro. G. R. Fairchild, Bros. H. Tinney Treasurer, J. P. Fitzgerald Secretary, James Fernandez, F. J. Lonnen, F. J. Potter, A. Nagle, D Mostyn, R. P. Stephens, W. Thomas, F. Binckes, Glindon, Haycock, Dr. Lloyd, Mansel, W. Tinney, R. D. Cummings Treasurer of the Charity Association attached to the Club, and H. Conolly. During the proceedings, which were pleasantly diversified by the performances of Bros. Tinney, Saunders, Fernandez (who recited Mr. G. R. Sims's "Level Crossing") and Lonnen, a presentation was made to Bro. Fairchild, of a silver claret jug, on the part of the Club, in recognition of his services in connection with the Club and the administration of its charitable funds. Bro. Fitzgerald, in responding to the toast of the Logic Club, said that it now numbered 146 members, of whom a large number had been elected during the present year. Other toasts followed.

Obituary.

BROTHER GEORGE PARRY.

ON Thursday, 29th ult., the remains of the late Brother George Parry, solicitor, Pembroke Dock, were interred in the New Cemetery. The deceased, who was 80 years of age, had been in practice for many years in the town, and was solicitor to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. Brother Parry was one of the oldest Freemasons in the Western Division of South Wales, and always manifested a deep interest in all its concerns. He was P.M. of four Lodges, and had twice held the office of S.G.W. of his Province. Out of respect for the deceased, a number of present and past Masters of the Lodges in the Province, as well as officers and members of the Loyal Welsh Lodge (Pembroke Dock), met at the Lodge-room, Meyrick-street, and marched in procession to the late residence of the deceased in Princes-street, where the general procession formed and proceeded to the New Cemetery. There the Church of England service was conducted by the Rev. Heber Thomas (curate of Pembroke Dock), followed by the Rev. D. Bowen P.M. P.P.G.C. (vicar of Monkton, Pembroke) reading in an impressive manner the Masonic service. The brethren afterwards passed round the grave, into which each threw a sprig of rosemary, which concluded the ceremony.

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Grand Patroness:
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 14th April 1888, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to receive and consider Report and Notices of Motion as under, and to elect 11 Girls—or, in the event of the undermentioned resolution being carried, 12—into the School from a List of 42 approved candidates. The election will commence at 1 o'clock (or after the usual business is over).

REPORT.

"Report of Centenary Committee, approved and referred by the General Committee with the recommendation 'That the revised plans under scheme B, submitted therewith, be adopted.'"

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Patron.

Upon recommendation of the House Committee—

"That one further vacancy, caused by girl leaving before her time, be declared for the April Election, making Twelve in all."

"That in consideration of valuable services rendered to the Institution by Bro. Charles Hammerton, the honorary rank of Patron, with the privileges attaching thereto, be conferred upon himself and daughters as under, viz.:—

Bro. Charles Hammerton (from Hon. Vice-Patron to Hon. Patron.)
Miss R. M. Hammerton, Hon. Patron.
Miss Marianne Hammerton, ,,
Mrs. E. Fremlin, ,,
Miss J. Hammerton, ,,
Miss Margaret Hammerton ,,
Mrs. K. Mosse, ,,

By Bro. CHAS. F. HOGARD, P.G. Std. Bearer, Vice-Patron.

"That Law LXVI. be amended, to read as follows: 'The General Committee may pay for the education and maintenance of each Girl, to the age of *Sixteen* years, any sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds per annum.'"

By Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, P.G.D., Vice-Patron.

"That Bro. George Bernard Brodie, M.D., P.G.D., P. Prov. G.W. Surrey, of 3 Chesterfield Street, May Fair, W., be appointed Honorary Physician to the Institution, in the room of Bro. Wm. Hope, M.D., P.G. Steward, who has resigned the office.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

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7th April 1888.

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The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of

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are earnestly solicited on behalf of

OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution. Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic afflictions he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

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ALICE VASEY,

WIDOW OF THE LATE BRO. SAMUEL VASEY.

Bro. Samuel Vasey was a ship's provision merchant, at Wapping 1848-1850, where he was unsuccessful in business, and died shortly after, leaving his widow quite without means. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in 1854; W.M. 1860; subscribed 12 years. Joined Unity Lodge, No. 183, in 1866; W.M. 1869; subscribed 12 years. P.Z. of Yarborough Chapter. Self and wife Life Subscribers R.M.I.B.

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PRISCILLA MINNIE SWAEBE,

(AGED 9 YEARS LAST JUNE),

Daughter of the late Bro. DAVID SWAEBE. He was initiated in the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, in January 1851, and continued a subscribing member to 1871. He joined the Euphrates, No. 212, and subscribed for 17 years, until his decease, which took place in May 1887. He has left a widow and 6 children unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the brethren of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, and by

Bro. Rt. Hon. POLYDORE DE KEYSER, Lord Mayor, Mansion House, London.
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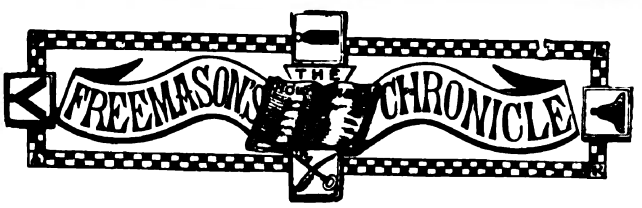
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PROV. G. CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Eastern Division of the county of Lancaster was held in the Blackburn Town Hall, on the 29th ult., when there were about 120 present. Comp. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Most Excellent G. Superintendent, occupied the chair, and was supported by Comps. Souter, Clegg, and a large array of Provincial Officers. The Provincial Grand Superintendent expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. The day being next to Good Friday was most convenient, and every Chapter except one was represented. The one not represented was Stoneclough, and in that case if a satisfactory explanation was given the matter would be overlooked, but if not the Chapter would be fined. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Most Excellent Principals H. and J. was read by the Most Excellent Principal H., supported by Comp. J., and after a few remarks was confirmed. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts were presented, showing an increase of £7 in the bank on the year's working. On the nomination of P.Z. Brockbank, of Bolton, seconded by P.Z. Franklin Thomas 345, Comp. Samuel Lawton Buckley was unanimously appointed Prov. G. Treasurer. The investiture of Officers then took place, at the hands of the Grand Superintendent, as follow :—

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe	H.
Abraham Clegg	J.
John Chadwick	E.
James McLaren	N.
James Wilson	P.S.
R. Souter	First A.S.
R. Harrison	Second A.S.
Samuel L. Buckley 345	Treasurer
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W. Cooper	A.D.C.
James Newton	Assistant Secretary
W. Tattersall 345	Organist
Thomas Higson	Janitor

Comps. Halliwell (345) and Priestley were appointed auditors. On the nomination of Comp. Brockbank, of Bolton, the sum of £10 was contributed from the funds of the Provincial Grand Chapter to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, and further a sum of £20 was contributed from the funds of the Provincial Grand Chapter to the Girls' Institution in London, this being the Centenary year of its existence. Bolton was unanimously adopted as the place at which to hold the next regular meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter. This completed the business and the Chapter was closed.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—At the meeting on Tuesday, 27th ult., at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane, Cannon-street, Comps. Gillard as Z., E. C. Beedell H., S. Haslip J., Brown Scribe E. and Preceptor, J. S. Fraser S.N., C. H. Webb P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Schadler as candidate. The Officers were perfect in their work, and elicited praise from a large number of listeners who were present, many of them being old members, who had previously obtained their knowledge of R.A. ritual at this Chapter. Comps. Wood and Arnold, both of the Crystal Palace Chapter, 742, were elected members; they were proposed by Comp. Allen P.Z. 742. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Chapter should be on the 9th of April, at half-past five o'clock, when the installation of Principals will be rehearsed. Comp. C. H. Webb P.Z. 1549 in the Z. chair, Comp. Gillard P.Z. 19 the H. chair, and Comp. J. S. Fraser P.Z. 214 the J. chair. These Companions respectively represent the Provinces of Middlesex and Essex, and the London District. The exaltation ceremony will be rehearsed on the same evening, at half-past six o'clock.

A meeting of the Governors of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution was held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when the numerous grants recommended by the Committee, which met at Birkenhead a fortnight earlier, were agreed to, thus making the amount expended annually in the education of the children of deceased Masons to about £280 for the Province. The Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. Gibson) presented a plan for the division of the Province into eight districts, under the charge of district secretaries, and this was adopted, several distinguished brethren being appointed to act.

The members of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence for the Province of Cheshire also held a meeting at the Crewe Arms Hotel, on the same day, when one candidate was elected to the Boys' Masonic School, in Wellington, and another candidate was placed upon the list conjointly with the Province of West Lancashire. Several grants were made to assist aged Masons, and the cordial thanks of the members of the Court were given to Bro. Platt, of Birkenhead, the active and efficient chairman of the Committee.

The "Kermese," or fancy fair, in aid of the Masonic Charities of Nice, took place on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Casino. The winter garden had been handsomely decorated, and in the evening was illuminated, presenting a fairy-like spectacle. There were stalls for the sale of flowers, cigars, &c.; but the principal attraction was the tombola, where the receipts were deservedly large. Later on the comedy, "Durand et Durand," was played with much spirit by the Casino Company, after which a concert was given. The evening wound up with a ball, dancing being kept up till daybreak.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the Brethren of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, on the following dates :—At the Beaconstree Lodge of Instruction, Green Man, Leytonstone, 13th April, at seven p.m.; Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow, 19th April, at half-past seven p.m.; and at the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, George, Glengall-road, Millwall, 27th April, at seven p.m., on which occasions Brethren are earnestly invited to attend.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 246.

AT a recent meeting at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, an interesting presentation was made through the Worshipful Master, Brother R. V. Vassar-Smith, to his infant daughter. The gift consisted of a solid silver bowl and spoon, enclosed in a case of dark blue velvet, lined with light blue silk. Upon the outside of the case was the emblem of a Past Master of the Order, in silver. The bowl bore the inscription:—

"The gift of the Members of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, to Dorothy Millicent Vassar-Smith, as a mark of fraternal affection for her father, their Worshipful Master. 21st March 1888."

On the reverse of the bowl and upon the spoon the child's monogram was engraved. The presentation was made in very happy terms by W. Bro. Baron de Ferrières, on behalf of the Lodge, and was acknowledged with much feeling by Brother Vassar-Smith. He said that the presentation had come upon him as a perfect surprise, but at a moment when he was rejoicing in the prospect of Mrs. Vassar-Smith's recovery from the very serious illness by which her life had been threatened. He was sure that his wife would appreciate, as he did, the kindly intent which had dictated the gift, and the graceful manner in which it had been conveyed.

LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1343.

THE inaugural meeting of the season of this Lodge, which is held from March to August, took place on Wednesday, 28th ult., at the King's Arms Hotel, Grays. Bro. James Howell W.M. presided, and among those present were Bros. C. C. Potter I.P.M., James Everett S.W., Geo. R. Cobham J.W., Hind and Mott Stewards, H. C. Borradaile Secretary, Herschell, Weyers, Ker, Longland, Heagerty, and Cooper. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. Ralph was raised to the sublime degree. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. C. C. Potter, and Bro. Ralph was duly invested. The loss of one member by death was reported. Three brethren were proposed as joining members, and one candidate for initiation was elected. The resignation of three members was accepted, and other business having been transacted the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

THE annual installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, to invest the W.M. Bro. Harcourt West and the Officers. Bro. Croxton was passed to the second degree, and Bro. Harcourt West was installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. J. W. Richardson, in a most impressive fashion. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers with the skill and address for which he has gained a reputation. Later on a banquet was served in the Pillar Hall, by Mrs. Venables, widow of the late Bro. Venables. About eighty sat down to this repast, which was served in excellent style. The Masonic toasts were capitally given by the W.M., who presided. A first-class programme of music was carried out by the following members: Bros. Boyes, Mackway, Pigeon, Rowlands, A. B. Norman, and J. D. Smith. Bro. Zucker presided at the piano. The W.M. contributed a recitation. The whole affair was an undoubted success, and under the leadership of its popular W.M. this comparatively young but prosperous Lodge has certainly a good time before it.

ANTIENT BRITON LODGE, No. 1675.

BRO. John Lewis W.M. presided over the regular monthly meeting of the above-named Lodge on Tuesday, 27th ult., in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. After the disposal of routine and other business, Bro. F. Sleight S.W. was chosen as W.M. elect for the ensuing year, and Bro. Bottomley P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Sleight will be installed at the annual meeting of the Lodge next month. Auditors were also appointed for the year. When all the work had been performed, an original nautical musical sketch, entitled "All at sea," was presented by the author, Bro. Nicholls, assisted by the brethren of the Lodge, and several members from No. 2042. The sketch, which first appeared before the public some months ago, in the cause of charity, abounds in "good things," both in its libretto and musical numbers, and the concerted pieces especially commend themselves to the appreciation of any audience. Bro. Nicholls had the able assistance of Bros. Fargher, Rowlands, Lane, Burt, Williams, Davies, Jones, and Cave (accompanyist), and the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

CROOK LODGE, No. 2019.

ON Wednesday, the 28th ult., a meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Crook, for the purpose of installing Bro. John Graham into the Worshipful Master's chair. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Arrowsmith, the retiring W.M., who conducted the ordinary business of the Lodge. Bro. Hardy I.P.M. then performed the installation ceremony in a very satisfactory manner. Bro. Graham appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Arrowsmith I.P.M., Milburn S.W., Wraith J.W., Rev. F. Newsome Chaplain, Proud Treasurer, Joel Secretary, Dawson S.D., Emerson J.D., Talbot Almoner, Roberton I.G., Wanless Dir. of Cers, Hughes Organist, Linton and Hall Stewards, Dowson Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at the Surtees Hotel, at which a splendid jewel was presented to the retiring Worshipful Master.

SCOTLAND.

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ON Thursday, the 29th ult., in the Kinnaird Hall Dundee, the brethren of the various Masonic Lodges in Dundee held their annual grand assembly. The hall for the occasion was very prettily decorated by Mr. John Ronald. The front of the galleries were draped with crimson cloth and elaborated with the shields of the different degrees in the Masonic Order. Each of the shields was surmounted with bannerettes, which very materially added to the decorative effect. In front of the organ gallery was a fine oil painting of the late Fox Maule, while opposite it, under the clock in front of the main gallery, was a portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the full regalia of the Grand Master Mason of England. In addition to the decorations mentioned the front of the main gallery was draped with blue cloth, over which a vari-coloured garland was hung, and from the roof flags of all nations were suspended, prominent among which was the Royal Standard of Scotland, which was hung in the centre of the organ gallery. The decorations were much admired by all present, and Mr. Ronald deserves great credit for the taste he displayed. The grand march was led off shortly after nine o'clock, by Brother Herald (Arbroth), Provincial Grand Treasurer Over 80 couples took part in the opening dance. Amongst those present were:—Brother David Henderson R.W.M. 47, John Lewis R.W.M. 49, James Rattray 78, Ramsay R.W.M. 158, James Robertson R.W.M. 137, George F. Roger 225, Matthewson, Mitchell, Reid, Elder, &c. The organ gallery was set apart for the band, under the leadership of Mr. W. Sellars, and excellent music was provided for the dancing. Brother Guild acted as master of ceremonies, and he was ably assisted by Brother W. H. Benvie. The Kinnaird Hall has seldom presented such an animated appearance as it did this night. The dance programme was in two divisions. At the interval, and also during the course of the evening, several ladies and gentlemen added by their singing greatly to the pleasure of all present. The creature comforts of the company were amply provided for by the Bodega Company and Brother John Robertson, Forebank, and in each department the greatest satisfaction was given to the brethren and their lady friends. The success of the ball was in great measure due to the excellent arrangement by a large Committee of Management. The assembly terminated at an early hour next morning.

MARK MASONRY.

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METHAM LODGE, No. 96.

THE brethren held their installation meeting at Home Park, Stoke, on Tuesday, 27th ult, when Bro. W. Amos Staton W.M. elect was installed by Bro. F. Crouch 16 P.G. Asst. Sec. The W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. Henry Rogers I.P.M., H. W. Pengelly S.W., W. J. Sprague J.W., W. H. Gillman Reg. of Marks, W. H. Blackell Chaplain, W. J. Stanbury Treasurer, Samuel Panter Secretary, W. H. Dillon M.O., J. W. Foster S.O., G. F. Miller J.O., T. S. May S.D., John Allen J.D., W. T. Walter Dir. of Cers., H. J. Bamfield I.G., J. Rashbrook Tyler.

PRESTON LODGE, No. 143.

THE annual installation was held at the Bull Hotel, Preston, on Monday, 26th ult., when Bro. Carter S.W. was duly installed in the chair. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bros. Greaves P.M. Prov. G.O. and Beattie P.M. P.P.G.S.B. There were also present during the ceremony Bros. Galloway P.G.S.W., Chadwick Prov. Secretary East Lancashire, Murray, and Provincial Officers Bradshaw, Nevett and Elton. The following Officers were appointed by the Worshipful Master:—Barber I.P.M., Beattie Dir. of Cers., Greaves Organist, Ormandy S.W., Jolly J.W., Hayhurst M.O., Garner S.O., Christian J.O., Elton Treasurer, Higson Secretary, Robinson Reg. of Marks, Jones S.D., Preston J.D., Rogerson I.G., Bush Steward. A banquet was afterwards served, and an enjoyable social evening spent.

The members of the Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, which is the only Lodge in this country working in the German language, will hold a Mourning Lodge, on Thursday next, in the large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, in memory of the illustrious Brother the late Emperor William, Grand Protector of German Freemasons. The gathering will no doubt prove an interesting attraction to the many German brethren in this country, and will be a fitting memorial to the memory of a distinguished Craftsman. We refer our readers to our advertisement pages for further particulars as to the meeting, and the means of securing admission thereto, as no Brother will be admitted without a card from the Secretary of the Lodge.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Lyceum.—As long back as 1879 Miss Genevieve Ward produced, at this theatre, the now celebrated play "Forget-me-Not," by Herman Merivale and Florence Grove. After having produced the piece wherever she has since sojourned, Miss Ward, on Monday last, brought it back to the Lyceum, where a numerous audience thoroughly appreciated the good acting displayed by this lady and her excellent company. The part of the adventuress, Stephanie, Marquise de Mohrivart, is one that requires a careful interpreter to gain any interest for it, but Miss Ward attacks it in such a way that her audience is bound to sympathise with her. The indifference shown by this woman for the trouble she causes is perfect, while her telling remarks are delivered with great point. Continuous playing has in no way impaired the character, and we should say Miss Ward never interpreted it better than she did on Monday. Her reception throughout the evening was most cordial, and at the fall of the curtain she was called two or three times. Mr. W. H. Vernon was effective as Sir Horace Welby, his arguments with Stephanie being enforced with telling effect. Miss Dorothy Dene was gentle, though perhaps ineffective, as Alice Verney; but Mrs. Canninge was perfect as Mrs. Foley. Mr. Leonard Outram, as the Corsican, and Mr. C. W. Somerset, as the Prince, were efficient. The programme concludes with the late Charles Reade's "Nance Oldfield," a theme on the lines of "David Garrick," but with reversed characters. Miss Ward was again in good form as Nance, while excellent support was given, by Mr. Fuller Mellish, Mr. W. H. Vernon, and a clever young actress in the person of Miss Fraser. Owing to Mr. Henry Irving's return, Miss Ward's short season comes to a close to-night (Saturday).

Drury Lane.—To fill up the gap caused by Miss Sophie Eyre's state of health not warranting her starting her season here, Mr. Augustus Harris decided to revive "A Run of Luck," so successfully produced in 1886, and only withdrawn in consequence of previous arrangements. Judging from the way in which the work was received last Saturday, he is likely to be well rewarded for his pains. The many stirring incidents in connection with Mr. Henry Pettitt's drama are well brought out by the capital company Mr. Harris has secured; each incident and critical situation was closely followed by a full house. Some of those who were in the caste when it was first produced still remain. Mr. Harry Nicholls as Charley Sandown and Mr. E. W. Gardiner again score well. The topical allusions made by the former, caused roars of laughter. Of the new comers Mr. Herbert Standing, as Captain Trevor, delivered his lines in a peculiarly jerky style; this he will do well to alter. Mr. Percy Lyndal was a manly and vigorous Harry Copsley, while Mr. Reuben Inch, as John Copsley, and Mr. Fred Gould, as Squire Selby, were effective. Miss Fortescue (Daisy) was somewhat stagy at starting, but she improved as she progressed, while Miss Maud Milton was most effective as Lucy Byefield. The Mabel Selby of Miss Blanche Massey was a lady-like portrait. Of the remaining caste, Messrs. Victor Stevens, Arthur Yates, and the Misses Edith Bruce and Marie D'Altra all deserve praise. The mounting of the piece is on a gorgeous scale, the Selby Hall and Goodwood sets forming most realistic pictures. At the conclusion the principals were called; they were followed by Messrs. Pettitt and Harris.

Vaudeville.—The success that has attended the efforts of Mr. R. Buchanan to dramatise the works of deceased authors has proved greater than his most sanguine friends could have expected, and his latest effort in this line will secure for him fresh laurels. "Joseph's Sweetheart" is a work that can be seen again and again, and be thoroughly enjoyed by all; it never gives offence. Mr. Buchanan has carefully struck out all in the least way objectionable, with result that it is a suitable companion to the same author's "Sophia." The two pieces are on the same lines, but they are so interesting that one gets thoroughly absorbed and hardly notices the similarity. That "Joseph's Sweetheart" has proved a success is clearly shown by the crowded state of the house night after night; this we cannot wonder at, considering the very excellent caste engaged, headed by Mr. Thomas Thorne. We can recommend those of our readers who desire to see a thoroughly English play, to go to the Vaudeville; nothing better of its kind could be conceived.

That popular actress Miss Nellie Farren announces her farewell benefit prior to her leaving for Australia; this will take place at the Gaiety, on Monday afternoon, the 16th instant. A long and attractive programme is set down for decision, including the farce "Lot 49," the first scene of "The Forty Thieves," a scene from "Othello," and the third act of "Little Jack Shepherd." Besides numerous incidentals, Mrs. Kendal and Mrs. Bernard Beere will recite.

"The Mystery of a Hansom Cab" will reach its 50th performance to-night (Saturday), and, judging from the crowded audiences, it is increasing in popularity. "A Voice from the Bottle," a new and original farce, by J. Provand Webster, now precedes the drama, to the merriment of the patrons of pit and gallery and other early comers.

A Special Morning Performance will be given at the Princess's Theatre, on Tuesday, 10th instant, when will be produced an entirely new and original drama, in five acts, entitled "Dorothy Gray," written by Mr. J. F. Nisbet. Miss Grace Hawthorne will play the title rôle, and will be supported by a strong company.

We are indebted to Bro. W. T. Purkiss, Manager of Weston's Music Hall Company, Limited (better known, perhaps, as the Royal), for a very welcome packet of voting papers for the Masonic Schools. We lately had the gratification of inspecting the many alterations and improvements that have been made in "The Royal" Music Hall, and we can honestly recommend our readers to do the same. They will, with us, marvel as to how so much has been achieved; every inch of available space has been utilized, and indeed to advantage. An excellent company provides the nightly entertainment, and we anticipate the enterprise and spirit shown will meet, as it merits, an ample reward.

THE MARGATE BRETHREN AND POOR CHILDREN.—A few weeks since we reported a dinner and tea to the aged poor, given by the members of the Union Lodge, No. 127, and we have now the pleasure of announcing that their thoughtful kindness has been extended to poor children, 500 of whom were, on the 27th ult., entertained with what must have been to them a sumptuous tea at the Assembly Rooms. Mr. Hume, as usual, was most liberal in his catering, and the little guests were waited upon by their generous hosts with their wives and other female relatives. The services of Mr. Edwin Norwood's quadrille band were secured, and a ventriloquial entertainment was given by Mr. Bert Knott (of Ramsgate), and a magic lantern was exhibited by Mr. Robertson (of Margate). On leaving, each child received an orange and a packet of sweets.

A very distinguished honour has been conferred in Mexico upon a Cornishman, who hails from the Mining Division. Bro. F. W. Bawden, second son of Mr. Charles Bawden, of Poldice House, St. Day, who is at Pachuca, in Mexico, has been elected by a good majority Deputy Grand Master of Freemasons of the State of Hildago. This is a post never before held by a foreigner, and Bro. Bawden is to be congratulated on his election. The Masonic constitution in Mexico varies somewhat from that of England, there being Grand Lodges of States, just the same as in America, instead of Grand Lodges of Provinces, as in this country. There are seven Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the State of Hidalgo, two of which are English. Bro. Bawden's Lodge must feel elated at his election to the important post of Deputy Grand Master of the State, and we are sure they and all his Cornish friends will unite in wishing him a successful term of office.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

On Monday, the 9th inst., "The Society Herald" will have completed the sixth month of its existence, and have entered into that very important part of any Journal's career—namely, its second volume. In other words, this Journal will have emerged from the trying epoch of its initiative stage, and have commenced the more certain and assured period of its journalistic career. This period it is the intention of the proprietors to celebrate. From the first number of the paper that was published it was pointed out—upon all sides—that the proprietors were offering the reading public a great deal too much for one penny, and that so firm a hold had the paper secured in the journalistic world that, were the price raised from one penny to sixpence, it would still sell as freely. The proprietors have now agreed to improve its literary matter, and to add to its already existing attractions several new features, and then to ask the public, if they still continue to support them, to pay sixpence for the privilege of perusing the pages of this Journal. The success already attained by "The Society Herald" has been pronounced by most competent and experienced journalists to have been altogether remarkable. In view of this, the proprietors have taken the above step, and it is quite possible to believe that the same will prove even more satisfactory than their original enterprise. Henceforth, then, "The Society Herald" will appeal to a far larger and more general circle of readers, and it will appear in its new form on the 16th inst.

Freemasonry has no apology to make for its past history and from the profane it asks no favour. Its demand is upon its votaries, of whom it expects a voluntary obedience to its tenets; this will enable the Craft to do its own work in its own way. It neither seeks nor desires notoriety. The mysteries of Masonry are sought and obtained only by self sacrifice and a desire to do and obtain good. This service is required from each single member of the Fraternity. Every insolvent in this matter mars the beauty of our Masonic Temple and inflicts upon it serious injury.

Rents from the Boston Masonic Temple amount to 21,217·25 dollars yearly, and yield a handsome sum above expenses.

Every county in Vermont is a separate Masonic district, and has a faithful Deputy in charge.

In the district of Columbia there are 21 Lodges, with a membership of 3,026.

Sydney, Australia, has a new Masonic library and reading room, free to country brethren, and 1 dollar a year to city brethren.

WHO IS OUR BROTHER?—If your enemy hunger and thirst, give him food to eat and water to drink. Such is the Divine command. Then how much more are we under obligation to give food and drink to a brother in need. The obligation of a Mason is not circumscribed by the walls of his Lodge or the boundary of his jurisdiction, and he can never afford to hedge the way of Charity or to practically bar out one who has been suddenly overtaken by a calamity far away from home, and is unable to stand a rigorous examination. There is such a thing as entertaining angels unawares, and we can never afford to take a step or exact a rule that leaves Fraternity out in the cold. The fact is, every one in need is a brother, and the only test, is he really in distress and want? Any attempt to avoid this, by direction or indirection, is not only contrary to the principle of brotherhood, which is the central idea of the Order, but does violence to our consciences. If we are in doubt as to the worthiness of a brother soliciting need, give him the benefit of the doubt. As the sun shines upon the evil and the good, and the rain falls upon the just and the unjust, so should Masonry go forth on its beneficent mission.

Goethe, the great German poet and author, was initiated 1780, and was an active member of the Craft.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 7th APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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)
1286—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. (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
1223—Amherst, Amherst 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, 9th APRIL.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
30—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1305—St. Marylebone, Criterion, W.
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.)
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
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.)
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)
1891—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. 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
248—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
882—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
461—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, York
1818—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1986—Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington, Somerset
R.A. 379—Tyntе, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster
R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich

TUESDAY, 10th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, 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)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, 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
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)
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)
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)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
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 8.30
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 23—Southwark, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound 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
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 330—St. Petrock, Masonic Hall, Turf Street, Bodmin
R.A. 452—Frederick of Unity, 105 High Street, Croydon
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 558—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 11th APRIL.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
8—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, 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)
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, at 8 (In)
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, Bartlett Road, E.
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1308—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
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.
1588—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1662—Boaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

254—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Couch and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Keith
656—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Princes Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Ramsgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford

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884—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewisea, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1248—Denison, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool,
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2041—West Kent Volunteer, Masonic Hall, Wilmington, Kent

R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, 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. 1346—Victoria, Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 12th 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)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
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)
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)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1596—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)
1613—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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)
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush, at 8 (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. 743—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, 86 High Street, Cowes
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward Road, Sunderland
113—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
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732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
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784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
788—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
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1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
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1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
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R.A. 807—Cubbell, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport
M.M. 145—Constantine, George Hotel, Colchester

FRIDAY, 13th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 8
25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
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.)
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)
1056—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.
1228—Beaconstree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1294—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 95—Eastern Star 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)
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
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
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 119—Sun Square and Compass, Masonic Hall, Whitehaven
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
R.A. 601—Eyton St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop

SATURDAY, 14th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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.)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2089—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
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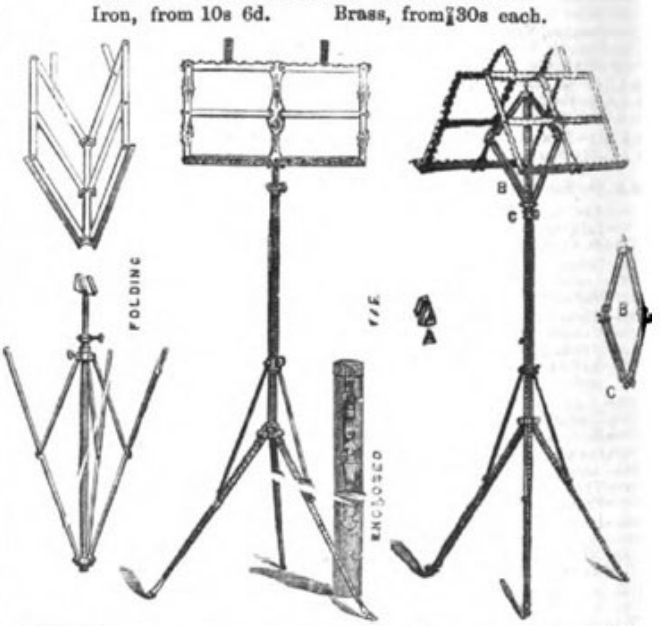
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THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution, which will assemble on Monday next, will be asked to sanction the expenditure of £100 from the funds of the Institution, on a matter which we consider entirely outside the scope of the Charity, and for which we think there is neither necessity nor excuse. The proposition, which stands on the agenda paper in the name of Bro. George James Row, a Life Governor, is to the following effect:—

"That a sum not exceeding £100 be contributed by the Institution towards the Guarantee Fund now being raised by a committee at Wood Green for the purpose of promoting the Bill at present before the Houses of Parliament for the separation of Wood Green as a Local Board District from the existing Tottenham Local Board, which, if carried out, will be the means of adding to the value of the prospects belonging to this Institution, by the improvement of the roads, &c., in its vicinity, and also tend to a reduction of the rates in the district."

We are not in a position to give any idea of the probable result which the proposed separation would have on the property possessed by the Institution at Wood Green, but we very much question if fair value can be offered for the £100 it is proposed to ask for, and which probably would be as good as spent if the subscribers decide to guarantee it. Moreover, we think it unfair to ask the Institution to guarantee so large a sum as £100; a sum out of all character when we consider the value of the property possessed by the Institution as compared with the total value throughout the district affected. It might be unwise for the Institution to stand out of any feasible organisation common among its neighbours, or which could be shown to particularly affect the value of the property of the Charity, but it would certainly be injudicious for its Subscribers to take so prominent a part in any movement as that now proposed, and we shall be much surprised if those present on Monday next, when they are asked to decide the question, will not show themselves strongly of our opinion. All such matters as this may safely be left to the House or General Committees of the Institution, who, on such a proposal, are expected to keep the Subscribers informed as to the merits of action it is deemed necessary for them to take, and in this regard they have hitherto acted to the satisfaction of the Craft. The mere fact, then, that this proposal does not emanate from one of the Committees is, to our mind, evidence that it is not approved by those who have been entrusted with the management of the internal affairs of the Institution, and on this ground especially it should be rejected. If, however, the proposer and his supporters can make out a case, then the proper course would be to refer the subject to the House Committee, and ask their decision for the guidance of the general body of Subscribers, who can hardly be expected to make themselves conversant with all the details of such a scheme as that for which co-operation is now asked.

There are other matters to be brought before the Court, which are of equal, or almost equal, importance. Indeed, they are regarded in some quarters as likely to have a far greater effect on the future of the Institution, inasmuch as they propose to alter existing laws, and by limiting the conditions under which Special Courts may be called and managed, to put a stop to evils which recent events have shown to exist, or have proved capable of being called into existence by any one desiring to create opposition or cause annoyance. As the matter now stands, the Laws of the Institution allow of a Special General Court being called at any hour of the day—or night also, for the matter of that—which those requisitioning the meeting may choose to name. They may also say where the meeting shall be summoned, and if they were inclined to create trouble they might call it at some out-of-the-way or inaccessible place where it would be impossible to get a fair attendance. When the Special Court has assembled, it may go on with the work for which it was especially summoned or not, as may appear most in accord with the views of the majority present, so that a Special General Court might be convened—we only mention this extreme for the sake of argument—say at midnight, in any part of the country, and adjourned and re-adjourned from time to time and place to place until all but the actual promoters of the meeting are disgusted at attending, with the result that matters of vital interest to the Institution might finally be arranged by a small clique, consisting of only nine Subscribers, that number having the power of requisitioning a Special Court. The alterations to be proposed on Monday provide some very wise modifications of this rule. They will be submitted by Bro. N. B. Headon P.M. 1426, a Life Governor of the Institution, and are to the following effect:

In Law 31, to leave out so much of the clause as follows the words "or by a resolution of the General Committee," line 5—and to insert the following in lieu thereof:

"Six days' notice of such Court being given by advertisement in three at least of the daily papers, notice also being sent to every Provincial Grand Secretary. The business to be transacted at such Special Court shall be specified in such requisition or resolution, and confirmation of minutes of proceedings of any such Special Court shall not be required except in such cases as provided for in Law 34.

"The decision of a Special General Court shall not be reconsidered at any subsequent Special Court or any Quarterly General Court until after the expiration of 12 months from the date of the Special General Court at which such decision was adopted.

"The time at which a Special General Court shall be convened shall be between the hours of twelve at noon and four in the afternoon, and the place at which such Court shall be held shall be the place at which the Courts and Committees of the Institution are ordinarily held."

It will be seen that these proposals exert a limit on the time and place at which a Special General Court shall be summoned, and also take away the right of a Special Court to adjourn. In other respects the

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existing Law is not interfered with, but some important additions are made thereto.

We have already shown how unwise are the terms of the present Law, in so far as they fix no limit as to time or place of meeting; and in regard to the question of adjournment, it is only necessary to consider that a Special General Court can only be required for some particular purpose, and to decide which brethren may have to attend from all parts of the country. If this meeting has the power of adjournment, another such gathering can only be possible after the expenditure of much time and money—more than it is equitable ever to expect brethren to entail, even though the object to be gained be of the greatest moment. For this reason, therefore, it is almost imperative the subject should be decided upon at the one sitting.

The new matter proposed to be introduced into the Law will put a veto on the re-discussion of any question settled at a Special Court until a period of twelve months has elapsed, and may be expected to limit to an even greater extent than hitherto the convening of Special Courts, which are a great expense to the Institution, generally unsatisfactory to one side or the other, and usually the cause of regret to the large body of brethren who support the Institutions.

SECTARIANISM.

"SOME Masonic brethren are very tender on the question of Sectarianism in Masonry. They receive unquestioningly the theory of Solomon's Temple, and unhesitatingly accept allusions to Moses and other worthies of the ancient religions dispensation, but the moment an important personage of the new dispensation is mentioned, they affect to be greatly shocked and forthwith raise the cry of Sectarianism. Now, this is true: If the Saints John and the principles of the Christian religion are sectarian, then Solomon, Moses, and all allusions to Jewish ethics also are. In fine, if the standard of action adopted by such Craftsmen is correct, then all allusions of religious nature in Freemasonry must be regarded as sectarian and be eliminated. That would emasculate the Institution, and make it worthless. The fact is, that such brethren are governed by blind zeal and grope in darkness. They forget that Freemasonry is a grand science of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols; that from the moment of conceiving in the heart its beauties, until its apex is attained, it is a continuous system of philosophic symbolism, and that whatever idea or character it appropriates and applies, is taken and used solely in the allegoric or symbolic sense. Its mission is to impress on the mind and heart great truths, and make them principles in each Craftsman's work of Master-building for eternity. Thus it uses the Temple ideaand the characters of the Saints John, and thus also it makes the Holy Bible the rule and guide of Masonic faith and conduct. Craftsmen, then, instead of degrading any of the grand principles of the Institution by classing them as sectarian, should discover their sublimity and appropriate their wisdom, strength, and beauty; thus acting, they will prove themselves wise Master-builders."—*Voice of Masonry*, March 1888, page 284.

COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE.

By Brother Jacob Norton.

I suppose it is no secret that mankind is divided in opinion as to which is the true religion; that each individual imagines that his own religious notions alone are infallible, while all other religions are tinged with more or less absurdities and even blasphemies, and individuals who are venerated by one sect as prophets, saints, or even gods, are contemptuously regarded by another sect either as myths, cranks, or impostors. In olden time, dominant sects persecuted all who differed from their creeds, and such is still the fashion in some countries. But in 1723, Freemasonry stepped forward and cried *halt!* The platform it laid down aimed not only to stop religious persecution, but to unite the good and true of all denominations into a harmonious brotherhood; and its first Charge is as follows:

"In ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country * * * yet it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves: that is, to be good men and true, or men of honour and honesty, by whatever denomination or persuasion they may be distinguished, whereby Masonry becomes the centre of union and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance."

Had the above Charge been honestly carried out and adhered to we should no more have heard in a Masonic Lodge about "Old Dispensation" or "New Dispensation," than we hear about Mahommedan or Mormon Dispensations, but religious bigotry was not extinct (and is not extinct yet), hence the Bible was put into the Lodge. Now, in those days, most everybody believed that every word in the Bible was inspired and authentic, hence no objection was made to it. The next notion introduced was to dedicate Lodges to Saint John. Afterwards stories were invented and inserted into the ritual that the two Saints John were always "eminent Christian patrons of Masonry," Grand Masters, and what not, hence, in spite of the first Charge in Anderson's Constitution, and in spite of adhering to the theory of "Masonic universality," zealots began in their usual fashion to demonstrate that Masonry was a Christian Institution, and began to write about *Masonries* under the Old Dispensation and New Dispensation. The introduction of what is called high degrees, Christian degrees, &c., conduced to further bemuddle the minds of Masonic luminaries. Had they openly advocated to turn Masonry into a Christian Institution, the same as was done in Sweden and in Germany, they would at least have been consistent; but their pretending on one side to assert that Masonry was universal, and then claim a right to turn a Lodge into a Christian Church, seems to me not only absurd, but contemptible. The Editor of the *Voice* belongs to that school of Masonic luminaries; he ignores the first Charge in Anderson's Constitution, as well as the golden rule to do to others as he would be done by; and his method of reasoning is as jesuitical as it can be: because no one objects to Moses and Solomon being mentioned in the Lodge, therefore every Mason ought to venerate the Saints John as holy Christian Saints. But in the first place, neither Moses nor Solomon are called *holy saints*: and second, if good and true brethren had a conscientious objection to mention the names of Moses or Solomon in a Lodge, the Grand Lodge ought to discard those names from the ritual. But, says he:—

"They forget that Freemasonry is a grand science of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols."

That may be true, but it does not follow that irrational sectarian dogmas should also be illustrated in a Lodge by symbols and allegories. We all alike agree about morality, but the moment you attempt to introduce sectarian dogmas, it will necessarily offend good and true brethren who despise the said dogmas. But, says the *Voice*, "The fact is, that such brethren [who object to sectarianism in the ritual] are governed by blind zeal and grope in darkness." But on the other hand those brethren claim, that the *Voice* oracle is guided by blind zeal, &c., and who is to decide?

Now, the truth is, morality is based on common sense, and there is no especial need for allegories or symbols to illustrate it, but to the expounder of inexplicable dogmas, allegories and symbols *are very useful tools* wherewith to confound weak minded men; for it requires no great ingenuity to twist and turn a symbol or allegory into any shape, and make it signify whatever they please; for instance, a sword seems to me an appropriate symbol for robbers and cut-throats, but the Grand Orient of France designates the sword as "a symbol of honour." Now, our brother of the *Voice* is certainly a first rate symbolizer, and here is a specimen of his Masonic symbolizing capacity. In his August Number, 1887, he says:—

"It [Masonry] reveres the Holy Bible as the rule and guide of faith and practice. It recognizes the *Trinity* in several ways. Witness the three great and three lesser lights; the three degrees which every Lodge confers; the three principal Officers of the Lodge; the three great pillars, * * * the three great virtues, &c. &c. * * * It teaches the certainty of death, of the resurrection, and of a blessed immortality through "the *ever green* and ever living *sprig* of faith in the merits of the lion of the tribe of Judah."

The last part, printed between quotation marks, evidently formed part of the ritual used in the writer's Lodge; and with such a ritual is it not a barefaced humbug to call Masonry universal?

Now, I will apply the "golden rule" to the *Voice* Editor's method of reasoning. Suppose, now, that our Chicago brother lived in Spain, where his Calvinistic belief is detested by the priests and the people, as a rank heresy; suppose, however, he was informed that some Spaniards

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had formed a Masonic Lodge there; the first charge in their Constitution is word for word as it is in the English Constitution. Nay, more; he was even assured, on the word and honour of a gentleman and Mason, that there is nothing in the ceremony or work that would conflict with his duty to God or his conscience. Suppose, however, he found out, after his admission, that the Lodge was dedicated to the Holy Saint Dominic and the Holy Saint Loyola, that these saints were Masonic parallels, &c.; furthermore, that the Lodge prayers were addressed to the Virgin Mary, "The Mother of God," and also to the Saints. And suppose that with the addition of a quibbling flourish, "Wisdom, Strength and Beauty" were symbolically and allegorically taught to refer to the "Infallibility of the Pope," to "The Real Presence," and to the "Immaculate conception of the Virgin." Suppose our Brother of the *Voice of Masonry* had been endowed with sufficient reason to perceive the significance of that process of symbol teaching. Suppose he had enough courage to call attention of the brethren to their violation of the solemn promises given to him, and suppose, in reply to his remonstrance, they said, "Oh! you are governed by blind zeal, and you grope in darkness. You forget that Masonry is a grand science of morality, veiled in allegory," &c., &c. I ask, in the name of common sense, our American apostle of Christianized Masonry whether (after receiving such an answer from the Spanish Masonic luminaries) he would not feel the utmost contempt for Spanish Masons and Masonry, as well as for their religion?

BOSTON, U.S. 9th March 1888.

HISTORICAL TESTIMONY OF LODGE CEREMONIAL.

IN the numerous articles which are written now-a-days to strive to determine with some exactness, and with a fullness of proof required in the profane world by modern scientific research, the real origin and beginning of this Fraternity of ours, about whose early history the mists of antiquity hang like a cloud, too little attention, it seems to me, is paid to the value of the historical evidence of a ceremonial, often repeated, yet intended from its start not only to teach a lesson, but to act as a memorial. Instances of such memorial observances among the Jews are far from uncommon. The Passover itself was intended by its annual occurrence to bring to the minds of the children of Israel their marvellous escape from the land of Egypt, and the destruction of the first-born of the Egyptians when the angel of the Lord swept over the land, destroying on every side, and only passing over those houses where the blood of a lamb upon side posts and lintel of the door showed the dwellers therein to be God's favoured people. In those days, when books and knowledge were confined to the priest, the annual recurrence of the memorial feast preserved the story fresh in the minds of the people better than any written records could have done. So, too, we read in Judges xi. 39, 40, "And it was a custom in Israel that the daughters of Israel meet yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah, the Gileadite, four days in the year," and by this custom they retained in their memories the pathetic story of the vow that Jephthah had made that he would sacrifice as a burnt offering to the Lord the first living thing that came out to meet him as he returned victorious from his conflict with the children of Ammon. Can any one doubt that those four days of mourning and lamentation were a strong historical evidence of the truth of the story which had given rise to them?

So, too, that most solemn of all the ceremonials of the Christian Church, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, is an ever recurring evidence of a great historical fact—an evidence which brings home to every partaker in that solemn feast the remembrance of that supper in the upper room at Jerusalem, when the Master took such solemn leave of his disciples; and what, during the early persecutions of the Christian Church, when the heathen Emperors of Rome sought to stamp and crush out of existence the feeble little body of believers in the new faith tended more to bring to their memories the Lord who had given up His life for them, than that solemn feast of bread and wine? The fact that it is a memorial service, and as such has a historical value, is beautifully set forth in the words of the service of the Episcopal Church:—"and did institute, and in His Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that His precious death and sacrifice, until His coming again. For in the night in which he was betrayed, He took Bread;" . . . "do this as oft as ye shall drink it in remembrance of Me." This final phrase shows that to the mind of our Lord, when he first uttered it, must have been present the idea of a value of historical evidence in the ceremonial. Now with these other examples before us, showing the use of a ceremonial or observance to keep facts before the people to whom these ceremonials were addressed—especially when we consider that all of these examples are of Jewish origin—does it not afford us, who have so often witnessed the impressive ceremonials of Freemasonry, an argument to apply toward the establishment of the verity of the legend of our history therein taught us, and impress upon us the idea that those ceremonies are no unmeaning observances, but the actual representation to our minds of an historical occurrence, from which the third degree of Freemasonry takes its immediate origin?—*Keystone.*

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. Bro. J. L. Mather occupied the chair, and there was a fair attendance of brethren present. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and those of the House Committee, and Special Court on the 24th ult., read for information, two petitions were considered, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the October election. Five applications for grants towards outfit were made; of these one was not entertained, while in the case of one of the remaining four £40 was granted conditionally. Notices of motion for the Quarterly Court, to which we refer on another page, having been handed in, the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. occupied the chair, and among the brethren present were Bros. James Brett, C. A. Cottebrune, F. West, C. F. Hogard, Hugh Cotter, S. Brooks, C. J. Perceval, C. H. Driver, C. H. Webb, W. Hilton, A. H. Tattershall, W. M. Bywater, A. Fish, Alex. Forsyth, J. Newton, John Palmer, C. G. Hill, J. A. Farnfield, H. Cox, Charles Lacey, W. H. Perryman, Thos. Cubitt, Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, W. Belchamber, J. J. Berry, and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, and it was unanimously agreed that a letter of sympathy with the widow and family of the deceased should be written. The Secretary reported the death of eight annuitants (four males and four widows), and the Warden's report for the past month having been read, that of the Finance Committee was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The receipt of the nomination of two widows by West Yorkshire was announced, and as these were on the list of approved candidates, the number from which the election will be made in May is reduced from 64 to 62. The application by a widow of an annuitant for the half of her late husband's annuity was granted. A Committee, consisting of Bros. J. A. Farnfield, J. Newton, and J. J. Berry, was appointed to prepare the Annual Report of the Institution; and it was resolved to invite the Stewards to pay their annual visit to the Asylum at Croydon. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

We are pleased to learn that the roll of Stewards for the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has been largely augmented since we last wrote; and further, that the M.W. the Grand Master has given consent for Masonic clothing to be worn at the Albert Hall on the occasion of the celebration.

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"UNDER THE BLACK FLAG."

A STATEMENT OF FACTS.

IN 1882 and 1883 appeared Parts I. and II. of Gould's "History of Freemasonry," published by T. C. Jack, of Edinburgh. The Masonic press of England and America was loud and unanimous in praise of the work, and Messrs. Yorston and Co., of Cincinnati, conceived the idea that an American Edition might be a good thing.

Between England and America there is no international law of Copyright. *Legally* therefore Yorston was entitled to reprint without more ado. But there is such a thing as *moral* right, and it may be open to argument whether Gould in disposing of the English Copyright to Jack, divested himself of his moral right to make arrangements for re-publication in America. But this question need not here be discussed, because Jack in his very first letter admitted at least a concurrent right on Gould's part, and if Yorston chose to deny Jack's rights in America, there being no international law of Copyright, he could not, *morally* at least, deny Gould's *natural* right to the product of his own brains.

Yorston took at first the proper and honest course, at least in appearance. On the 10th and 27th August 1883, he wrote to Jack, offering a price for the work to be sold by him in America.

Jack's answer of the 13th September 1883 must be given in full, for reasons that will shortly appear.

"I have your letters of 10th and 27th August. I should have replied sooner to the former, but could not see my way to supply the Freemasonry at the price you named until I had seen the Author, who is in London. I cannot see him for a fortnight yet, but I much fear we cannot look at your price. However, I shall let you know without delay."

"Meanwhile, I send you specimen and 2 sets portraits, &c., all that are engraved. I purpose giving say 4 American portraits in any case, but if you could guarantee me a large sale I would give more. I have no doubt you could make a fine thing with the book if Americanised in this way."

This letter crossed one from Yorston of 3rd September 1883, asking Jack at what price he could supply stereotype plates of the letterpress, &c., and electros of the portraits?

Yorston wrote once more, on the 27th September, not having yet received Jack's letter; the communication contains nothing new, and practically merely confirms his former ones. Almost immediately afterwards he must in due course have received Jack's letter of the 13th September, which certainly cannot be construed as entitling him to suppose his terms would be accepted.

13th November 1883 Yorston writes once more, complaining of the absence of any letter since that of the 13th September. In this month (or previously) he took very decided steps, entailing some expense, and which should not have been taken (if he were acting *bona fide*) on the strength of such a very discouraging letter as Jack's of the 13th September. The cost entailed by these unauthorised steps, he afterwards pleads, compelled him to pirate the work in order to recoup himself.

The steps were the following:—In November 1883, on the strength of the solitary letter from Jack above referred to, Yorston issued a prospectus of an American Edition of Gould's work; he engaged with Carson to supply him with historical supplements of a nature peculiarly interesting to Americans; he advertised this assistance; he, through Carson, arranged with Drummond for his portrait, and for a portion of the additional work; he sent out canvassers to sell the book, and touted for portraits. It is important to remember that these arrangements were made in November 1883, and very noteworthy that Yorston never at any time informed Jack that he had issued a prospectus at all. Thus far, every unprejudiced man must admit that Yorston had simply made up his mind to issue the work under any circumstances, and the offer of an arrangement looks very like a blind. The subsequent correspondence only confirms this view.

On 8th January 1884, Yorston wrote once more, acknowledging receipt of a letter from Jack, containing a refusal to supply the plates, and begging him to reconsider his determination. Failing that, he asked for a price for the work in sheets. This letter contains the following very palpable threat.

"In the absence of any Copyright treaty between this Country and Great Britain, we could, if we chose, set up the work and print it ourselves, but this is something we would prefer not to do, preferring to pay you a fair price for the work as above and give you some profit that will be satisfactory to both."

As the sequel proves, Yorston himself was to be the sole judge of what constituted a "fair price."

Jack's answer of the 23rd January 1884 is as follows.

"I have just received your favour of 8th inst. I have seen a copy of your prospectus of the 'History of Freemasonry,' and I concluded you had determined to reprint the work. Of course, I am perfectly aware that you can do so, but in adopting this course there are disadvantages with a work of this sort which you have no doubt fully considered.

"I must say I feel at a loss how to reply to your letter in view of prospectus. I have no wish to be churlish. At the same time I am not inclined to play into your hands if you are reprinting the book. You certainly say you 'would prefer not to do it,' but you may be doing it, seeing I have declined to sell plates. In that case there seems little use in going into the question of prices. . . . . Having seen your prospectus I am naturally cautious. Of course I quite understand you may have got it up in expectation of arranging with me."

Under the circumstances it was more than generous of Jack to give Yorston the benefit of the doubt implied in the last sentence. For us, the doubt cannot exist, as Jack's letters had both been refusals of the terms offered.

Yorston's answer of the 6th February denies that he is reprinting, and endeavours to show that the price offered was a fair one.

On the 27th March Yorston wrote again, insisting upon a reply before the 14th April, and reiterating the former threat, thus:—

"We again repeat our wish to make a satisfactory arrangement with you, if not, we are only left to take the alternative which we prefer to avoid."

Jack answered, on the 14th April:—

"Since you opened communication about Gould's Freemasonry, another party has made overtures. I did not like your threats to reprint, nor your prospectus, which I should not have heard of but through Masonic channels. I delayed replying to your last letter till to-day,—the latest you give me, and I have just received a letter from a prominent Mason in Philadelphia, which leads me to decide not to place the book in your hands. My correspondent reveals a system of blackmailing on your part which I would never be a party to, a system which would bring certain disgrace on the book, and end only in disaster to us both.

I shall now complete arrangements with the other party referred to, and leave you to carry out your scheme, if you think proper. I give you notice, however, that effectual measures will be taken to denounce your attempt to include portraits only of those who will pay 300 dollars."

In a letter, of 12th June, Yorston complains of the accusation of blackmailing, maintains he has acted fairly throughout, does not deny the "soft impeachment" of asking 300 dols. for the insertion of a portrait, and concludes:—

"We made you a liberal offer for a set of the plates, if it is not satisfactory make us your offer."

He does *not* state that he will accept it.

In a private letter of the same date he says that Messrs. Nickerson and Carson, having seen the correspondence, are quite satisfied he has acted in an honourable, candid, and fair manner. As regards Carson, as he had been connected with the enterprise from (at least) November 1883, his opinion is easily accounted for. But in Bro. Nickerson's case acts speak more strongly than words. When asked to write some additions for the piratical work, he promptly declined to do so without the author's approval.

A few extracts from Jack's letter of the 27th June, the last of the series, must close this part of the subject.

"In your present letter you do not deny that you have made the demand, and if 300 dols. for such a demand is not *blackmailing* I don't know what is. Naturally I felt indignant that such should happen with any book of mine, and I decided immediately I heard of it to leave you to reprint the work, or do anything you pleased with it, rather than be mixed up with such a transaction. Such is still my determination; and if I had had the slightest inkling that you intended to make profit out of the book in this way, I should have broken off negociations sooner than I did. . . . . I say it was neither *honourable* nor *fair* to demand 300 dols. for those portraits. And you were neither *candid* nor *fair* to me in your attempt to coerce me by threats of reprinting. And if you consider the offer you made a liberal one, I can only say I am of a totally different opinion."

And here the matter ended for the time.

Mr. Jack is now dead, but his letters speak for him, and show him to have been a straightforward, upright man of business. Those of Yorston, on the contrary, coupled with his acts in November 1883, display the spirit of the footpad. He says in effect: "There is no police-

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man near, therefore you are at my mercy. Sell me your book at MY price, or I shall take it by force." And he did so. To barefaced, though legalized robbery, must we fear be also added the dishonourable stain of falsehood. The title of the pirated work states that the author, Bro. Gould, was assisted by Hughan, Woodford, Lyon, Carson, Drummond and Parvin. To a certain extent this may be true, as Gould acknowledges the assistance rendered by the first three, and several others, in the concluding lines of his last chapter. But the impression conveyed, and publicly repudiated by Hughan and Woodford, is, that they were all joint authors. Now, as regards the additions of Carson, Drummond and Parvin, these are not only unasked for by the author, but are almost certain to be in opposition to his own views, and to term an unauthorised supplement "assistance" is to display either a lamentable ignorance of the English tongue, or a reckless disregard for truth. Gould protested in the Masonic journals of 20th August 1887, which evoked a letter to him from Yorston, 12th September 1887—who there makes four statements in defence of his conduct *vis-à-vis* Mr. Jack.

1st. That in accordance with his correspondence with Mr. Jack he expected to publish the work. No doubt of this whatever; he not only expected, but had determined to do so; but it will be difficult to discover what grounds for holding such expectations can be found in Jack's letters.

2nd and 3rd. He was prepared to purchase plates or sheets. No doubt; at his own price, which he knew Mr. Jack would not accept.

4th. He told Mr. Jack to name his own terms, and he would accept. This is deliberately untrue, he never said he would accept them; he did ask the terms, but only after Jack had refused to have anything more to do with him.

Yorston's defence in other particulars is curious. He first pleads, as against Bro. Gould, that the copyright had been parted with to Mr. Jack, and then asserts that no copyright existed in America. But Bro. Gould has already dealt with these arguments in our issue of the 24th December. We merely desire to put the whole series of transactions in a clear light, free from all sophistry, and leave the appreciation of the facts to our readers. That Yorston's conduct throughout has been the reverse of creditable to him, either as a man or as a Mason, no amount of special pleading can controvert, and in taking leave of this part of the subject we will merely add that the correspondence quoted is before us as we write, and that we are not judging on any *ex parte* statement.

It is now necessary to consider the conduct of E. T. Carson, J. H. Drummond and T. S. Parvin; the co-partners (in a literary sense) with Yorston.

As regards Bro. Parvin, he writes to Bro. Gould that his MS. was sent in to Yorston before he heard there was any dispute. As the first step taken by Gould in the Masonic Press was a letter to us, of the 20th August 1887, Bro. Parvin's labours must have been brought to an end before that date. No one will doubt Bro. Parvin's word, and we can therefore only sympathise with our Brother in having been thus enticed and entrapped into the piratical craft. We think, however, his explanation should, under the circumstances, have been sent to one of the Masonic papers; the assistance (however unwittingly rendered) was publicly notified, and so also should have been the *amende*.

As regards Drummond, the correspondence between him and Gould speaks for itself. Drummond's letter being marked "private" considerably hampered Gould's rejoinder but as a copy has now been forwarded to us by the writer thereof, we are at liberty to quote from it.

On the 9th July 1887, Gould wrote to Drummond, making some general inquiries. This was received and answered by Drummond on the 25th July. He says:—

"In November of that year (1883) I received a letter from Bro. Carson telling me of the arrangement that had been made, and pressing me very strongly to allow my portrait to be inserted in the work. . . . . I also had made some suggestions to Bro. Carson in relation to the contents of the American portions of the work."

So far we have no fault to find. Drummond was probably hoodwinked by Carson in November 1883. But he goes on to say that in August 1884 an application for his portrait, from John Beacham, the authorised publisher of the American Edition, surprised him.

"As in the meantime I had been applied to, and had formally engaged to prepare the History of Symbolic Masonry and Royal Arch Masonry for the American Edition, and was actually at work on it."

Drummond wrote to Yorston, who admitted that Beacham was the authorised publisher, and that he himself was a pirate, but adduced Carson's certificate that the piracy was forced upon him by Jack's unjustifiable conduct. He then details correspondence between himself, Yorston, Carson and others, concluding with the statement that:—

"The bulk of the Subscribers in this country have taken Yorstons' Edition quite largely, it is generally supposed on the ground that it is to be supplemented by Chapters on the Early History of Freemasonry in this Country."

He thus admits the value of his own assistance to Yorston.

Even thus far Drummond's action is capable of palliation, for though it is evident he knew, in August 1884, that the Yorston Edition was a piracy, still he may have believed in the representations of Carson, and thought Yorston really an injured party. But the letter from which we are quoting is an answer to Gould's of 9th July 1884, placing him in a position to know that he was doing wrong; and yet he finishes his letter with these words:—

"I have thought over this matter much, and *in spite of what I learn from your letters*, I do not see how I can release myself from the obligations which I have entered into in good faith, and which I supposed were entered into in good faith by Yorston and Co."

We have here practically an admission that the MS. was not yet in Yorston's hands, and that Gould's warnings were not too late, as in the case of Bro. Parvin. But as regards his reasoning, is Drummond such a phenomenally poor lawyer, so destitute of all knowledge of legal maxims, nay, of the code of ethics by which the business of our every-day life is regulated, as not to be aware that a contract is vitiated by fraud? Whatever opinion Drummond may have previously formed of Yorston's authority to re-print, the protest of the author ought at least to have ensured his not passing from the stage of dupe to that of accomplice. Gould wrote Drummond again on the 16th and 24th August, in very severe but perfectly justifiable terms; the letters are given in our issue of 24th December, but add nothing to our knowledge. He also, in our columns of the 20th August, called attention to Yorston's misleading advertisement, and published a long article in the *Freemason*, 8th October. To these latter Drummond replied by a letter to the *Masonic Token*, Portland, Maine, given in our issue of 26th November last.

In this he repeats the calumnies respecting Jack's conduct; says he examined the correspondence himself, and came to the conclusion that Yorston was right; and adds:—

"When Gould published his articles, he KNEW that we were acting in good faith."

Gould, as the dates show, knew nothing of the sort. He knew, on the contrary, that he had warned Drummond, and that Drummond, with his eyes open, had stated his intention of continuing to sail under the black flag. The rest of this defence, a tissue of sophistry and misrepresentation, may be passed over, all the more as it was answered by Bro. Gould in our issue of 24th December.

We should not have raked up the smouldering embers of a controversy, wherein all the merits appear to be on one side, had we not been favoured with a letter from Mr. Drummond for insertion in our columns, enclosing a copy of his of the 25th July to Bro. Gould. The latter he had insisted on being treated as confidential when he thought Gould might use it, but had no hesitation in publishing himself without Bro. Gould's consent. But we will not comment on this peculiarity, and have already quoted from the letter. We revert to the one addressed to ourselves. We have read it, as desired, but it is so scurrilous that we must decline to publish it. Mr. Drummond informs us that he is not a subscriber to our paper. So we should imagine. He certainly never learned to express himself in such terms in our columns. After indulging in much licence of language he observes:—

"I will only say to you that I made in good faith, with Yorston and Co., an agreement, which I know and Gould knows was legally binding on me: [No, I will take back the assertion that 'Gould knows,' and substitute 'and any fairly good lawyer knows' was legally binding on me], for, while I was not to receive any consideration, Yorston and Co. was to incur, and did incur expense, on the strength of my promise."

This is the only argument in his lengthy epistle, and the following is our deliberate opinion of it. No contract to

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perform a dishonourable action can be held binding on a man of honour; Mr. Drummond's eyes were opened to the facts of the case; he knew he was about to do wrong and he preferred to do it. So much for the morality of the question. As for its legal aspect, fraud vitiates a contract. If the true facts of the case were not disclosed in the first instance by Yorston to Drummond, the latter should have backed out at once, and left Yorston to reap the consequences of his deceit; but by disdaining to avail of the *locus penitentiæ* that was offered him, Drummond can only be said to have participated in the piracy with his eyes open.

And here we leave him, to approach the case of E. T. Carson, which to us seems the worst of all. He resides in the same town as Yorston, and doubtless was *au courant* of all the proceedings from the commencement: yet in November 1883, when Yorston had only received one letter from Jack, and that of a very unpromising nature, he lends himself to the issue of a circular or prospectus containing his name as a co-author, and undertakes both to write some portion of the Supplement and to get the other portions written. His activity did not even cease there, for he managed, according to Drummond's own statement, to very effectually hoodwink the latter, and with all the correspondence between the two publishers before him, he resolutely closes his eyes to the overwhelming evidence which bears in favour of Mr. Jack. It is true, that later, by Drummond, after a perusal of the same correspondence, the piratical publisher has also been absolved from blame. But as in neither instance is the evidence forthcoming on which the decision was based, we can only re-echo—though we fear vainly—the wish of Bro. Gould, that Yorston's apologists would state on what grounds they adjudged him to be the victor in the dispute.

And now, with one final remark, we close our review of this most unfraternal transaction, and we hope for ever. It is patent that Yorston has been well served by the instruments of his choice, and not less so that he has found brethren to assist him who have apparently never undertaken not to injure a Mason themselves by word or deed or suffer others to do the like. We know that Jack was, and Gould is, a Mason, but, alas! so also is Yorston. Carson is a Deputy of a Supreme Council 33°, and Past Grand Commander of Knight Templars; and Drummond is a Past Grand Master of the Craft. We refrain from mentioning the jurisdictions, because we are convinced that their Masonic compeers cannot be proud of them, and would not thank us for too great a precision in our description. The narrative is a sad one, but when brethren cease to act on the square, and set up a moral standard of their own, we can no longer expect them to remain good Masons and adhere with scrupulous fidelity to the solemn obligations of the Fraternity.

It will be in the remembrance of many of his friends that Bro. J. J. Marsh P.M., Past Grand Standard Bearer Middlesex, a few weeks back met with a serious accident. The first statements published were to the effect that Bro. Marsh had fractured both his legs; happily, however, this statement was incorrect; the damage our brother sustained was a broken ankle. We are gratified in being able to state that he is getting about again, and is competent to fulfil all business engagements.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, 19th inst., at seven o'clock precisely, by Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B., P.P.J.G.W. Norths and Hunts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, 1964, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. Brethren are requested to appear in full Craft clothing. The annual supper will take place at the conclusion of the ceremonies; Bro. W. C. Smith I.P.M. 1563 Preceptor, in the chair; Bro. G. Reynolds S.W. 1614 Secretary, vice-chairman.

The "Old Masonians" announce that their second annual dinner will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, 21st inst. Bro. Frederick Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the President of the "Old Masonians," has kindly consented to take the chair on this occasion, when we anticipate he will be supported by several well-known members of the Craft.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

AT the Albion, Aldersgate-street, London, on Tuesday, in the absence of Bro. Alex. Dickson, the W.M., through illness, Lodge was opened by Bro. Frederick T. Bennett, the Immediate Past Master; Bros. Lindfield and Nash respectively filled their chairs as Wardens, and the acting Master was supported by Past Masters A. Green (Treasurer), W. Radcliffe (Secretary), W. W. Morgan, F. J. Hentsch; several visitors, and a goodly proportion of the members. In the course of the proceedings £10 10s was voted in support of Bro. Bennett's Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and, as is usual at this Lodge, several substantial amounts were added by the members to supplement the List. Lodge was closed, and adjourned till October next. The brethren, with their guests, afterwards spent a couple of hours together in a most agreeable and harmonious manner.

PORTLAND LODGE, No. 639.

IN lieu of the Masonic ball, which used to be held annually in one of the towns of North Staffordshire, Bro. J. B. Ashwell, W.M., and the brethren of the Lodge arranged for a conversazione, which came off at the Town Hall, Stoke, on Thursday evening, 5th inst., and was highly successful in every respect. The whole of the rooms at the hall available for public purposes were open on the occasion. The assembly-room was used as a ball-room, and it was gaily decorated for the occasion. The banners from some of the neighbouring Lodges, and the beautiful Jubilee slab of the Menturia Lodge, recording the names of the Past-Masters, were also exhibited. The Council Chamber and the Mayor's Parlour were appropriated to the purposes of art galleries, the walls being adorned with a magnificent collection of paintings in oil and water colours, with other interesting objects lent for the occasion. The Magistrates' Court was used as a supper-room (refreshments being supplied by Bro. Raynes, Copeland Arms Hotel), while card-rooms and smoke-rooms were also provided. The company was numerous, and by the time that was fixed for the first dance the assembly-room presented a brilliant appearance. There were about 400 present. Most of the gentlemen wore the regalia of Mark, Royal Arch, or Craft Masonry, while a few were in military uniform.

WELSHPOOL LODGE, No. 998.

THE twenty-fourth annual festival was celebrated on Thursday, the 29th ult. The members assembled at the Lodge-room, Railway Station, Welshpool, and after the general business had been transacted, the immediate Past Master, the Rev. T. Hughes, M.A., installed the Worshipful Master-elect, Bro. W. R. Hurst, as Master of the Lodge. The new Officers were then appointed, as follows:—Bros. A. J. Blair S.W., W. N. Holt J.W., W. Collender P.M. Secretary, D. Richards S.D. (Treasurer pro tem), Lieut. J. Dovaston J.D., Sir Pryce Pryce-Jones I.G., and Lewis Andrew D.C. The Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro. the Rev. T. Hughes with a Past Master's jewel, as a recognition of distinguished services rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Hughes having acknowledged the presentation, a life vote to the Girls' School was then granted, and the company adjourned to the Royal Oak Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served by Bro. David Richards.

GUNDULPH LODGE, No. 1050.

THE installation of Bro. E. Lemmon took place at the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Rochester, on the 4th instant, when a large number of brethren assembled from all parts of Kent. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. F. G. Homan. Afterwards the W.M. presented Bro. Homan with a magnificent jewel, subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year, viz.:—Brothers Taylor S.W., Parsons J.W., Rev. — Fielding Chaplain, Fry Treasurer, Watson Secretary, Gilbert S.D., Earle J.D., Wyatt I.G., Russell Organist, Ashton D.C., Brice and Nash Stewards. Later in the day the brethren banqueted at the King's Head Hotel, the host, Bro. Logan, surprising his guests by the very excellent way he catered for them.

THE PILGRIM LODGE, No. 238.

A MOST impressive ceremony, under the title of a Mourning Lodge, or Lodge of Sorrow, took place on Thursday evening, in the Great Hall at Freemasons' Tavern, in honour of the late Emperor William. From the time of Frederick the Great downwards it has been the custom for the Crown Prince to hold the position of Protector of Freemasonry in Germany—a position equivalent to that which is held here by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of English Freemasons—an office which he holds while Crown Prince, and relinquishes on his accession to the Throne. The ceremony yesterday was held under the auspices of the Pilgrim Lodge, in which the ritual is worked in the German language, and as none but German-speaking members are admitted, it may be taken to be a representative Lodge of German Freemasons in this country. All round the walls were funereal draperies of black cloth hung in double rows of festoons, relieved with white cords and fringes, the upper row being ornamented at intervals with medallions bearing the Imperial eagle, and the lower having in each of the fifty festoons the emblems of mortality. The chairs and pedestals of the Master and Wardens were also draped in black, and at the end of the room behind the Master's chair were heavy black curtains surrounding a large escutcheon bearing the Imperial arms, and backed by a trophy of the flags of various nations. In the centre of the Lodge stood a bier draped with black velvet,

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surrounded with palms, lilies, and other flowers of the purest white. At the head of the bier was a pedestal with a bust of the late Emperor, crowned with a wreath of bays. On the Lodge board lay a perfect palm branch, about three feet long, emerging from a bouquet of white flowers. This formed a very beautiful spectacle, lighted up with three candelabra, having numerous wax candles. The Lodge was opened by Bro. B. Wagner, the Master, Bro. C. Schmidt being Senior Warden, and Bro. Hamm Junior Warden. The ceremony commenced with a prayer, delivered by the Master. The immediate Past Master (Bro. Baelz) then addressed the Lodge, eulogising the departed Emperor and his work. He referred to the universal sympathy felt throughout the world, and said that except among his own people no nation had felt the loss or expressed sympathy so deeply as the English, attributing this not only to the bonds of kinship and race, but also to the bonds of common feeling. At the conclusion of this oration the speaker placed the palm-branch on the coffin in token of peace and farewell. This address was followed by a hymn, "How quietly they sleep," which was very effectively rendered. In reply to the Master, the Junior Warden ascertained from the members that they all concurred in the description given, and that the departed was worthy of the honour of a lasting memory in the Craft. After an organ solo by Bro. Ganz, the Lodge was solemnly closed. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Master of the Lodge despatched a telegram to the Emperor Frederick, informing him that the Lodge of Sorrow had been held.

APOLLO LODGE, No. 2042, LIVERPOOL.

THIS highly successful Lodge, which is renowned as being the musical Lodge par excellence of the Province, bids fair, under the direction of its new W.M., Bro. J. A. Muir, to rival the success, Masonic and musical, of its late worthy W.M., Bro. J. Queen. On Wednesday night, the 4th instant, after the usual Masonic business, a most interesting and high-class operatic programme was rendered by the brethren, reinforced for the occasion by the "Cambrian Quartette." Selections from "The Mountain Sylph," "Maritana," "Bohemian Girl," "Lorely," "Lurline," "Merry Wives of Windsor," "Lucia," "Guy Mannering," "Victorine," "Bludwen," and two very quaint and highly enjoyable excerpts from the ballet music of Gluck's "Orphée," and Handel's "Adaminto," reanscitated by the Organist of the Lodge, Bro. A. Benedict. The visitors and others privileged to attend the meetings of this Lodge have cause to congratulate themselves upon being present at such an enjoyable gathering.

WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2134.

THE installation of Bro. Wm. Gillott took place in the rooms of the Lodge, Charlotte-street, Hull, on Friday, 6th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Mackail, the retiring W.M., and there was a large attendance of brethren from other Lodges. Afterwards the new elected W.M. installed the following as his Officers:—Bros. Mackail I.P.M., Reffearn S.W., Woodall J.W., Turner Chaplain, Davis Lecture Master, Wilkinson Treasurer Turner Treasurer Benevolent Fund, Strickland Secretary, Greenwood S.D., Meanwell J.D., Hickling D.C., King Organist, Stoddart I.G., Webb Steward, Hill, Cox, and Watson Assistant Stewards, Bindall Tyler.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

THE annual meeting of the subscribers to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on the 3rd inst., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. Bro. F. B. Westlake presided, and there were present Bros. Gover, Jew, Rev. T. W. Lemon, Cooper, Hooper Moysey, Treeby, Lord, Aitken-Davies, Lethbridge, Griffin, Cornish, Hambly, Stanbury, Pengelly, Warren, Allsford, Powell, Bird, Gidley, Rogers, Radmore, Hoyten, Neno, Gifford, Barter, Williams, Olver Thomas, Bell and Tidberley. On the proposition of Bro Lethbridge, the sum of £5 5s was granted to a daughter of a deceased brother, late of 159, towards her advancement in life. The voting papers were then handed in for the election of two children on the fund. There were four candidates, and the voting resulted in the daughter of a deceased brother of No. 70, Plymouth, receiving 464 votes; the son of a deceased brother of No. 1205, Stonehouse, 429 votes; the daughter of a deceased brother of No. 79, Exeter, 221, including 97 brought forward; and the daughter of a deceased brother of No. 1247, Plymouth, 50. The first two were declared elected. As a result of a discussion initiated by Bro. Gro. Griffin, it was decided in future to state on the ballot papers if the fathers of the candidates subscribed to the fund, and, if so, for how many years.

MARK MASONRY.

WILLIAM DE IRWIN LODGE, No. 162.

AT a meeting held at the Three Choughs, Yeovil, on Wednesday 3rd instant, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. W. Westcott, Bro. Dr. Colmer (Mayor) was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following were the Officers appointed:—Bros. W. Wynn Westcott I.P.M., Trevor Davies S.W., Milborne J.W., Leach M.O., Gawler S.O., Gaylard J.O., Horton Treasurer, Nowell Reg., Nonworthy Secretary, Baskett S.D., Frank Raymond J.D., Milborne D.C., Roberts I.G., Vincent and Stanton Stewards, and Henbury Tyler. The customary banquet followed.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Central Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

SCOTLAND.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

AT a meeting of the Grand Committee of this body, held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 29th ult., the Grand Master Mason of Scotland (Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart.) in the chair, Bro. D. Hume was elected as a member of Grand Committee, in room of the late Brother Alexander Hay. At the same meeting Andrew Landells was, by a majority, appointed hall keeper to Grand Lodge.

ST ANDREW LODGE, No. 25.

AT an ordinary meeting, held in the Lodge Room, Town Hall, Fife, on Monday, 2nd inst., presided over by Brother D. S. Ireland, the R.W.M., it was intimated that arrangements had been all but completed for the proposed preaching of a "Masonic Sermon" in the Town Church. The service will be held in that church on the afternoon of Sunday, the 15th inst., and will be conducted by the Rev. G. T. Anderson, minister of the parish of Kilrenny, and Chaplain of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Fife and Kinross. As deputations from sister Lodges are to be invited—an invitation sure to be accepted by several of these Lodges—an unusually large assembly of the brethren is anticipated.

ST. CLAIR LODGE, No. 50.

A GRAND fashionable assembly, under the auspices of this Lodge, took place on the 30th ult., in the Normand Memorial Hall, Fife, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. There were over sixty couples present. The grand march was led off by Major Dunniker Provincial Grand Master and Mrs. Archibald, and thereafter dancing was gone into with great spirit and kept up till an early hour on Saturday morning. In the course of the evening Bro. Archibald Grand Master expressed the pleasure the members of the Lodge had in having amongst them that evening Major Oswald. His appointment as Provincial Grand Master was one which had been hailed throughout the Provinces with the greatest satisfaction, and they felt highly honoured in having him to grace their assembly. Major Oswald, in a few words, returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure he had in being present.

ROMAN EAGLE LODGE, No. 60.

A LARGELY-attended meeting was held in the Lodge-room, No. 98 South Bridge, Edinburgh, on the 27th ult., for the purpose of entertaining and bidding "God-speed" to the brethren of the Seaforth Highlanders, previous to their departure from Edinburgh. Bro. Miller R.W.M. occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Cowrie P.M., Lyon Grand Secretary, Mackenzie P.M. 2, Barry P.M. 223, Jamieson 391, Brown P.M. 115, &c., Cooper W.D.M. 160, Cummings W.S.M. 160, Irvine Treasurer, J. Brown Secretary. Bro. Sergeant-Major Cummings was presented by the brethren with a Masonic jewel, and the brethren of the Seaforth Highlanders (twenty-three in number) were presented with splendidly-framed photos of themselves. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, the Chairman proposed the health of the Seaforth brethren, which was heartily received, and acknowledged by Bro. Sergeant-Major Cummings.

LODGE SCOTIA, No. 178.

THE ninety-seventh annual Festival was held in the Masonic Hall, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow, on Friday, 30th ult. Bro. Wm. T. Paterson Right Worshipful Master in the chair, and Brethren Russell S.W. and J. Reddoch J.W. croupiers. The Chairman was supported on the platform by Bros. Ritchie D.M., Gordon S.M., Black Treasurer, and Rev. Dr. Stewart Chaplain, Miller R.W.M. 219, and Smith P.G. Dir. of Cers. When an excellent supper, purveyed by Bro. M'Culloch, had been done ample justice to, the Chairman proposed the Queen and the Craft, the three Grand Lodges, and the Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. Smith replying for the P.G. Lodge. Bro. Miller R.W.M. 219 proposed Lodge Scotia, to which the Chairman responded; and the Ladies, proposed by Bro. Rev. Dr. Stewart, was acknowledged by Bro. Wylie. Bro. Reddock proposed Our Visitors, which was responded to by Bro. Robertson, and Bro. Smith proposed the Chairman, which was suitably acknowledged by the R.W.M. The evening was enlivened by songs.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed in the Nelson Lodge of Instruction, No. 709, at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, on Tuesday, 24th inst., by Worshipful Bro. Frederick Binckes, Past Grand Sword Bearer, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Brother Binckes will be assisted by Bro. W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211, and other well-known Brethren. The proceedings will commence at 6:30

Mr. Edward Terry has accepted a new first piece, by Mr. W. Beet, entitled "Physic, Law and Divinity," which will shortly be played in front of "Sweet Lavender" at Terry's Theatre. We may mention that Mr. Pinero's charming piece is being played nightly to crowded houses, the "House full" boards being put out at almost every performance.

A great Primrose Fete will be celebrated at the Crystal Palace on Thursday next, 19th instant. Special attractions, including the unveiling of a colossal statue (by Mr. Birch, A.R.A.) of the late Lord Beaconsfield, and an early and appropriate display of fireworks by Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co. The Palace will be adorned with Bunches of Primroses, while numerous Military Bands, &c., will be in attendance.

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The Directors have already received sufficient application for Shares to enable them to proceed to an allotment.

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PROSPECTUS.

This Company is formed for the following purposes: (a) To increase the food supply, by the culture and sale of every description of fish: (b) To increase the value of landed property, by stocking the empty Inland Waters and Rivers with Fish: and (c) by establishing Fish Farms and erecting Fisheries.

One salmon or trout produces 60 0 ova: one tench, perch, pike, 100,000; one carp, 250,000; one eel, several millions. Out of 1000 ova in nature only one Fish arrives at maturity; but by the protection and aid of scientific means in a hatching-house, 900 out of every 1000 can be reared with absolute certainty.

At present thousands of tons of Fish are imported, and immense sums of money are spent abroad by British consumers which can be much more advantageously laid out in this country if fish were cultivated here; and it is estimated that thousands of pounds sterling can be saved, and Fish sold at half the present price, if such farming be properly carried out.

As an example, the annual consumption of eels alone in the United Kingdom amounts to 4000 tons (value £500,000), mostly imported from Holland and Germany; and in spite of freight, loss by dead ones, and other disadvantages, yields large profits to the importer—they are sold from 6d to 1s 3d per lb. This price is a prohibition to a large development of business.

There is one excellent Fish scarcely known in Great Britain—the tench. It has many advantages over the eel, because it can be bred (eels can only be reared). It is also more healthy and stronger than the eel; the flesh is superior, more wholesome, delicious, and very nutritious; it is therefore much more suitable as a commercial commodity, and is of national importance as an article of food; moreover, it can be kept and fatted in any vessel or water, even in your own house, and therefore ready at any time for the table, a fact of obvious and considerable importance and value.

The Company intends to cultivate eels, tench, trout, salmon, &c., whereby the consumption will, without question, be doubled, but as a reasonable calculation and a very moderate computation, supposing the Company should only secure the fourth part of the present trade (1000 tons), and only make 1d per pound profit, that would realise £9,500, or nearly 50 per cent. dividend, which may be increased tenfold or more with every other sort cultivated.

During the erection of the Fisheries and the cultivation of the Company's own fish, the Company propose to import fish and commence business at once. Mr. Paul has succeeded in obtaining two very advantageous contracts, one for the importation of eels and one for the sale of them. It is supposed that a net margin of ½d profit per pound of fish will be made. Arrangements are contemplated for securing a trade of about 1000 tons per annum, which, at ½d per pound profit, will produce nearly 24 per cent. dividends from this source alone.

It is, however, estimated that 1d profit will be realised per pound, and, as in addition to eels the Company will deal in other Fish, it may reasonably be expected that considerably more than 2000 tons may be sold, and the profits consequently more than doubled. These figures do not include the principal income from the cultivation of the Fish, which will be the special object of the Company.

Fish is an article of daily consumption, is one of the most nutritious and favourite foods of the people, and is in constant demand, dead or alive, all the year round. The population grows larger every year, and consequently, new channels must be opened to supply a wholesome food most abundantly.

The Vendor has rad water and land near Earlsfield Station (Clapham Junction), Brighton, Harwich, Hull, Watton, Norwich, Hertford, Gloucester, Salisbury, Southampton, and other places in England, as well as in Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, offered to him, either on lease or purchase, and some of the properties are (to a limited extent) used as Fisheries, and are stocked with Fish immediately available for the market.

The services of Mr. Paul, the well-known Pisciculturist, have been secured for seven years as Managing Director; and to greatly strengthen his hands, the Directors have obtained the assistance and co operation of the most able authorities in this country, who have already their own Fisheries, and who possess the practical knowledge of breeding Fish; and it is their confident opinion that this Company will meet a growing want and achieve a most remarkable and unprecedented success.

The Vendor is the patentee of a specially-constructed box in which to pack eels, tench, &c., so that they may arrive alive after travelling long distances. By the present system a large quantity of eels arrive dead, and have to be sold at a low price. The Company will acquire this patent, and will manufacture and sell the patent fish-conveying boxes, from which a considerable additional income is anticipated.

The Directors propose to establish local Fisheries in each county. This will save the very considerable railway freight, the middlemen and incidental charges from the London Market. The Fish will be supplied considerably below the present price, and in an improved condition of quality and freshness which at the present time is impossible.

The Company intends to construct ponds in any part of the country, and to stock them with Fish for private Fish Cultivation, so as to increase the value of landed property.

The Vendor was the first, for commercial purposes, to import from France, Italy and Germany, all description of live Foreign Fish to stock ponds, or for other ornamental purposes, and has been obliged to return money received, not being able to supply the Fish demanded, and has had consequently to refuse orders. The Fish imported could be bred in England at less than half the price charged abroad; the enormous freight, the great and unavoidable losses on dead fish would thus be saved, and increase the profits of the Company. Through this business the Vendor has a wide connection throughout the Kingdom, and is in business relation with many Fish Merchants, a fact which must prove beneficial to the Company. He was the first to publish a journal on Fish Culture, and to import the Black Bass and the Siburus Glanis, which are as edible and delicate as Trout, but at the present time cannot be obtained in the English Market.

Considerable additional profit may be safely anticipated from the business of Fish-curing, Smoking, Pickling, Reloading, and such other forms of preparation, which the Company intend to commence, as will meet the requirements of the Home and Foreign markets.

The Directors intend to stock certain waters with black bass, trout, pike, perch, and other fish for angling purposes, to keep bait on the spot, and provide accommodation which shall meet the approval of every angler; and from this a good income must also accrue.

The propagation of trout, salmon, and other ova is, in Great Britain, only in its infancy. In the United States, Canada, France, Germany, &c., it is a large trade with a good income. In Bavaria alone there are about 100 Fisheries who sell their trout ova from 5s per 1000; in England it is sold at the extremely high rate of from 20s to 30s, and it is calculated that this Company will be able to supply ova for at least half this price, and realise very handsome profits.

The Vendor has obtained from the Great Eastern Railway Company a reduced special rate for conveying Fish, and it is anticipated that similar advantages will be secured from other Railways.

The following extract from the Report to the Legislature of the Commissioners of Fisheries for the State of New York for 1886 shows the enormous profits attainable from Fish culture:

By examining the tables given of production and expenditure, it will be found that the cost of hatching 100,000,000 Fish, including expenditure for real estate, buildings, and permanent appliances, as well as labour, has been, in round numbers, 250,000 dollars. This is one quarter of a cent. for each Fish produced. Estimating that of the Fish planted, one-fourth only (which is a very small proportion) live to maturity, we have 25,000,000 of Fish, costing one cent. each. The lowest estimate that should be put on the value of these Fish for Market is an average of fifteen cents. Thus the public has a return for the money appropriated for artificial Fish culture of fifteen hundred per cent., or for the expenditure of 25,000 dollars a return of 3,750,000 dollars in production.

If there is any other industry fostered by the State Government that pays like this let it be demonstrated.

ROBERT B. ROOSEVELT. *EUGENE G. BLACKFORD,*
10th *May* 1886. *RICHARD U. SHERMAN.* *WILLIAM H. BOWMAN.*

This is the impartial proof of the Commissioners in America, where the culture of Fish has been an unrivalled success.

To fatten Fish advantageously it is necessary to feed them with the most suitable natural nourishing food. The Vendor has made this his special study, and can manufacture fish food which will make Fish grow and quickly attain a healthy maturity. Fish have been fattened from 6 inches to 20 inches in twelve months, weighing about 12 lb. each. It is proposed to feed the Company's Fish with this fish food, of which 6 cwt. will produce about 700 lbs. of Fish, which, if sold at 6d per lb. only, will realise about £18. The cost of the fish food and all other expenses will be about £10, or £8 net profit, or nearly 100 per cent. profit on the outlay. An additional income may be derived from the sale of this fish food itself.

A contract, dated the 14th day of March 1888, has been entered into between F. W. PAUL of the one part and F. S. REISENBERGER, on behalf of the Company, on the other part, whereby Mr. Paul agrees to give his experienced services to the Company at a salary to be fixed by the Directors, to transfer and assign the secret of making his fish food, contracts, agreements, patent, fishing rights, goodwill, and business connection to the Company in consideration of £900 cash and £5700 fully paid-up shares. This shows his entire confidence in the undertaking.

No promotion money has or will be paid by the Company; and in its formation disbursements will be confined strictly to expenses considered necessary for its organisation.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association and the above Contract may be seen at the Office of the Solicitor to the Company.

Prospectuses, with forms of Applications for Shares, can be had of the Company's Solicitors, Bankers, and at the Offices of the Company.

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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,
WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:
H.R. HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, 16th April 1888, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

To elect twelve Life or Annual Subscribers as Members of the General Committee for the year ensuing.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:

By W. Bro. N. B. Headon, Life Governor, P.M. No. 1426. In Law 31, to leave out so much of the clause as follows the words "or by a resolution of the General Committee," line 5—and to insert the following in lieu thereof:

"Six days' notice of such Court being given by advertisement in three at least of the daily papers, notice also being sent to every Provincial Grand Secretary. The business to be transacted at such Special Court shall be specified in such requisition or resolution, and confirmation of minutes of proceedings of any such Special Court shall not be required except in such cases as provided for in Law 34.

"The decision of a Special General Court shall not be reconsidered at any subsequent Special Court or any Quarterly General Court until after the expiration of 12 months from the date of the Special General Court at which such decision was adopted."

"The time at which a Special General Court shall be convened shall be between the hours of Twelve at noon and Four in the afternoon, and the place at which such Court shall be held shall be the place at which the Courts and Committees of the Institution are ordinarily held."

By Bro. George James Row, Life Governor:

"That a sum not exceeding £100 be contributed by the Institution towards the Guarantee Fund now being raised by a committee at Wood-green for the purpose of promoting the Bill at present before the Houses of Parliament for the separation of Wood-green as a Local Board District from the existing Tottenham Local Board, which, if carried out, will be the means of adding to the value of the prospects belonging to this Institution, by the improvement of the roads, &c., in its vicinity, and also tend to a reduction of the rates in the district."

To elect 15 boys from an approved list of 65 candidates.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock noon precisely. The ballot for the election of candidates will be declared open at One o'clock, or earlier should business permit, and will be closed at Three o'clock punctually.

By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Steward, P.G.Sword Bearer), V.-Pat., Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
7th April 1888.

THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
WILL BE HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 1888,
UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF
VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P.
R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Devon.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are most urgently needed this year, as, owing to the confidently anticipated and naturally to be expected exceptional support assured to the Centenary Celebration of the sister Institution, the gravest apprehensions are excited as to the realisation of the amount absolutely required to meet the ordinary annual expenditure.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,
ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

Chief Patroness:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

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

Grand Patroness:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

THE
CENTENARY FESTIVAL
WILL BE CELEBRATED
ON THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE 1888,
(The day after the meeting of United Grand Lodge),
At the ROYAL ALBERT HALL,
ON WHICH OCCASION
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES,
K.G., &c., &c., M.W.G.M.
WILL PRESIDE.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS:
The Right Hon. the EARL OF LATHOM DEPUTY G.M.,
Prov. G.M. Lancashire Western Division.

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It is most important that Brethren desiring to act as Stewards on this unique occasion should communicate their intention to the Secretary with as little delay as possible, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF
The Most Hon. the MARQUESS OF HERTFORD
R.W. Dep. G. Master of M.M.M., and Prov. G. Master of Warwickshire.

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 a sum of nearly £2000 has been distributed in grants of relief.

Thirty-six children have reaped the advantages of the Educational Branch at a total cost of £950, while at the meeting of Grand Lodge in June 1886 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 over £120, the Educational Fees amounting to nearly £300.

Two Brethren are at present recipients from the Annuity Fund, and the Board will gladly consider the claims of necessitous Brethren or Widows of Brethren, being empowered to grant the sum of £20 and £16 per annum respectively to accepted Candidates after election.

The names of Brethren willing to act as Stewards will be gratefully received by the Secretary,

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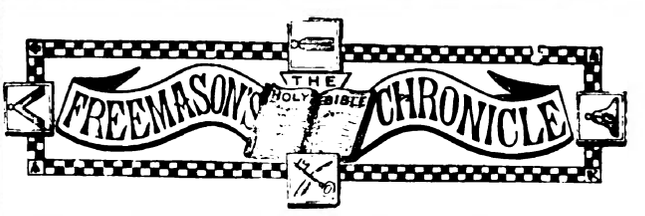
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SECRET SOCIETIES.

"SECRET Societies" of all sorts have no doubt peculiar charms for mankind. From the days of the Mystics and the era of the Eleusinian Mysteries to the period of the Rosicrucians and the masked Ku-Klux-Klan—who romped about America and turned what was originally a mild form of "playing at Ghosts" into a public nuisance, which had to be sternly stopped by the authorities—right down to such gentle and genial forms of secret conclave as the Ancient Orders of "Buffaloes," "Druids," "Foresters," and "Pelicans," the notion of belonging to a secret society has had a potent influence over male humanity. To be in

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possession of a secret, a "grip," and a "password" denied to those outside a charmed circle flatters natural vanity; to be a "brother"—not of all mankind, but of a select elect, or elected select—is a distinction. There is a delightful touch of the supernatural about it, and vague ideas concerning the elixir of life, the possession of perpetual youth, the device on King Solomon's signet ring, whereby he was able to understand the talk and discourse of all birds, beasts, and fishes, the value of the pentagram, and the combined wisdom and power of Faust unite to make initiation a fascinating curiosity, and the possession of the "mystery" a form of mental luxury. The majority of these societies are spurious offsprings of Freemasonry—a craft which is "not a secret society, but a society possessing secrets," and which is "known by its works" in the very best acceptation of that term. The multitudinous descendants and cousins of the "Sons of the Widow," however, do not always preach the doctrine of a "system of morality, veiled in allegory and expressed by symbols." The "Worthy Primo" of the "Buffaloes" may, indeed, bear a faint resemblance to the Master enthroned in the East, and the "Deputy Provincial Hereditary Grand Lobster of Free and Accepted Crustaceans," and the "Worshipful King Kangaroo of the Pre-Adamic Marsupials," are no doubt very important personages in their own secret set; but their teachings pop out in curious fashion at intervals, and cast rather a slur on the whole system of bottled-up magic and mystery. We have just had a week of revelations on this topic. No sooner had the band of "Boy Smugglers" all but drowned themselves in pursuit of the treasure said to have been concealed by that well-named impostor Captain "Kidd," than we come across the three brothers Parsons, who, to make a British holiday, formed themselves into a "Temporary Society for the Advancement of the Noble Art of Petty Larceny," and made the Civil Service Stores their preliminary happy hunting-ground. On the first day of its existence the society succeeded in annexing such trophies as a clock, worth nine pounds sterling, and probably weighing as much in avoirdupois, a pint-bottle of lavender water, a jar of pomade, a silver-mounted walking stick, a toy engine, a box of sweets, two penholders, and a tin of oysters. This society, whose tastes were very obviously catholic, was abruptly dissolved by Mr. Alderman Saunders, at the Mansion House Police-court, and it is but fair to say that the younger members were kindly let off, and the leader given a mild week wherein to reflect on his injudicious views as regards property. The adventurous smugglers and the juvenile knights of the road, however, pale their uneffectual fires before the revelation made in the presence of the presiding magistrate of the Salford Police-court that discloses a startling view of the rules of one of the minor secret societies to which we have alluded.

Two years ago it seems that one Charles H. M. Hall—a name curiously suggestive of "Champagne Charlie" of the music-hall—took unto himself a wife. He was then of the precocious age of twenty, and the lady was within a year of sweet seventeen. The marriage was a secret one. The "parties"—as the characters in such dramas are disrespectfully termed by lawyers and reporters—"never lived together, both keeping the marriage a profound secret for a long time." Still they managed to meet in secret, and no doubt these stolen moments were all the sweeter for the cloud of danger and difficulty that shrouded their possibility. The Romeo of Salford met his Juliet by stealth, and, for all that we know, was perfectly orthodox in the legitimate use of rope-ladders, and had a keen dramatic appreciation of the "meetings by moonlight alone," and the delicate suggestiveness of a bower, a shrubbery, or the fantastic environments of that draughty and earwig-peopled edifice, generally constructed of damp moss and enlivened with active insects, that we like to call a summer-house. Charles H. M. Hall played the charming game of the secret spouse for a considerable period. There must, indeed, have been moments when his guilty conscience whispered to him that the Avengers were on his track, that the masked members of the "Vehmgericht" were watching him through the interstices of the summer-house, and that stern, prompt, and decisive Lynch law lay in wait for him round the corner of the hen-house, or crouched in ambush beneath the broad rhubarb-leaves. For Charles, as shall be duly revealed, was bound hand and foot to a secret society, and members of such associations have an awkward habit of "loafing round promiscuous-like" if they fancy that one of their body meditates breaking a bye-law. It must have been distinctly a thrilling time—an exciting, beautiful, blood-curdling time—and we can fully imagine the exquisite delight he must have enjoyed when he met his lawful wife in such Salford Society as it was his privilege to mingle in; we can fancy him taking down the lady of his choice to a "stand-up" supper, and at that festive function pulling crackers with her, and exchanging mottoes and sugar-plums, while all the time he was naturally conscious of a very real and absolute unity between himself and the fair artillery-woman on the other side of the detonating cosaque. Yes, there must have been more than ordinary sentiment in those squibs, for the commanding officers of the pretty battery were husband and wife, though the world knew it not. This delicate farce went on for some time, until the husband's ardour abruptly cooled. He "ceased his visits." Naturally this ruined the romance of the whole situation, and it is always wrong to prick the bubble of an iridescent romance. He did not condescend to an attitude of such pathetic madness as is seen in the play of "The Pompadour," or grovel on the steps of a throne. He wrote no Abelard to Heloise letters. Neither did he come by night and carry his wife off, what time the "varlets they were all asleep, and there was none to see;" nor did he act like young Lochinvar, and lightly "swing to the crupp" the fair lady, and defy the united brigade of "Fosters, Fenwicks, and Musgraves"—not he! Charles H. M. Hall went and joined a "secret society."

Then came a long interval of silence. The wife mourned until she met her husband by accident, and very properly asked why she should be deserted. Dido, waiting for the faithless gentleman whose name gives a title to a well-known poem by a defunct Latin Laureate, was not in more hapless condition; Ariadne bewailing the loss of her Theseus could not have been more miserable; but these classical ladies never met with such a startling rebuff as the reply given by Charles H. M. Hall to his indignant wife's query when they met "by accident." This miserable misogynist said that he had joined a secret society, and one of the rules was that no member should be married, and he added, with the shadow of this Damoclean sword over his head, "If they knew I was married, or saw me talking to you, they would put me to death." Now, what kind of society is this gang of Celibates? They cannot be Chartreuse monks, or Trappists, or Italian Carbonari, or even "Select Believers in Jones." Certainly they are not a recognised body in the dignified Masonic system. Even the most advanced Socialism recognises no law that would necessarily tend to the total extermination of all existence; but here is the record of these eternally foolish words, and they lead up, in their own blundering fashion, to the very keynote of all civilisation and progress and general cheery "getting on," and that note is continuity. The ancestors we never saw, the posterity we never can see, are links above and below the strong chain of life in which, and of which, we are individual rivets. Doctrines such as those noticed are obviously ridiculous, and "secret societies" that are anti-matrimonial must vanish into thin air, for human nature will laugh at the whole discordant scheme. The vigorous common sense of the stipendiary in this comical case held that the defendant—that is to say, the "secret society" husband—who was summoned to "show cause why an order should not be made upon him for the maintenance of his wife," was legally liable, and ordered him to pay eight shillings, and not his proffered "three shillings a week," to the ill-used partner of his joys and sorrows. This "secret society" must be promptly broken up, for it evidently rests on an absurd basis, and its members are illogically oblivious of the fact that if it were not for the institution of matrimony they would have no legal existence whatsoever. The moral of it all is, that Mysticism cannot ignore the Human, unless it is prepared to pay for that absurd attitude to the tune of eight shillings a week.—*Daily Telegraph.*

CORDWAINER WARD LODGE, No. 2241.

A NEW Lodge, under the above title, was consecrated on Tuesday, at the Cannon Street Hotel, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who was supported by a large number of Grand Officers, Past Masters, and distinguished members of the Craft. The Grand Secretary was assisted in the work of consecration by Bros. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W. as S.W., Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W. as J.W., Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G. Chap. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., and J. Tickle P.P.G. Reg. Middlesex as I.G., while the other Grand Officers who supported him were Bros. Richard Eve Treasurer, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Registrar, T. Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes, E. Letchworth Past Deacon, and H. Sadler Tyler. Among the other Visitors were Bros. T. Vincent P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, J. J. Bell P.M., J. S. Tumbarini, Major H. A. Joseph, H. W. Turner P.P.G. Chap. Surrey, W. A. Scurrah P.P.G.S. of Works Middlesex, R. C. Mason 179, R. E. Meaks 1593, J. E. Parr 1622, W. W. Lee 1807, E. Kilsby W.M. 1702, C. S. Damant W.M. 1684, J. M. Flegg J.D. 101, John Draper S.D. 1702, A. J. Norris 569, Riddle 3, W. Kirkland, Capt. Blanks W.M. 569, J. T. Wright, W. R. Scutt P.M. 1702, M. Brown 1997, C. W. Pembury S.W. 1997, A. Bull 1260, A. R. Meggy 214, W. E. Johnson P.M. 134, J. W. Jeffery 131, W. Haldenstein, O. T. Hodges, Douglas Chester P.M. 180, C. J. Axford W.M. 1949, W. Darkin 1260, A. Ritchie 173, James Hutchins 1000, H. Connly W.M. 173, S. W. Nutt P.M. 29 P.G.S., G. Corble P.M. 453 P.P.G.J.W. Essex, J. Salmon P.M. 2077 P.P.G.R. Essex, T. H. Baker W.M. 1260, T. J. Woodward I.P.M. 2077, H. Wilson S.W. 1293, J. Perkins P.M. 1672, Joyce Murray Past Master 1706, W. Reed Past Master 1572, &c., G. Edwards Past Master 1507, T. H. Greenwood Past Master 749, W. Sexton 1321, S. Smith 1929, Major-Gen. W. P. Collingwood, &c. The Grand Secretary constituted the Lodge in due form, the acting Chaplain giving an interesting oration on the nature and principles of the Craft. Bro. Frank Taylor, C.C., was installed as the first Master, and the following were invested as the Officers for the year: Bros. Col. P. Cowan S.W., W. T. Buck J.W., Fred. West acting I.P.M., Rev. R. C. Lewis, M.A., Chaplain, H. J. Adams Treasurer, Henry Lovegrove Secretary, C. S. Buck S.D., J. F. Hepburn J.D., E. J. Jones I.G., J. R. Reep D.C., A. T. Hawkins, C.C., A.D.C., W. A. Prince and H. Carter Stewards, Rawles Tyler. The Consecrating Officers were unanimously elected honorary members of the Lodge, a compliment which was acknowledged by Brother Colonel Clerke. Several propositions for joining and initiation were handed in, and a Committee having been appointed to draw up the bye-laws the Lodge was closed and the brethren repaired to banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were honoured. In proposing that of the Queen and the Craft the Worshipful Master referred to the absence of Her Majesty on the Continent, where she had gone with a view to recruit her health. No section of her subjects would more heartily welcome her on her return than the members of the Craft. Speaking to the second toast the W.M. said the interest the Prince of Wales took in Freemasonry was well known. He understood it was in no mere casual way the Grand Master dealt with Masonic matters, for he entered into minute details and thoroughly understood the affairs of the Craft. Without the consent of His Royal Highness it would have been impossible for the brethren to have started their Lodge that evening. Some time ago the Prince expressed his opinion that the watchwords of the Order were Loyalty and Charity, and in recent times the brethren had had no better illustration than he had given. Last year His Royal Highness presided at the Albert Hall, where the loyalty of the Craft was romantically proven, and now he had expressed his intention of presiding at the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School. These two important facts showed the interest he took in the Order, and the brethren present would therefore enthusiastically drink to his health. The next toast was that of the Grand Officers, to whom they were

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much indebted for the way in which the affairs of the Craft were conducted, and for the example they set to the brethren generally. At Grand Lodge the brethren had an opportunity of meeting them, and of listening to the eloquent manner in which affairs were conducted. He would allude to one point which had particularly struck him, and that was the very able manner in which Bro. Philbrick, the Grand Registrar, dealt with the appeal cases. What the Grand Registrar advised on those matters was generally adopted. They were favoured that night by the presence of a large number of Grand Officers, from each of whom they would like to hear a few words, but as that would occupy too much time, he would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Sir John Monckton and F. A. Philbrick. The former brother said that it was one of the doubtful privileges of seniority, which had always some little reference to age, to be called upon to respond to that time-honoured toast. He did not say he was not proud of the honour, for it must necessarily be a great compliment to be selected to reply. He had been proud to take part in the interesting ceremony that night. It was essentially a Civic affair, and one that cemented them with a double-barrelled fraternity, for there was an appropriateness in the locale and its surroundings. When a young brother was brought into Masonry he was placed in the north-east part of the Lodge, figuratively to represent the foundation-stone; their Lodge had been consecrated in the north-east wind, which was never ceasing figuratively to represent that sentence in their Constitution. When Bro. Alderman Cowan told him, some weeks ago, what was in contemplation, he told that brother he thought it was one of those excellent Institutions that knit men together in the City and made them brothers. He did not think, however, the proposal would come to such a magnificent head. Bro. Philbrick felt the establishment of this Lodge would mark an epoch in the history of Masonry in the City of London. While they who had the privilege and the honour—and let him add the responsibilities—of Grand Office were glad to see the increase and addition to the roll of a strong and vigorous recruit like the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, yet they viewed, and must view, the increase of Masonry in England with some degree of doubt and diffidence. Masonry was free to every worthy recruit, but at the same time it was an honour to a man to become a Mason, so that they ought to be very careful as to choice. It was not by rapid strides they had secured their position, but because they had gone on in the full assurance that it was not strength alone which would attain their object. The Order was in itself a vital power and attraction, which the heart of man felt. There was no doubt that the principles of Freemasonry truly and thoroughly carried out had a great power for good; and that that might be the case in the Cordwainer Ward Lodge the Grand Officers, for whom he had the honour to speak, heartily wished and most earnestly prayed. The toast of the Consecrating Officer and his Assistants was next given. The Worshipful Master expressed the pleasure it afforded him to propose the health of the distinguished brethren who had attended to give effect to the warrant of the Grand Master. To the Grand Secretary and his colleagues their best thanks were due, and their thanks could not be given too heartily. He believed there was no Masonic ceremony which equalled that of consecration, and he could not speak too highly of the manner in which it had been rendered that evening. The Grand Secretary, in his reply, assured the company that he felt very proud to be permitted to return thanks for so excellent a band of brethren as were included in the toast. The Master had been good enough to refer to his small services; it had been a very sincere and great pleasure to give them. He had been ably supported, and felt that a great portion of the thanks was due to those who had rendered that support. He hoped the services they had that day rendered would not be the last they should perform for the Lodge. It was his privilege, as the Consecrating Officer, to ask the brethren to join him in the most important toast of the evening, the health of the Worshipful Master. He had on more than one similar occasion referred to the great ambition of a brother to become Master of his Lodge; but it must be a double gratification to be selected from among the founders to be the first among his equals, the Master of a new Lodge. Any brother should be proud of that position. Their W.M. was not an old Mason, but he imported an enormous amount of vitality into his work. The present occasion was the third time on which he had been placed in the chair. Although he had been a Mason but eight years, The Worshipful Master replying, said he had been placed in his present position by the kindness of friends, and it was not the first time he had experienced kindness at their hands. He thanked the founders for selecting him as the first Master, but at the same time he felt he was occupying a position he ought not to have held if it could have been otherwise arranged. Bro. Alderman Cowan should have occupied the chair, and it was only one of the inexorable laws of Masonry that prevented him, but they would heartily welcome him when he attained that position. Whatever he could do to further the interest of the Lodge would be cheerfully done, and he would strive his utmost to support those great principles that were inculcated into their minds at an early period in their Masonic career—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The next toast on the list was that of "The Visitors." Hospitality and social intercourse were part of the traditions of the Order, and they were therefore delighted to see so many visiting brethren present to wish the new Lodge "God speed." Bro. Rev. H. Turner, Prov. G. Chap. Surrey, said the remark was often made, the future was mercifully concealed from us; he had an exemplification of its truth on that occasion. Had he known he was to be called upon to return thanks, he might not have enjoyed his dinner as heartily as he had done, but he could assure them that in those bad times, when a good many people could not pay their rents, and a larger number would not pay their tithes, the poor country parsons found it difficult to get good dinners. He assured the brethren he should go back to the provinces with a much better impression of the beauty and solemnity of the ritual of the Craft after witnessing the ceremony that evening. When they visited the City or attended a Masonic meeting they expected hospitality, and when they had the two combined, they expected hospitality in a superlative degree, and that had been fulfilled that evening. Brother General Collingwood, C.M.G., said the visitors had experienced great pleasure in being present at the beautiful ceremony they had witnessed. The Worshipful Master had said he considered it the prettiest ceremony in a Lodge; he fully agreed with him. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next proposed. The Master was happy to say the Lodge started with two excellent brethren as its Treasurer and Secretary. Many present had known Bro. Adams for years, and they could have no better man to take care of their funds. With regard to the Secretary, he knew no Mason more capable than Bro. Lovegrove, and considering the interest he took in Provincial and other matters, and the many calls upon his time, they were indebted to him for accepting the office. Bro. Adams hoped to carry out the duties of Treasurer to the satisfaction of the members. Bro. Lovegrove felt like one who had paid a visit to the dentist, and experienced relief at feeling it was all over. He had had a deal of anxiety in connection with that meeting, but it gave him great relief to find everything had gone off so well. The toast of the Officers was next given, and to this Bro. Alderman Cowan replied, after which the Tyler brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

MASONIC BALL AT IPSWICH.

THE Ball held on Friday evening, the 6th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, under the joint auspices of three of the local Lodges was an unqualified success. It is many years since a Masonic Ball was held in Ipswich, and to St. Luke's Lodge is due the credit for having initiated the movement which, it is hoped, will lead to a revival of these pleasant réunions. When the idea was first started a great deal of prejudice had to be encountered. Perhaps it would have been better if the original promoters had earlier taken into their confidence the past Masters of the other Lodges. This, it seems, was not done, and the consequence was that one Lodge, the British Union, refused to recognise the movement in any way, while several prominent Masons in other Lodges held aloof. It will be seen, therefore, that the Stewards have had to encounter serious obstacles, but these have only made the success which has crowned their efforts the more gratifying. All the arrangements appeared to give satisfaction. The entire suite of rooms at the Masonic Hall was utilised for the occasion. The banquet room was converted into an elegantly-furnished ball room, in the Lodge room the supper was served, and the various committee rooms were used as card and cloak rooms. The decoration of the ball room was entrusted to Bro. E. J. Sherman, who executed the work in a most tasteful manner. The banners of the Prov. Grand Lodge occupied the post of honour under the dais, and were flanked on the right by the time-honoured but somewhat dingy banner of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, and on the left by the bright blue banner of the St. Luke's Lodge. At the opposite end was the handsome banner of the Prince of Wales Lodge, and in other parts of the room were the banners belonging to the Royal Arch Chapter. National flags and small banners bearing Masonic emblems adorned the side walls, and at both ends of the room were large mirrors, tastefully draped with lace curtains. Effectively arranged groups of hot-house plants in various parts of the hall completed the decorations, and when the company had assembled the ball room presented a very handsome appearance. Over a hundred tickets were issued, and by permission of the Prov. Grand Master the brethren appeared in full Craft clothing. Prov. Grand Officers were present in all the glory of purple and gold, the humbler brethren of the Craft being clothed in the modest blue and silver. Bro. John White P.M. and S.W. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, P.P.G.S. of W., who undertook and discharged with consummate ability the onerous duties of Honorary Secretary, officiated as M.C. The Stewards were:—Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Edgar Scrivener, S. J. Morley, Geo. Abbott, J. Napier, F. A. Bales, John Hunt, A. A. Bennett, Fred. C. Atkinson, A. R. Trew, G. T. Pick and E. J. Brown.

The string band of the 3rd Brigade E.D.R.A. was engaged for the occasion, and, under the direction of Mr. F. Harris, performed an excellent programme in a manner that gave great satisfaction. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and at eleven the large company sat down to an admirably served supper, provided by Mr. Chivers, of Tavern Street. Dancing was afterwards resumed, and was kept up until close on five o'clock in the morning.

In consequence of the demands on our space we are compelled to hold over several reports of installation meetings, &c. We hope to clear the majority of these in our next issue.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 14th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, 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
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1743—Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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.)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, W. Hammersmith

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Harrow
1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2089—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 16th 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, 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)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Elcanor, 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. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
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
468—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
822—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—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, 17th APRIL.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, 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)
821—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powlett-road, Stanton st, 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, Charing Cross, at 7.30. (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)
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, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
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.)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1804—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1647—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, Kent 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
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
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
2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
M.M. 380—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

WEDNESDAY, 18th APRIL.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Romma Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Mare, Clarence Road, E., 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 Rose, Seven Sisters Road, Holloway, at 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Portland House, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Baldwin's-gdns., E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (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)
909—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
1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1473—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 8. (Instruction)
1694—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1862—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 154 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—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, Gate and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 813—Stone, 232 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Temple, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Star Hotel, Greenwich
121—Mount Sinai, Public Hall Rooms, Peckham
175—East Molesey, Masonic Hall, Johnstone's, Kings, S.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
208—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Chatham
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Lodge Lane, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, Commercial Road, Landport
428—Sincerity, Anchor Inn, Northbourne, Sandwich
551—Sincerity, Town Hall, Hanley
557—Zetland, 9 Balmoral-street, Gateshead
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
792—Cotswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
794—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Newcastle, Co. Down (Instruction)
643—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
675—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
681—Leca, Freemasons' Hall, Doncaster, Yorkshire
788—Fitzwarren, Freemasons' Hall, Swindon, Wiltshire
816—Royal, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
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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
1088—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, 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
1611—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1636—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
R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe
R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford
R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall
R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 1323—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 19th APRIL.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Loadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
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
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8 (Instruct)
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)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (In t)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1556—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, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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)
1791—Creaton, Whentsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush, at 8 (Inst)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 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.)
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
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1532—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown 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 Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
R.A. 1324—Okeover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 20th APRIL.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 8
6—Friendship, Wylde'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)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1145—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Laibroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
2090—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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)
M.M. 176—Era, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 45—Temple Cressing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Longton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
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. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

SATURDAY, 21st APRIL.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1365—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
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
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.

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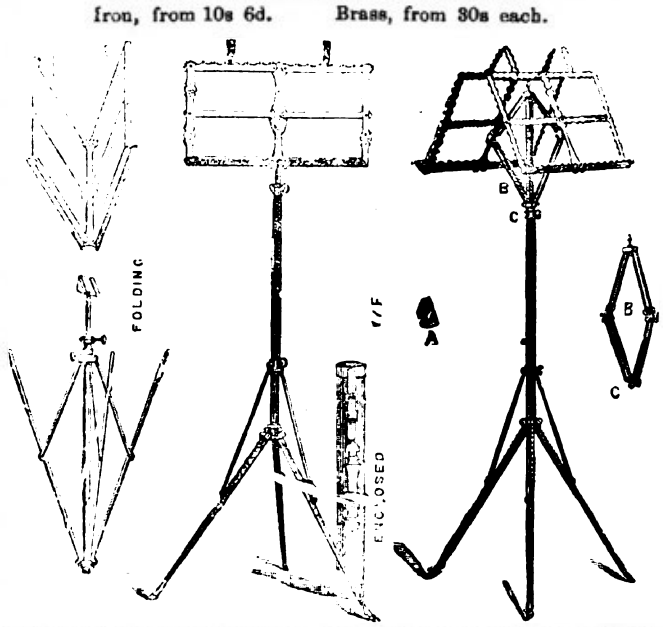
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE April Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday, in the large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, under the presidency of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer, Treasurer of the Institution, &c. At the commencement of the proceedings the Chairman moved, and Bro. E. Letchworth P.G.D. Vice-Patron seconded, a vote of sympathy with the widow and family of the late Bro. Edgar Bowyer, who was a Vice-Patron of the Institution, in the great loss they had sustained by his death. The vote was unanimously agreed to. Those present then agreed to the assent by the Trustees to the conversion of the Institution's Stock, according to the scheme of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Bro. H. B. Marshall was re-elected Treasurer, and the following brethren were chosen as the 12 annual or life subscribers on the General Committee:—Bros. Edward Ayling, W. Beavis, J. W. Berrie, J. J. Caney, James F. Corben, Lieut.-Col. Wolseley Cox, T. A. Dickson, William Dodd, J. French, T. G. C. Gambrill, William Vincent, and F. Thomas. The report of the Centenary Committee, which had been approved and referred by the General Committee, with the recommendation "that the revised plans under scheme B, submitted therewith, be adopted," was brought forward, and approved of. Upon the recommendation of the House Committee it was then proposed that one further vacancy, caused by a girl leaving before her time, be declared, making the number of children to be elected that day twelve, instead of eleven as originally decided upon. Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire, took the opportunity of expressing his opinion as to the overcrowding which had been allowed for some time past at the Institution. He did not exactly wish to oppose the proposition before the Court, but felt the overcrowding was most objectionable. However, the additions that day approved of would give considerably more accommodation, and, he hoped, would remove the evil to which he had referred, in regard to those at present in the School, while it would provide accommodation for others. The declaration of the additional vacancy was then approved of, as also was the proposition in regard to the honorary rank of Patron being conferred on Bro. Charles Hammerton and his daughters, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Institution. The proposition of Bro. Charles Hogard, amending Law LXVI., was agreed to, so that the General Committee will now have the power of paying for the education and maintenance of each girl educated outside the Institution any sum not exceeding £20 per annum, until the child shall reach the age of sixteen years. Bro. George Bernard Brodie, M.D., P.G.D., P. Prov. G. W. Surrey, was appointed Honorary Physician to the Institution, in the place of Bro. W. Hope, M.D., P.G., Steward, who had resigned the office. A hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Hope for his services in the past. There being no further business of a general character before the Court, the poll for the election was declared open, and in due course the twelve highest on the list were returned as elected. Votes of thanks were passed to the Scrutineers and to the Chairman, and the proceedings terminated.

In another column will be found a list of the successful candidates, together with the number of votes polled for each; we here give similar particulars in regard to the unsuccessful. The votes recorded will be carried forward for the next election in all cases where the candidates will be eligible.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

	Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
27	Pooler, Ellen Anne Blanche		1883	1883
2	Webster, Ruby Rosetta	844	818	1662
38	Sims, Dora		1640	1640
37	Wells, Frances Norah		1474	1474
34	Codling, Henrietta Jessie		1439	1439
31	Liverd, Hilda Maude		1188	1188
42	Short, Frances Jessie		1074	1074
39	Cookes, Mabel Alice		968	968
1	Baloh, Georgina	384	572	956
23	Harling, Adelaide Howett Jane		944	944
8	Bruce, Mabel Elizabeth	372	520	892
7	Tettenborn, Olga Katinka	145	726	871
33	Sumner, Annie Elizabeth Alice		657	657
6	Staff, Henrietta Ada	444	168	612
4	Geach, Nora	181	289	470
21	Thaw, Laura Amelia		427	427
25	Swaebe, Priscilla Minnie		426	426
19	Astington, Lilian May		401	401
5	Bissett, Sarah	234	160	394
22	Gould, Mary Ponsford		304	304
9	Campbell, Fanny Clark	106	125	231
29	Hemmings, Florence Charlotte		174	174
10	Wilkinson, Jane Routledge	125	1	126
28	Lee, Leonie Rosamond		113	113
16	Wells, Ethel Lilian Julia		77	77
35	Thorn, Anita Mary		43	43
24	Marie, Melinda Alexandrine*		31	31
20	Bingham, Alice Winifred		11	11
15	Prout, Alice Katie Beatrice		7	7
14	Crompton, Florence Helen		—	—

* Will be removed from List under Law 53, being eleven years of age, and unsuccessful.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE April Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday, in the large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray P.A.G.D.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master Monmouthshire. After the confirmation of the minutes Bro. George Plucknett P.G.D. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Institution, while the following brethren were chosen for the General Committee: C. W. Bennett, W. B. Blackmur, John French, Charles T. Dorey, Noah Martin, E. C. Massey, Henry Massey, C. H. McKay, A. H. Scurrah, John Stock, H. Webb, and Henry Wells. Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M. 1426, brought forward the proposition standing in his name, and to which we referred last week. It was seconded by Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks, and carried. Bro. George J. Row next brought forward his proposal, that a sum not exceeding £100 be contributed by the Institution towards the guarantee fund for the purpose of promoting a Bill to separate Wood Green from the existing Tottenham Local Board. As we anticipated last week, this proposal was rejected in most forcible manner, many of those present urging that the Court had no power to spend money for such a purpose. In the course of his remarks Bro. Row stated he had been advised by the House Committee to put

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his proposition on the paper. This statement was contradicted by Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary, who said that the Board had, on the contrary, stated there were no funds for such purposes at their disposal, and even if they suggested any sum it would not be more than ten guineas. Bro Binckes pointed out that the present prospects of the Institution were a source of anxiety, and in face of the strong appeals which were being made for support to carry it out of its present position, it would be unwise to expect the Court to grant the sum asked for. The proposal was ultimately seconded, and on being put by the Chairman was rejected. Bro. James Motion wished to ask a question as to the management of the School, but was ruled out of order. The ballot was then proceeded with, for the election of fifteen boys from an approved list of sixty-five candidates, and at its conclusion those highest on the poll were declared elected. Votes of thanks were then passed to the Chairman and to the Scrutineers and the meeting terminated.

The list of successful candidates will be found elsewhere in our present issue, we here append a list of those unsuccessful, together with the number of votes recorded for each.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

	Name.	Forward.	Polled.	Total.
11	Ball, Charles	1417	1011	2428
4	Green, Charles William	613	1686	2299
29	Mossop, Charles Irwin	2145	134	2279
26	Grimsey, Arthur Henry	277	1874	2151
32	Chinneck, Robert Percy	912	1064	1976
38	Gaches, Vernon Peed	669	1296	1965
22	Baylis, Stanley	584	1057	1641
8	Turner, Francis Pater	850	753	1603
31	Murley, Ernest	384	1071	1455
54	Bland, Frederick	—	1371	1371
49	Land, Walter	—	1177	1177
59	Wilson, Fred	—	1135	1135
1	Wood, Joseph	928	121	1049
23	Lawrence, Harry	748	288	1036
2	Gray, Harold	752	272	1024
12	Fursey, Samuel Henry Reginald	246	733	979
28	Carr, Samuel	450	485	935
40	Jarmain, Edward George	—	822	822
51	Windsor, Arthur Herbert	—	739	739
16	Crane, Arthur Hughes	552	177	729
18	Bosco, Wallace Peter Charles	372	354	726
58	Brown, Ernest James	—	686	686
24	Kemp, Arthur Howard	309	322	631
48	Wilkinson, George	—	504	504
5	Burgess, Edgar Holmes	143	361	503
39	Clarke, Alfred William	—	414	414
43	Pratt, Stanley Edmund Rolls	—	384	384
17	Jennings, William John	105	249	354
44	Wells, Percy Howard	—	327	327
60	Da Caen, John Herault	—	155	155
6	Scott, Frederick William John	118	1	119
64	Hodgkinson, Edward Dunthorne	—	88	88
20	Campbell, Archibald Wallace	31	48	79
45	Lambourn, Edmund Arnold Greening	—	72	72
37	Wakefield, Sydney Hammersley*	8	60	68
65	Cox, George Hancock	—	62	62
62	Browne, Arthur Thomas	—	54	54
9	Siggers, Clement	35	4	39
53	Hart, Frederick George	—	25	25
30	Carruthers, James	17	3	20
52	Brown, John Leonard	—	15	15
63	Whale, Ernest Edward	—	12	12
3	Crossman, John	6	3	9
13	Bostock, Martin Roddwell	8	—	8
61	Morgan, Rhys Edgar	—	5	5
55	Drewitt, Herbert John	—	4	4
51	Pinder, William Hubert	—	4	4
21	Clunes, Alexr. Sydenham Sherriff	1	2	3
36	Kendall, Kenneth	1	2	3
56	Harvey, Frank Gowland	—	—	—

* Will be removed from List under Law 53, being eleven years of age, and unsuccessful.

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF OUR ORDER.

AND now, Companions, I trust you will pardon me if I offer a few reflections on the objects and purposes of our Order, as well as our duty as Royal Arch Masons. We, as an association, are speculative Masons—an outgrowth of "Operative Masonry" of traditional times. Our teachings remind us that we should be as punctual, as zealous in the discharge of speculative obligations, as were our ancient Companions in Operative Masonry. With the examples which both operative and speculative Masonry have set before the world, what may we not hope in the future, from its broad conservatism as a great national body, in these times of wild and radical disorders which infest our body politic? When civilisation dawned upon the world, tradition informs us that Masonry went hand in hand with it. Rude at first as were the people of those remote ages, yet the broad philanthropy of its teachings has broken the barriers of barbarism, and has elevated and ennobled the human race. There must necessarily be rude shocks on the emergence of mankind from barbarism into civilisation and from civilisation into enlightenment. Through all this period the institution of Masonry, which exercises such influence to-day in the world, has kept abreast of the best thought of ages. It enjoins obedience to constituted authority. It enjoins and requires the recognition of a Supreme Being, to whom each and every one is morally responsible, without any mental reservations. You and I know that some of our brethren speak lightly of the obligations they voluntarily take upon themselves; but let me assure you, my Companions, that if history teaches anything, those people of the earth who have recognised their dependence on Divine Providence, and a personal responsibility thereto for all their acts in life, are the people who have made the greatest progress in the direction of advanced civilisation. You may call it by any name you please. You may call it the evolution of natural forces, or the mysterious workings of God, whom Masons recognise as the creator of all things in the natural and material world; still we must admit the fact, which is susceptible of only one solution; namely, that man's progress and knowledge are derived from a source wiser than himself. The wisdom of to-day we did not possess yesterday; to-morrow we shall learn what we do not know to-day. You may call it that Supreme Intelligence which pervades all nature and which will remain throughout all eternity. You may philosophise upon it, and the source whence comes intelligence will remain a sealed book, until the curtain which separates the present from the future is withdrawn. And, Companions, it is the recognition of this great fact that has distinguished Masons from time immemorial. It has made them in a sense a peculiar people. It has made them a law and order people, seeking not to correct evils by inflicting greater ones, but by the power of superior over inferior intelligence—that power which mind has over matter. What then may we not hope from the influence of our sublime teachings in our own country, when we see the gradual encroachments which are being made upon our civilisation by the disorderly elements of society, who have selected this land of universal freedom and suffrage for the consummation of their designs against civilised society, thus mistaking liberty for license; the greatest and best minds of ancient and modern times have been and are patrons of our wise and conservative institution. From Moses, who led the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage, and established a civil polity among his people, down through the ages to Solomon, whose wisdom we are led to believe developed the system which was an improvement on the civilisation which preceded it, and which the intervening centuries have not been able to obliterate, Freemasonry has marched near the front line. We can trace by authentic history, from ancient and modern times, the close relationship of Masonry with the processes of civilisation. From Washington, who guided the American people and planted them upon the plane of political emancipation and started them on the road to power and political greatness, through a long line of distinguished Americans, Masonry has kept company with the best thought and wisest statesmanship that civilisation has demanded. May this thought ever actuate Masons. However traditional may be the story of the preservation of that great light which we recognise as the corner-stone of our Institution, the result of its teachings have been as effective in the elevation of mankind to a higher plane, mentally and morally, as if the fact were proved beyond the possibility of a doubt at our regular assemblages for work.

Companions, you will observe that I have deviated slightly from the regular annual address, and hinted at some things on which it may be well for the Royal Arch Masons to ponder. If, however, Masonry is to cut any figure in the future as a great moral conservative force, any departure which will cause our Order to rise and meet the demands of the hour is not only justifiable, but an imperative duty. As a striking fact, which may inspire us to look ahead of the present, and prepare us to perform our part well in the affairs which none can evade, a lesson may

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be learned from a single race of people which is to-day a living link between the past and the present. "The civil polity of the Israelites, under the leadership of Moses, was founded in the midst of moral, physical and intellectua decay." They emerged from Egyptian darkness, where for ages they had been held in bondage; but during all this period of time these people were preserved by their strict moral and physical code. They possessed poets, priests, prophets and kings; and whether we are to attribute their progress in those dark ages to the special favour of Providence, or the ability to inaugurate a wise statesmanship, the fact remains. The effects of the civil policy of this people were demonstrated in the wisdom of Solomon, and, through two thousand years of persecution, have survived and are a living activity in our present civilisation. The story of Israel, old though it be, is an instructive lesson, which may be studied with profit by a generation which is inclined to "believe that all wisdom was rocked in its cradle, and will be buried in its grave."

In view of consequences which these reflections suggest as possible, why may not Masonry put in its plea for the higher interests of humanity in the preservation of human rights, in the advancement of science and art, and in the propagation of social, moral and intellectual elevation? Must we ask, has Masonry any other mission than to follow its ceremonials, or is it to be a living activity in the progress of civilisation? I believe it has, and that it should become the duty of Royal Arch Masons to keep abreast of the best thought of the age. If tradition be correct, its mission was not only to benefit its immediate members, but that its influence should radiate and bring into accord with its advanced thought those outside its immediate circle. It follows, as light follows darkness, that any great conservative force will extend its influence to surrounding objects. Thus it should be with Masonry. Organised for the protection of its members, it has extended its influence over many lands, and has performed a part in civilisation. Its mission, I trust, is not yet exhausted, although coming in contact with the active forces of the present age. Our Order should not rest on the accomplished good of the past, but appear at the front to discharge the duties of the hour. Royal Arch Masons should be living witnesses of the good intent of the Order. In this manner we will convince the world that the cause of humanity will never suffer at our hands, and the civil liberty will always find its firmest supporters among Free and Accepted Masons. — B. F. TUTTLE, in the *Liberal Freemason*.

MASONRY IN SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

THE organization of the Masonic bodies in Sweden and Norway differs materially from that of any other country. The degrees of Masonry are conferred by various bodies. 1. The Lodge of St. John, which has control of the first three Degrees. 2. The Lodges of St. Andrew, which pass the brethren of the St. John Lodges through the fourth, fifth, and sixth Degrees, or the Scottish Masonry. 3. The Provincial Lodges, which confer the seventh, eighth, and ninth Degrees. The Swedish National Grand Lodge, which confers not only the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth Degrees, but also the dignity of Knight and Komthures of Rose Croix, who are entitled to wear the insignia of the Order of Charles XIII. The head of the National Grand Lodge is the Grand Master; and all the Knights and Komthures Rose Croix are members of this body, which, in addition, is composed of the extraordinary and ordinary officials of the eighth, ninth, and tenth Degrees.

The business of the Grand Lodge is conducted through three Directories:—

1. The Directory of Finance, which has charge of the finances of the Order in general and authority over the works of charity.
2. The Directory of the Lodges, which superintends the Lodges, and sees that these statutes and rituals are properly observed.
3. The Directory of Masonic Orphanages, which controls the many established orphan asylums.

Masonry was introduced into Sweden from England in 1736, and was from the first under Government protection. After the coronation of the Duke of Sundermannland as Charles XIII., in 1780, he was elected Grand Master, and retained the office until 1811, when he was succeeded by the Crown Prince, Charles John. The "Order of Charles XIII." was instituted in 1811, as an Order of Knighthood, and has become the highest Degree of Masonry in Sweden, and as the King is Master of that Order, he is consequently the Grand Master of Masons in the Kingdom.

The present membership of the Lodges is reported as over ten thousand.—*Light*.

The movement which was initiated some months ago with a view to bringing about a Masonic union in New South Wales is now assuming something like a definite shape. The District Grand Lodge (English Constitution) a day or two ago unanimously adopted a resolution in favour of Masonic unity, and the Scottish Constitution is understood to be equally well disposed to the movement. The Grand Lodge of New South Wales, acting in a similar direction, has unanimously nominated Lord Carrington as Grand Master. His Excellency, while expressing grateful thanks for the high compliment, stated that he would lay the matter before the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, before giving a definite reply.—*Australasian*.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Old Wounds, Sores, and Ulcers. Daily experience confirms the fact which has triumphed over opposition for more than forty years—viz., that no means are known equal to Holloway's remedies, for curing bad legs, sores, wounds, diseases of the skin, erysipelas, abscesses, burns, scalds, and, in truth, all cases where the skin is broken. To cure these infirmities quickly is of primary importance, as the compulsory confinement indoors weakens the general health. The ready means of cure are found in Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which heal the sores and expel their cause. In the very worst cases the Ointment has succeeded in effecting a perfect cure after every other means has failed of giving any relief. Desperate cases best display its virtues.

Obituary.

BROTHER P. T. DUFFY.

ANOTHER dear old friend has been called away; one who had worked with us zealously and faithfully for many a year. Bro. Duffy will be, perhaps, better remembered in connection with the game of Chess than as associated with Freemasonry; still he was an enthusiast in the "mystic" art, and rendered us goodly help in the foundation and earlier days of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Since the death of Mr. R. B. Wormald, who succeeded the late Howard Stanton, Bro. Duffy had had the control and management of the chess column in the *Illustrated London News*, and that Journal in its current issue, which records his death, pays him the following graceful compliments.

We have to announce with deep regret the death of Mr. P. T Duffy, for many years past editor of this column. To many of our readers who know him as a man still in the prime of life, the news will doubtless come with no little shock; but his more intimate friends have had reason to dread the worst since the late winter first set in. His health then began to fail in an alarming manner, and although a visit to Spain checked the course of the disease, the relief was but temporary, and he died at Hastings on April 17. The loss Chess sustains by his death is a peculiar one, as there is certainly nobody to fill the place he occupied in its service. Although a fine problem composer, a steady player, and a sound analyst, he preferred the journalism of the game to its practice, and in this line stood admittedly without a rival. He conducted the "Westminster Papers" for many years, with such brilliant success that he made his name known all the world over; and when that periodical ceased to exist he edited for some time three of the principal London columns. Pressure of business made him give up much of this work, but he continued to exercise a singular influence in leading Chess circles, and no gathering of metropolitan players was complete without him. A man of kinder heart or more genial humour never lived. He was generous to a fault, quick to see good in everybody, and never so happy as in entertaining a stranger. He will not readily be forgotten in the Chess world; but his familiar face and figure will be most sorely missed by those who knew him best.

Bro. Duffy was for many years a member of the Savage Club, and took part in the formation of the Savage Club Lodge. On the death of its Secretary, Bro. Archibald McNeill, which occurred under such lamentable circumstances in December last, the subject of this notice was appointed to succeed him.

MASONIC FUNERAL OF A DERBY MAN IN INDIA.

THE *Madras Times* of Monday, 19th March, gives the following account of the funeral obsequies of Mr. J. McLeese (son of Mr. Thomas McLeese, of Litchurch-street, Derby), who was educated at Holy Trinity Church School, under the late Mr. Jacob Mayer, and had been on the Madras Railway for upwards of nine years:—A Masonic funeral took place yesterday afternoon, at St. Andrew's Cemetery. Mr. J. McLeese, Inspector of Station Machinery, Madras Railway, was brought into the General Hospital, about a week ago, in a state of coma produced by an abscess in the brain. He never rallied or even regained consciousness, and died at 12·30 on Saturday. He was interred with Masonic honours, in accordance with his previously expressed wish.

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FURTHER PARTICULARS ABOUT THE OHIO G. MASTER'S BLUNDER.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

MR JAMES GRANT, in his History of "The Newspaper Press," (Vol. I. p. 171) says:

"In the year 1764, Mr. Wilkes, who had fled to France, to escape the imprisonment which he knew to be consequent on his conviction for libel, carried on a correspondence with Mr. Alman, his friend and admirer. * * * * Mr. Wilkes, in one of his letters to Mr. Alman, made a brief but ludicrous allusion to the Rev. Mr. Trail, a Scotchman, as administering to the English subjects in Paris in Spirituals, though a Peer was our Ambassador, and David Hume his Secretary. I confess I cannot see any point in this, but be this as it may, on the appearance of the paragraph in the *London Evening Post*, the Earl of Marchmont moved that the House take proceedings against the printer for a breach of its privileges in mentioning the name of one of its members. The result was that the printer of the *London Evening Post* was fined £100. The precedent thus set "the House of Lords was industriously followed up by itself. In several succeeding years, printers of newspapers were fined each session, whenever they mentioned, by accident or otherwise, the name of a Peer of the Realm. Who could believe that little more than a century ago such a state of things could have existed in this country, which boasted as much then as it does now of being pre-eminently the land of liberty."

Surprising as it may be to learn about the arrogance and I may say impudence of the Tory lords of a hundred or more years ago, yet is it more surprising that some of our American Masons of to-day should presume to do what the Tories of the time of George III. did? In short, our Masonic Tories as a rule are high degree *Gourgasites*: these Gourgasites preponderate in our Grand Lodges. I have shown in former communications that the Gourgasites in Massachusetts passed laws for disqualifying Cerneauites from holding offices in Lodges, and that they *may* even be expelled from Masonry for belonging to Cerneauite concerns. These ridiculous laws were, however, never enforced, and they are mere "dead letters." The Grand Lodge of Ohio, in October 1887 was pleased to inform the brethren, that the Cerneauites were "illegal, irregular, and un-Masonic, and ought not to be countenanced or recognised in any manner by brethren under obedience to the said Grand Lodge of Ohio." But it does not seem that any penalties for disobedience were imposed upon the Cerneauites. Now *it is very curious*, viz., that while the Massachusetts Grand Lodge authorities never molested the Cerneauites, though the Grand Lodge empowered them to do so, the Grand Master and his satellites in Ohio attempted to finish the Cerneauites of Ohio, without having any authority whatever to interfere in the matter. I have already sent an outline, in a former paper, about the new trouble in Ohio. The March Number of the Cincinnati *Masonic Review* furnishes additional details, which I shall herewith explain:—

Coshocton Lodge, No. 96, elected its officers, 23rd Dec. last; the installation was to take place on the 27th following. The W.M. was confined to his house by sickness, hence the Senior Warden opened the Lodge, and placed in his chair a distinguished *Gourgasite*, viz. Brother Winegarer; after the election, Brother Winegarer claimed to be a proxy of the Grand Master, and by virtue of which power he declared the election of the W.M., the two Wardens, the Secretary and the Treasurer, null and void (because the said parties were Cerneauites), and ordered the election for new officers to take place in January 1888. At this juncture Bro. Judge John D. Nicholas thought proper to have his say.

"I rise [said Bro. N.] to ask a question, in order that I may know how to act intelligently. I have been a member of this Lodge for more than forty years, and am among the oldest, if not the very oldest; certainly the oldest member present to-night. During that long period * * * there have been many Grand Masters, not one of whom ever assumed such extraordinary powers as is attempted to be here exercised to-night. I therefore * * * ask whence is this most extraordinary power derived? It is not to be found in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge. * * * If, however, it is to be found in any Constitutions, Bye-laws, Decisions or Codes of Masonry, and you will point it out, I am willing to bow in humble submission. * * * But if this power is not to be found there, and you will not point it out, I will never submit to such usurpation of power."

The following interesting dialogue then took place:

Proxy: "Brother Nicholas, your question is entirely out of order, *the Grand Master is the law.*" [The italicising is not mine].

Judge N.: "Where is the authority for such a claim?

Proxy: "The Grand Master claims the authority."

Judge N.: "The assumption of unwarranted authority is but the evidence of arrogance, and not proof of the claim."

Brother Nicholas then moved to proceed with the installation, but Brother Winegarer declared the motion out of order, and that the Lodge was closed, and called upon all the *loyalists* (which means the Gourgasites) to leave the hall; when eight or nine visitors and members obeyed the Proxy's order, and about forty brethren remained. It seems, however, that one or both of the Wardens were either Gourgasites or *chicken-hearted*, any how, no installation took place that night. It was, however, decided to obtain an injunction from the State Court, against the Grand Master's arrogance; which was done accordingly a few days after, and it was decided to instal the officers elect on the night Brother Proxy appointed for election of new officers. On the said night, the outgoing W.M. of Coshocton Lodge was still confined to his house, and Brother Proxy induced both Wardens to keep away from the meeting: nay, more, the Grand Master himself arrived there, and doubtless threatened with his displeasure all who dared to disobey his dictum. It seems, that without at least the presence of one of the regular officers, the installation of the new officers would have been illegal. However, after an hour and a half's search, the Senior Warden was *caught*. In vain did he protest that "the Grand Master would deprive him of all his Masonic rights if he granted their request." By hook or by crook, he was induced or compelled to open the Lodge, and a Brother Mitchell, P.M. of Newark Lodge, dared to instal the Master elect, after which the old Senior Warden departed, and the remaining officers were invested, and here are specimens of the resolutions passed by the Lodge at a subsequent meeting, viz:—

"That this Lodge recognises but three degrees in Masonry, and has nothing whatever to do with any other so-called higher degrees.

"That in the aforesaid action of the Grand Master this Lodge recognises a ridiculous assumption of power, unwarranted by the Constitution, Bye-laws, usages or landmarks of pure Masonry, a reckless prostitution of the Blue Lodge to the base purpose of building up an institution of which he is a member, and which purports to confer certain so-called high degrees in Masonry, even though he wreck the Blue Lodge by his un-Masonic and unholy course.

"That the Blue Lodge is for Master Masons, and not for a laundry to wash the soiled linen of so-called higher Masonic degrees."

The above extracts will give the reader an idea of the remaining resolutions. I hope, however, that the whole will be published by the worthy editor of this paper. The reader is now acquainted with the Ohio Grand Master's doings in Coshocton Lodge, and now I will tell of something copied by the Cincinnati *Masonic Review* from the *Ohio Enquirer* of 13th March, viz:—

"Columbus—Ohio, 12th March.—The war between the Cerneau and Northern Jurisdiction Masons, broke out here to-night with renewed vigour. Goodale Lodge was about to try the Cerneau members for conduct unbecoming Masons. The members sought to be expelled embrace such gentlemen as Congressman Outhwaite, C. D. Firestone, and many leading citizens, about forty in number. The Cerneaus were prepared for the emergency, having secured a temporary injunction from Judge Even's Court this afternoon which, was served in the Blue Lodge this evening by John A. Sarber as Deputy Sheriff. The petition charges conspiracy, and is signed by Hon. R. A. Harrison, Ex-Supreme Judge, W. J. Gilmore, Judge, J. H. Collins, and F. A. Davis.

The petition avers that the defendant, S. Stocker Williams, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, R. M. Gilbert, Dr. N. Kinsman, Tyler, and Goodale Lodge, No. 372, entered into a conspiracy for the purpose of suppressing the Cerneau Bodies of Ohio, and, as a part of the con-

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spiracy, one Dr. N. Kinsman, not acting under the authority of Goodale Lodge, but under the management and direction of his co-conspirators, maliciously filed charges with the Master of Goodale Lodge against the plaintiffs (here follow the names of the plaintiffs), charging them with un-Masonic conduct, in being members of the said Cerneau Bodies, and in sympathy with them, and in soliciting members of Goodale Lodge and other Master Masons to unite with them; and said Cerneau Bodies are separate and distinct from the Blue Lodge of Ancient Craft Masons, and have no control over or affiliation with the said Goodale Lodge of Ancient Craft Masons; that as part of the said conspiracy, said Kinsman, Williams, and Gilbert, have illegally and wrongfully charged these plaintiffs jointly for the purpose of trying them jointly, and then illegally preventing them from voting on the trials of others. That under the Constitution and laws of Goodale Lodge, and the laws of Ohio, the plaintiffs have the right to be tried separately, and each has the right to participate in all the said trials. But said Williams, Kinsman, and Gilbert still refuse to sanction these separate trials, and will thereby prevent them from voting, and threaten to, and will try these plaintiffs jointly, and expel them. That when the said charges were filed the said Gilbert, Master of said Lodge, refused to submit the charges to a vote of the Lodge, and refused to entertain and submit to a vote of the Lodge a motion made by a member thereof, to quash and dismiss the said charges, contrary to all Masonic and Parliamentary law, and to the laws of Ohio. Said Gilbert has forbidden plaintiffs or their counsel to take any notes or memoranda of any of the transactions of said proposed expulsion proceedings. Said defendants propose to, and will, as part of said conspiracy, expel these plaintiffs unless prevented and restrained by order of the Court, to the great and irreparable injury of plaintiffs, and they are without any adequate remedy. Wherefore plaintiffs pray that the said defendants may be temporarily enjoined from taking any steps in the trials of said charges, or in any way interfering with plaintiffs' legal and Masonic rights as Master Masons of said Lodge, and that on final hearing said injunction may be made perpetual, and for such other relief as is equitable and proper."

The charges brought against the Cerneauites of Goodale Lodge are simply ridiculous. After stating the resolutions passed by the G.L. against the legality of the Cerneau concern, "specification No. 2" says:

"The above-named brethren, members of Goodale Lodge, F. and A.M., are guilty of un-Masonic conduct, in that they are members of a Lodge known as Columbus Lodge of Perfection, a Lodge which is called Masonic, not working under the authority or subject to the control of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and the said Columbus Lodge of Perfection is, therefore, clandestine, and the above-named brethren are, therefore, in contempt of the said Grand Lodge of Ohio."

But why may the Gourgasites in Ohio have Lodges of Perfection, which are not under the control of the Grand Lodge, and which are no more Masonic than the so-called Lodges of Perfection than those of the Cerneauites?

The fact is, our American *high degreers* are a mere pack of humbugs, who seem to have imbibed the worst features of Toryism of the days of *good old King George III.*

BOSTON, U.S., 6th April 1888.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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HUMBER LODGE, No. 57.

LAST year's chieftainship of the Humber Lodge was fittingly crowned on the evening of the 9th inst. by the presentation to Bro. Edward Corris, the Immediate Past Master, of marks of esteem, which, though very valuable in themselves, were altogether inadequate in betokening the great measure of popularity achieved by Brother Corris during his year of office in King Solomon's chair. There was a large gathering of the members of the Humber on the occasion, Bro. Clark the esteemed Worshipful Master in the chair. The Lodge having been duly opened, the Worshipful Master called upon Bro. Tesseyman to perform the important duty of the evening. Bro. W. Tesseyman P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works expressed the deep regret of Bro. Ald. Seaton P.M. at being unable to be present with the brethren that evening, he thanked them for another mark of their kindness in asking him to undertake the duty of expressing their feelings on that interesting and gratifying occasion. He felt it an honour in being permitted to represent them. At the same time he was sensible of his inability to command language sufficiently expressive to convey to the Brother whom they had met to honour the regard they had for his virtues, or to duly recognise their appreciation of his sterling qualities. Their presence there, called for the special purpose of presenting a testimonial to W. Brother Edward Corris I.P.M., was in itself an evidence more than any words of his could testify. Before proceeding to discharge that important duty, he asked their indulgence whilst he detailed some prominent characteristics of the rulers of that Lodge who had received at their hands some special mark of their favour during the two and twenty years of his own membership. Let them unroll the scroll and go back to the year 1866. The W.M. for that time was Martin Kemp, whose year of office was beset with exceptionally difficult matters, connected with the building of the Lodge that had arisen prior to his accession, and which had become intricate, requiring no ordinary ability to command. At the termination of his year of office he had, with the assistance of his Officers, extricated the Lodge from its difficulties, and performed all the duties of Lodge government in a most admirable manner. The Master who succeeded Bro. Kemp, and who in many ways had made his mark, and given them that marble pedestal, and fulfilled the office of Almoner for many years, was Wm. Day Keyworth. Following him came a true friend of the widow and the fatherless, for John Walker had in his day a more than Provincial reputation for charitable work. The next Master, a strict disciplinarian, was John Wilson, who had one of the characteristics belonging to sea-faring brethren, inasmuch as he was never backward in acts of benevolence. After a very successful year he handed the gavel to William Needler, one of the most loveable and kindly disposed Masters we have known. He, after a year of gentle ruling, left the chair to his successor with the Lodge so peaceful and the members so harmonius that the ruling became in 1871 a labour of love to the Brother who had now the honour of addressing them. The next elect was Richard Thos. Vivian, who ruled with dignity and continued prosperity during his term of office. He was followed by John Hudson, whose judgment seldom erred, and who having fulfilled all their expectations made way for his successor, Henry Preston, a Master always jovial, pleasant, and happy, who succeeded in making the year memorable for enjoyment. He gave place to Jonathan West, a man of considerable business tact, who introduced perhaps a larger number of members than any previous Master, and skilfully managed the affairs of the Lodge. His successor, Alfred Wheatley Ansell, maintained the character of his Lodge for hospitality and good work. Then the chair was filled by Francis Sammers, a Master indefatigable in the work of restoration and redecoration, expending about £800 for that purpose during his year. He made room for Thomas Thompson, whose energy was seen in every department of his duties, and left an indelible impression on the minds of the brethren, so that on the retirement of the Lodge Treasurer in 1881, he was elected to that office, which honourable position he holds to this day. Henry Toozes, in 1879, took possession of the warrant and ruled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. Toozes held at the present time the exalted position of Mayor and Alderman of this borough. Next in succession reigned a Brother upon whose shoulders the mantle of Dr. Hay had fallen, whose proficiency in Masonic ritual had not been excelled in their time, and who continued to support the best interests of the Humber Lodge. He referred to Bro. George Wilson. Morris Haberland, who came next, possessed the virtue called patience, for he managed his work so admirably that before his year was over he had succeeded in making rough places smooth, and left the chair to be peaceably occupied by an earnest and sincere Brother, Richard Beevers, whose guiding stars were truth and duty. Following him they found a willing worker in Andrew King, who was and is ever ready to devote his time and use his utmost exertions for the benefit of his Lodge. The duties of Master were next fulfilled by Robert Hodgson. No Brother had done more to bring the accounts of the Lodge to their present satisfactory condition than he. After a successful year of his office the lot fell upon John Walton, an energetic worker, who sedulously applied himself to perform every necessary Lodge duty. After him they had the good fortune to elect a Brother who ruled with firmness, and ruled well. Indeed, the government of their Brother J. D. O'Donoghue commanded admiration. Before contemplating the next W.M., he referred to five Past Masters whose brilliant Masonic qualities were so bright as to present them as special cases for admiration. Four of these, viz., Bros. Dr. J. P. Bell, M. C. Peck, Dr. W. B. Hay, and M. W. Clarke, had joined the great majority in the Grand Lodge above. Each en led his career in Masonic harness, and died deeply regretted. The last and not least of the five was W. Bro. John Love Seaton, who was still working with them. He was W.M. in 1852, and had worthily filled the office of Treasurer of the Benevolent and Pension Fund and Trustee, and it was their earnest prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe might continue his valuable life. He would now proceed to the pleasing duty for which they had assembled, which was chiefly to express their meed of praise to Bro. Edward Corris, who, on his first introduction, won their hearts, and whose conduct had increased their admiration, which had ripened into love. The refined and manly deportment in the chair, the faultless delivery of ritual, the dignified and graceful communications with his brethren, the exemplification of those Masonic teachings, brotherly love, relief and truth, and ready response to the call of the fatherless, all these and the constant use of those talents with which God had blessed him stamped him as one who would live long in their hearts, so long as life should last. Bro. Tesseyman then, on behalf of the members of the Humber, presented to Bro. Corris a magnificient keyless gold hunting watch and a very beautiful Past Master's jewel, as a mark of esteem and regard, as will be seen by the following inscription on the watch: "Presented to Bro. Edward Corris, by the members of the Humber, No. 57, as a token of esteem and in recognition of the unswerving courtesy displayed by him in the discharge of his duties as Worshipful Master in the year 1887." The

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presentation was made in terms befitting the ceremony, the eulogistic references being repeatedly applauded. Bro. E. Corris I.P.M., on rising to acknowledge the compliment, was received with great applause. He said it would be idle on his part if he were to attempt to deny that he was very deeply gratified by this expression of their feeling towards him. It was often said by those who were placed in circumstances perhaps somewhat similar to what he was now that their words must be words of apology because they were unable to do justice to their feelings. And it was often said by those who listened to them that perhaps in three cases out of four such apologies were not true, and that perhaps in nine out of ten they were not believed by those who heard them. Well, they had been so extremely kind to him so far that he would just ask them to stretch their kindness one little bit further, and to believe that the apology which he uttered for his being unable to describe his feelings to them must be true to the extent of one-fourth, and he trusted that it would also be in the one-tenth that was to be believed. There were those in this world who, standing on a somewhat lofty pedestal, professed that they were indifferent to the blandishments of friends or to the taunts of enemies. He was not one of those stoical individuals. He confessed that the kind words of those he respected, and who were dear to him, came very dear to his heart and fell like drops of rain on a thirsty soil. He deeply appreciated their kindness in presenting him with such tokens of their esteem. They would remind him of the time he had enjoyed in the Humber Lodge, and would be a stimulus to him to do the very utmost he could for the cause of Masonry and for the Humber Lodge. This he did not look forward to with any apprehension, because he did love Masonry, and if a man was to be an active Mason, he must continue in communication with his Lodge, and not allow himself to rust. That was not his Mother Lodge, but he had received such exceptional kindness ever since he became a member of the Humber, that the memory of his Mother Lodge had gone quite away, and that the affection he entertained for his adopted Lodge was uppermost in his mind. He warmly thanked the Wardens and the other Officers who co-operated with him so heartily during his year's Mastership, and concluded by wishing a successful year to Bro. Clark, and prosperity to the Humber Lodge. On the motion of Bro. Solomon Cohen, seconded by Bro. Clark W.M., Bro. Tesseyman was cordially thanked for his most interesting address. Bro. Tesseyman having acknowledged the vote, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form. A complimentary banquet to Bro. E. Corris followed, in the course of which a number of congratulatory speeches were delivered by brethren present.

LODGE OF FREEDOM, No. 77.

THE montly meeting of this Ancient Lodge took place at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, on Monday last. The W.M. Bro. Frederick Carpenter presided, and was supported by Bros. the Rev. Augustus Jackson Chaplain, J. Spurge S.W., W. H. Hedger acting J.W., and J. C. Briggs P. M. Secretary. There were also present Bros. W. E. Hollingum Treasurer, R. D. Beamish J.D., E. W. Robins Organist, H. A. Hayward I.G., Chason, Sutherland, Solomon, Hubbard, King, W. Gunn, W. Bill, L. J. Bone, J. M. Jeffrey, together with Past Masters T. R. S. Champion, Wm. Hills, Wm. Russell, Frederick Tecce and G. T. King. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary, by command of the W.M., read the Bye-laws. A resolution was then moved by Bro. T. R. S. Champion—"That the sum of ten guineas be given from the Funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the amount to be placed on the list of the brother who represents the Lodge as Steward at the ensuing Festival." This was seconded by Bro. Chason and carried unanimously. Bro. William Russell, who was appointed as Steward for the Festival in question, thanked the brethren for their generosity, and proceeded to give some interesting particulars connected with the subject of elections. The resignation of two members was received with regret. This concluding the business of the evening the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned.

CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE, No. 294.

ON Thursday, the 12th inst., the members of this Lodge gave a concert and dance in the Assembly rooms, and were rewarded by one of the most successful gatherings that has taken place of recent years at Beverley. Selections were given during the concert by the Minster Quartette, Mrs. MacBean (Hull), Brothers Robshaw, Wray, and J. P. Park, M.D., Messrs. Groves, F. Shackles (Filey), Russell, and Horsfield, and Herr. E. Egts, all of whom were received with deserved applause. After the concert dancing commenced. Among those present were Bros. Tom Turner P.M. J.P., Dr. and Mrs. Park, Sydney Smith W.M. and Mrs. Smith, Councillor Elwell, C. Goulding P.M., J. Kemp P.M. and Mrs. Kemp, and several other past and present Officers.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 573.

ON Tuesday, the 10th instant, the installation of Bro. Henry Parry as W.M. took place at the Masonic Rooms, Halesowen, in the presence of a large number of brethren, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. W. Waldron. The following brethren were invested as Officers—Bros. E. Lowe S.W., T. Taylor J.W., Rev. J. Knight Law Chaplain, A. Pearson Treasurer, W. Waldron Secretary, A. Marsh S.D., H. M. Jackson J.D., A. J. Smith I.G., C. Dakin Organist, W. Somers Director of Ceremonies, T. H. Lloyd Steward, and T. Hodgetts and D. Bryce Assistant Stewards. The banquet was held in the Drill Hall, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion.

CAMALODUNUM LODGE, No. 660.

THE members have marked their appreciation of the conduct of Bro. Supt. Winpenny, of the East Riding Constabulary, during his residence in Norton, by presenting him with a valuable article of jewelry in memory of his connection with the Lodge, in which he had attained the rank of Senior Deacon. Supt. Winpenny, who came to Malton in January 1885, is being promoted to the command of the Dickering Division, and leaves for Bridlington very shortly. Bro. M. Williamson, the W.M. of the Lodge, made the presentation.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW LODGE, No. 696.

ON Friday, 13th inst., a ball, promoted by this Lodge in aid of the Masonic Charities, took place in the Town Hall, Wednesbury. The decorations had been undertaken by Brother Dicken, and the Hall presented a handsome appearance. A double row of coloured lamps spanned the front of the orchestra, a line of coloured lamps of a different pattern being disposed along the front of the gallery; a large collection of beautiful plants and flowers was arrayed about the front of the orchestra and various parts of the galleries; and Masonic banners, coloured draperies, mirrors, &c., were hung with judicious taste about the building. The vestibule was converted into a lounge, and the Council chamber and other rooms were used in various ways. The music was by William's quadrille band; and Mr. Stally of the Anchor Hotel, provided the supper. The entire arrangements were under the control of Brother T. Jones W.M. and Brother F. W. Hackward Secretary.

BUTE LODGE, No. 960.

A BANQUET, to commemorate the 25th anniversary, was held at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff, on Friday the 13th inst. The Worshipful Master for the year (Bro. James Radley) presided, and was supported by Bros. John Munday I.P.M., John Hussey P.M., — Hodges P.M., J. Matthews P.M., J. Williams P.M., E. Fletcher (Glamorgan Lodge), T. H. Belcher (Windsor Lodge), and a large gathering of the Craft. After the good things had been disposed of the Chairman gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received and duly honoured in the manner customary at such festivals. The Chairman then gave the toast of the evening, viz., "The Bute Lodge." In the course of his remarks he said that information respecting the early days of institutions was generally most instructive. Unfortunately, every founder of their Lodge was dead. The late respected Past Master Colonel Martin lived almost within the shadow of this event, otherwise his kindly and cheerful presence would that night have supplied matter for reflection. The humble institution, started a quarter of a century ago, had become one of the most powerful and influential Lodges in the Kingdom. Bro. T. Matthews responded. Bros. P.M.'s Munday and Hussey made most appropriate remarks regarding the commemoration. During the proceedings the following gentlemen contributed to the harmony of the gathering:—Bros. Jas. Radley, W. B. Ferrier, T. H. Belcher, J. Hussey, T. Evans, Richard Elliott, J. Dutton, E. Fletcher, Hosgood, and others. The evening proved a most pleasant one, several of the oldest Masons in the town being present.

CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Masonic Lodge Rooms, Town Hall Buildings, 74 King-street, Manchester. There was a goodly number of visitors present. The Worshipful Master, Bro. John Jordrell, opened the Lodge at the time set down on the circular, an example that should be more generally adopted. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Installing Master Bro. D. Edwards then commenced the business of installation in his well-known masterly manner, the W.M. elect Bro. Ernest Jones S.W. was presented by the W.M. Bro. J. Jordrell. By command of the Installing Master, Bro. H. Darbyshire P.M., acting Secretary, read the ancient charges, and the W.M. elect was obligated and entrusted. A Board of Installed Masters being opened, Bro. Jones was duly installed, the Installing Master performing his business in a most impressive manner, much to the satisfaction of the Past Masters and Provincial Grand Officers present. In due course the brethren were readmitted, the Master was proclaimed, and the investiture of Officers proceeded with:—Bros. John Jordrell I.P.M., A. Williams S.W., J. Campbell J.W., A. B. Owtram P.M. Treasurer, the Installing Master was again invested as Secretary, R. White P.M. D.C., W. W. Lofthouse S.D., N. Battersby J.D., I. Sternberg Organist, T. W. K. Start I.G., W. H. Clayton Tyler. Bros. John Smith, C. Watson and W. Thorpe were appointed Stewards. The addresses to the Officers were given by the Installing Master, assisted by Bros. P.M.'s Walker and Wrigley, both of this Lodge. Bro. Darbyshire paid a well-deserved compliment to P.M. White on again investing him with the collar of D.C. The address to the brethren was given by the Installing Master, in grand style. Routine work followed. Communications were read, and hearty good wishes expressed by the visitors. Lodge was closed at seven o'clock. The brethren sat down to a banquet, provided by Mrs. Edwards, the Lodge caterer, wife of the Installing Master. To the Masons of Manchester, aye, even of the Province, it is scarcely necessary to say that Mrs. Edwards' efforts were everything that could be desired; the viands were served well, and of first class quality; the tables were beautifully laid out, and decorated with plants from the nursery of Bro. Fallows, an old Past Master of the Lodge. A splendid silver epergne and acacia plant in bloom were kindly sent by Bro. Leech, of Princess Road, Moss-side, who was unable to be present through indisposition, very much to the regret of the members, who testified their sympathy during the evening by a vote of sympathy to Bro. Leech, with a fervent prayer that he may soon be restored to health. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given; the I.P.M. was presented with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, the presentation being made by the Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge. Bro. E. Jones, in well spoken sentiments, assured Bro. Jordrell that he well deserved this token of their admiration. Bro. Jordrell responded; gracefully assuring the brethren that the jewel would be cherished by him as one of the choicest gems he had ever possessed. The toast "In Memoriam"—

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to the late Bro. Romaine Callender Past Master, and Member of Parliament for Manchester, after whom the Lodge was named—which is never omitted on such occasions in this Lodge, was given by Bro. Bettersby the J.D., and drank in silence. The toast of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., who assured the visitors that the selection that day was a happy one, because it was unanimous for a Brother who would prove a worthy successor to a long roll of efficient Masters. Bro. Ernest Jones was a born orator, a worthy son of a worthy sire, the late Ernest Jones, of legal and political fame. The toast of the installing Master was entrusted to Bro. Past Master Darbyshire, who said he felt a little embarrassment in dealing with it, because he had been ordered (in an official note) to "cut it short." Still, after the very splendid manner the Installing Master had done his work in, he thought he should be justified in disobeying such a mandate, and would venture to speak at length on such excellence. He felt that every one present would agree with him that Bro. Edwards deserved the highest compliments, not only for the work of that day, but for the large amount of service he had done for many years in each degree of the Masonic art. It was to Bro. Edwards mainly due that the flourishing Wolseley Lodge was inaugurated. He was its first Master; is still one of its brightest ornaments, and now the happy custodian of its Treasury. The Callender Lodge could justifiably boast of having one of the best Secretaries in this or any other Province, in the person of the Installing Master of the day. Bro. Darbyshire concluded by saying that from the applause that greeted his remarks all round the festive board he felt sure he had the approbation of those present for disregarding the "note" from the Installing Master. He hoped and knew that they would all rise and drink most enthusiastically to the health, long life, and prosperity of Bro. Dan Edwards. The toast of the Visiting Brethren was entrusted to Bro. Past Master Walker; he, in a neat little speech, made the numerous visitors feel themselves welcome. Bro. Walker's remarks were well received. Responses were given by Bros. Nathan, Harris, Whitehead, Horsfall, Griffiths W.M. elect Wolseley Lodge, and by that worthy Past Provincial Officer Bro. Berrisford, who has attended every installation of this Lodge since its consecration, over twenty years ago. Bro. Berrisford remarked that the installation of that day had never been excelled, nor a better or more bountiful festive board provided. He concluded by hoping and predicting a still further prosperous career for this popular "Fireside" Lodge. The Past Masters, the newly invested Officers, the Masonic Charities, and the Tyler's toast were in due course given, and the proceedings brought to a close shortly after eleven. A number of songs and recitations were contributed during the evening, by brethren and visitors. Amongst the latter, the song of Bro. Dickenson, from Hebden Bridge, was grand. The singing and playing of Bro. Carter, Prov. Grand Organist, from Bury, was excellent, and contributed largely to one of the happiest evenings ever spent in the Callender Lodge.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 1094.

THE twenty-third annual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, to instal the W.M.-elect, Bro. M. Alexander S.W., and there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The chair was taken by Bro. Fisher Edwin Boustead W.M., who has had a creditable year of office. The W.M.-elect was presented by Bros. R. R. Martin and R. C. Yelland and duly installed by Bro. Dr. R. D. H. Johnson. The new W.M. then invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. M. Alexander S.W., Boustead I.P.M., Pye S.W., Alexander J.W., Alexander Secretary (re-appointed), Jones Treasurer (re-elected), Martin D.C., Lett S.D., Sutherland J.D., Latchford I.G., Hudson Organist, Neighbour S.S., Mitchell J.S., Dodson A.S., Ball Tyler. During the evening a beautiful P.M.'s jewel of Runic and Gothic design (approved by Sir F. Leighton) was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the Lodge. Bro. Casey provided dinner in his usual excellent style.

LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

THE members of this Lodge, better known perhaps as the St. John Lodge of Wapping, held their installation meeting at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Wednesday of last week. The chair was taken by the outgoing Master, Bro. James G. Twinn, who was supported by the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Loftus, the other Officers of the Lodge, Past Masters W. Beck (Treasurer), J. Magrath, and A. G. Clements. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Dormer J.D. 1571, G. H. Clark J.D. 1227, B. Wicking P.M. 1076, A. C. Berry 166, W. F. Wood 1050, R. Schofield P.M. 511, W. H. Myers P.M. 1415, J. F. Bland 65, M. Jutsum P.M. Eastern Star, G. H. Burge 65, Charles Lacey P.M. 174, J. Knight P.M. 95, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, E. Ehrenberg 205, F. J. Wood 1572, J. Swanston 117, &c. The brethren were summoned for an exceptionally early hour for a London Lodge, but notwithstanding this, when the W.M. sounded his gavel, at three o'clock, there was a good attendance, evidencing the fact the members take an interest in the work of their Lodge. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Terry, after all formalities had been observed, was raised to the sublime degree. The next business was to ballot for Messrs. Frederick Styles and Ernest Henry William Tripe, candidates for the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The former gentleman had for his sponsors Bros. C. Dawe and Wales, while the second candidate had secured the good offices of the Master elect and the Worshipful Master. The result was favourable in both cases. The Audit Committee now made their report, and submitted their balance sheet. The funds were in an eminently satisfactory condition, a balance of nearly fifty pounds standing to the credit of the Lodge in the hands of the Treasurer. Bro. A. G. Clements P.M. now took the chair, and the W.M. elect, Bro. John Loftus, was presented to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was in due course opened, and Brother Loftus was placed in the chair. On the readmission of the brethren the following were appointed to conduct the business of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months:—Bros. J. G. Twinn I.P.M., J. Oxley S.W., W. O. Sweetman J.W., W. Beck P.M. Treasurer, W. McCreddis Secretary, H. J. Hirst S.D., A. W. Flack J.D., J. Magrath P.M. D.C., Dickson I.G., A. Lloyd, C. Dawe, and Jenkins Stewards, Longstaff Tyler. Bro. Clements gave the usual addresses with excellent effect. The candidates named above, who, as we have already stated, were accepted on the ballot, were now introduced and initiated by the new Worshipful Master. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Twinn, the outgoing Master, and reference was made to the Stewardship Bro. Twinn had undertaken on behalf of the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, and in support of which ten guineas had been voted at a previous meeting. Consequent upon the satisfactory condition in which the Lodge stood in regard to its financial aspect, it was now proposed that an additional ten guineas be voted to the same Institution, with the view of securing votes for this Lodge in perpetuity. This was unanimously agreed to; consequently Bro. Twinn will have the opportunity of eclipsing the brilliant achievement resulting from his efforts last year on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, when he secured the fourth place among the London Stewards. After some other matters had received consideration Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and in due course the Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

BROWNRIGG LODGE, No. 1638.

ON Wednesday the members of this Lodge, one of the most prosperous in the Province of Surrey, held an emergency meeting, at the Sun Hotel, Kingston. The W.M. Bro. George Moorman presided, and he was supported by Brothers W. Drewett S.W., H. W. Humphreys J.W., A. Laurence P.M. Secretary, C. Oldridge P.M. Treasurer, F. J. Hunt Organist, H. W. Willis I.G., F. G. Mitchell Tyler, William Lane P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Visitors—F. Reeves 1275, C. J. Petfit 889, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211. After the Lodge had been formally opened Bro. Robinson was raised, and Bros. Mills, Burall, Lancaster, and Townsend were severally passed. There were five candidates for initiation, Mr. Mayhew, who was balloted for at last meeting; Mr. Thomas Mabey, who was proposed by Bro. Lockett and seconded by Bro. Acton; Mr. Arthur Martin, proposed by Bro. Bott and seconded by Bro. Robinson; Mr. Charles Reuben Bayley, proposed by Bro. McCall Chambers seconded by Bro. Thurgar; and Mr. Matthew William Croak, proposed by Bro. A. Laurence P.M. and Secretary, seconded by Bro. W. Drewett S.W. The ballot for these four candidates was favourable, and they, with Mr. Mayhew, received the benefit of Masonic light. The exceptionally heavy work of the evening was conducted by the Worshipful Master in a painstaking and perfect manner, and the several Past Masters and Visitors complimented Bro. Moorman on the way he had fulfilled his duties. The Lodge-room was draped, and the members wore the insignia of grief in recognition of the loss they had sustained by the death of Bro. Buckland, who was a Founder and P.M. of the Lodge. After the names of two gentlemen had been handed in as candidates for initiation at a future meeting, Lodge was closed and the brethren partook of refreshments.

ARGONAUTS' LODGE, No. 2243.

THE first regular meeting of this Lodge since the consecration last month was held on Monday, the 9th instant, at the Cromwell Hall, Putney. Bros. Eugene Monteuuis P.M. P.G.S. W.M., J. C. Rainford S.W., J. F. Savory J.W., H. J. Reynolds Acting I.P.M., Frank Richardson P.G.D. Treasurer, Gordon Smith Secretary, G. D. Lister S.D., T. W. Willis J.D., E. T. Smith I.G., J. P. Houghton D.C., W. E. Smith Steward, Frank Sturgeon, Valentine Robinson, F. E. Williams, C. W. Hughes, C. W. Mapleton, H. H. Woodroffe, and Alfred Williams P.M. P.G.S. Visitors—Bros. H. Brié P.G. Standard Bearer 2060, C. W. Stephens 14, A. J. Bailey, Alfred Thompson, Rev. W. W. Martin, James Hartie, and F. G. Mitchell Tyler. Lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the consecration meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Richardson, Mapleton, Woodroffe, C. E. Smith, P. S. Smith, and F. Sturgeon, as joining members; they were unanimously elected. The ballot was next taken for Mr. F. E. Williams, of the London Rowing Club, and Mr. Charles W. Hughes, of the Thames Rowing Club, and they were elected. Bro. Richardson was elected Treasurer and invested. Messrs. Williams and Hughes were initiated in due form by the W.M. in an impressive manner. The Report of the Committe appointed to frame bye-laws for the Lodge was brought up by the Secretary, and received and adopted, and the bye-laws, subject to the approval of the M.W.G.M., approved. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Lister offered to present a banner to the Lodge, inscribed with the names of the Founders. The W.M., on behalf of the brethren, thanked Bro. Lister for his generous offer. Nothing further offering, Lodge closed in due form. The brethren adjourned to a cold repast, a pleasant evening being spent, with many agreeable rowing reminiscences. The usual toasts were honoured; Bros. Thompson and Hartie replied for the Visitors.

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Secretary—J. HOUSTON. *Offices (pro tem)*—177 EUSTON ROAD, LONDON, N.W.

PROSPECTUS.

This Company is formed for the following purposes: (a) To increase the food supply, by the culture and sale of every description of fish: (b) To increase the value of landed property, by stocking the empty Inland Waters and Rivers with Fish: and (c) by establishing Fish Farms and erecting Fisheries.

One salmon or trout produces 60 0 ova: one tench, perch, pike, 100,000; one carp, 250,000; one eel, several millions. Out of 1000 ova in nature only one Fish arrives at maturity; but by the protection and aid of scientific means in a hatching-house, 900 out of every 1000 can be reared with absolute certainty.

At present thousands of tons of Fish are imported, and immense sums of money are spent abroad by British consumers which can be much more advantageously laid out in this country if fish were cultivated here; and it is estimated that thousands of pounds sterling can be saved, and Fish sold at half the present price, if such farming be properly carried out.

As an example, the annual consumption of eels alone in the United Kingdom amounts to 4000 tons (value £500,000), mostly imported from Holland and Germany; and in spite of freight, loss by dead ones, and other disadvantages, yields large profits to the importers—they are sold from 6d to 1s 3d per lb. This price is a prohibition to a large development of business.

There is one excellent Fish scarcely known in Great Britain—the tench. It has many advantages over the eel, because it can be bred (eels can only be reared). It is also more healthy and stronger than the eel; the flesh is superior, more wholesome, delicious, and very nutritious; it is therefore much more suitable as a commercial commodity, and is of national importance as an article of food; moreover, it can be kept and fattened in any vessel or water, even in your own house, and therefore ready at any time for the table, a fact of obvious and considerable importance and value.

The Company intends to cultivate eels, tench, trout, salmon, &c., whereby the consumption will, without question, be doubled, but as a reasonable calculation and a very moderate computation, supposing the Company should only secure the fourth part of the present trade (1000 tons), and only make 1d per pound profit, that would realise £9,500, or nearly 50 per cent. dividend, which may be increased tenfold or more with every other sort cultivated.

During the erection of the Fisheries and the cultivation of the Company's own fish, the Company propose to import fish and commence business at once. Mr. Paul has succeeded in obtaining two very advantageous contracts, one for the importation of eels and one for the sale of them. It is supposed that a net margin of ½d profit per pound of fish will be made. Arrangements are contemplated for securing a trade of about 1000 tons per annum, which, at ½d per pound profit, will produce nearly 24 per cent. dividends from this source alone.

It is, however, estimated that 1d profit will be realised per pound, and, as in addition to eels the Company will deal in other Fish, it may reasonably be expected that considerably more than 2000 tons may be sold, and the profits consequently more than doubled. These figures do not include the principal income from the cultivation of the Fish, which will be the special object of the Company.

Fish is an article of daily consumption, is one of the most nutritious and favourite foods of the people, and is in constant demand, dead or alive, all the year round. The population grows larger every year, and consequently, new channels must be opened to supply a wholesome food most abundantly.

The Vendor has had water and land near Earlsfield Station (Clapham Junction), Brightlingsea, Harwich, Hull, Watton, Norwich, Hertford, Gloucester, Salisbury, Southampton, and other places in England, as well as in Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, offered to him, either on lease or purchase, and some of the properties are (to a limited extent) used as Fisheries, and are stocked with Fish immediately available for the market.

The services of Mr. Paul, the well-known Pisciculturist, have been secured for seven years as Managing Director; and to greatly strengthen his hands, the Directors have obtained the assistance and co-operation of the most able authorities in this country, who have already their own Fisheries, and who possess the practical knowledge of breeding Fish; and it is their confident opinion that this Company will meet a growing want and achieve a most remarkable and unprecedented success.

The Vendor is the patentee of a specially-constructed box in which to pack eels, tench, &c., so that they may arrive alive after travelling long distances. By the present system a large quantity of eels arrive dead, and have to be sold at a low price. The Company will acquire this patent, and will manufacture and sell the patent fish-conveying boxes, from which a considerable additional income is anticipated.

The Directors propose to establish local Fisheries in each county. This will save the very considerable railway freight, the middlemen, and incidental charges from the London Market. The Fish will be supplied considerably below the present price, and in an improved condition of quality and freshness which at the present time is impossible.

The Company intends to construct ponds in any part of the country, and to stock them with Fish for private Fish Cultivation, so as to increase the value of landed property.

The Vendor was the first, for commercial purposes, to import from France, Italy and Germany, all description of live Foreign Fish to stock ponds, or for other ornamental purposes, and has been obliged to return money received, not being able to supply the Fish demanded, and has had consequently to refuse orders. The Fish imported could be bred in England at less than half the price charged abroad; the enormous freight, the great and unavoidable losses on dead fish would thus be saved, and increase the profits of the Company. Through this business the Vendor has a wide connection throughout the Kingdom, and is in business relation with many Fish Merchants, a fact which must prove beneficial to the Company. He was the first to publish a journal on Fish Culture, and to import the Black Bass and the Siluras Glanis, which are as edible and delicate as Trout, but at the present time cannot be obtained in the English Market.

Considerable additional profit may be safely anticipated from the business of Fish-curing, Smoking, Pickling, Roilading, and such other forms of preparation, which the Company intend to commence, as will meet the requirements of the Home and Foreign markets.

The Directors intend to stock certain waters with black bass, trout, pike, perch, and other fish for angling purposes, to keep bait on the spot, and provide accommodation which shall meet the approval of every angler; and from this a good income must also accrue.

The propagation of trout, salmon, and other ova is, in Great Britain, only in its infancy. In the United States, Canada, France, Germany, &c., it is a large trade with a good income. In Bavaria alone there are about 100 Fisheries who sell their trout ova from 5s per 1000; in England it is sold at the extremely high rate of from 20s to 40s, and it is calculated that this Company will be able to supply ova for at least half this price, and realise very handsome profits.

The Vendor has obtained from the Great Eastern Railway Company a reduced special rate for conveying Fish, and it is anticipated that similar advantages will be secured from other Railways.

The following extract from the Report to the Legislature of the Commissioners of Fisheries for the State of New York for 1886 shows the enormous profits attainable from Fish culture:

By examining the tables given of production and expenditure, it will be found that the cost of hatching 100,000,000 Fish, including expenditure for real estate, buildings, and permanent appliances, as well as labour, has been, in round numbers, 250,000 dollars. This is one quarter of a cent. for each Fish produced. Estimating that of the Fish planted, one-fourth only (which is a very small proportion) live to maturity, we have 25,000,000 of Fish, costing one cent. each. The lowest estimate that should be put on the value of these Fish for Market is an average of fifteen cents. Thus the public has a return for the money appropriated for artificial Fish culture of fifteen hundred per cent., or for the expenditure of 25,000 dollars a return of 3,750,000 dollars in production.

If there is any other industry fostered by the State Government that pays like this let it be demonstrated.

ROBERT B. ROOSEVELT. *EUGENE G. BLACKFORD,*
10th *May* 1886. *RICHARD U. SHERMAN.* *WILLIAM H. BOWMAN.*

This is the impartial proof of the Commissioners in America, where the culture of Fish has been an unrivalled success.

To fatten Fish advantageously it is necessary to feed them with the most suitable natural nourishing food. The Vendor has made this his special study, and can manufacture fish food which will make Fish grow and quickly attain a healthy maturity. Fish have been fattened from 6 inches to 20 inches in twelve months, weighing about 12 lb. each. It is proposed to feed the Company's Fish with this fish food, of which 5 cwt. will produce about 700 lbs. of Fish, which, if sold at 6d per lb. only, will realise about £18. The cost of the fish food and all other expenses will be about £10, or £8 net profit, or nearly 100 per cent. profit on the outlay. An additional income may be derived from the sale of this fish food itself.

A contract, dated the 14th day of March 1888, has been entered into between F. W. PAUL of the one part and F. S. REISENBERGER, on behalf of the Company, on the other part, whereby Mr. Paul agrees to give his experienced services to the Company at a salary to be fixed by the Directors, to transfer and assign the secret of making his fish food, contracts, agreements, patent, fishing rights, goodwill, and business connection to the Company in consideration of £700 cash and £3700 fully paid-up shares. This shows his entire confidence in the undertaking.

No promotion money has or will be paid by the Company; and in its formation disbursements will be confined strictly to expenses considered necessary for its organisation.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association and the above Contract may be seen at the Office of the Solicitor to the Company.

Prospectuses, with forms of Applications for Shares, can be had of the Company's Solicitors, Bankers, and at the Offices of the Company.

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ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
Grand Patron and President:
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.
Grand Patroness:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 14th April 1888,

W. Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, J.P., Treasurer, in the chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of 12 Girls into the Institution from a list of 42 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List		Votes	No. on Poll
26	Burt, H. M.	3889	1
13	Boning, K. L.	2736	2
30	Hopgood, E. H.	2734	3
17	Pennington, G. E.	2616	4
41	Barton, F. E.	2570	5
11	Martin, L.	2535	6
28	Hodgson, C.	2499	7
33	Edmeston, M. M.	2497	8
40	O'Hara, C. L. V.	2393	9
12	Tink, M. M.	2302	10
3	Freeman, M. M.	2219	11
18	Carter, M.	2014	12

The number of votes recorded for the unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.

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WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
President:
H.R. HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 16th day of April 1888, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution,

W. Bro. Captain S. G. HOMFRAY (P.A.G.D.C.), V. Patron, in the Chair,

A Ballot took place for the ELECTION of FIFTEEN BOYS from an approved List of sixty-five Candidates, when the following were declared to be SUCCESSFUL:—

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	33	Crompton, A. O.	3477
2	41	Goldring, R. W.	3298
3	34	Nankivell, E. W.	3271
4	46	Bird, R. S.	3222
5	14	Gallott, G. L. G.	3046
6	27	Brown, W. H.	3043
7	47	Bindly, R. G.	3002
8	19	Cheek, H. C.	2937
9	7	Cable, D. W. E.	2816
10	35	Foote, N. C. D'Oyley	2788
11	25	Davey, A. E.	2768
12	50	Fonlds, W. A. ...	2667
13	10	Le Gros, F.	2626
14	42	King, R. G.	2618
15	15	Staff, H. J.	2506

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.Sword Bearer), V.-Pat.,
Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
16th April 1888.

THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

WILL BE HELD

ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 1888,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P.

R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Devon.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are most urgently needed this year, as, owing to the confidently anticipated and naturally to be expected exceptional support assured to the Centenary Celebration of the sister Institution, the gravest apprehensions are excited as to the realisation of the amount absolutely required to meet the ordinary annual expenditure.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

APRIL ELECTION.—The W.M. and Brethren of the Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1638, Province of Surrey, desire to thank all who kindly sent Proxies, placing their candidate, D. W. CABLE, amongst the successful applicants for admission to the School.

Kingston-on-Thames, 18th April 1888.

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

THE GRAND FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, the 25th of April 1888, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London.

Tickets may be obtained of the Grand Stewards; no Tickets will be issued after 4 o'clock on the day preceding the Festival.

Dinner at Six o'clock precisely.

The Musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan, Mus. Doc., Grand Organist, assisted by Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G.O.

Brethren must appear in full Masonic Craft Clothing.

FREDERICK GORDON BROWN, P.M.
Hon. Sec. Board of Grand Stewards.

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THE

CENTENARY FESTIVAL

WILL BE CELEBRATED

ON THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE 1888,

(The day after the meeting of United Grand Lodge),

At the ROYAL ALBERT HALL,

ON WHICH OCCASION

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES,

K.G., &c., &c., M.W.G.M.

WILL PRESIDE.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS:
The Right Hon. the EARL OF LATHOM DEPUTY G.M.,
Prov. G.M. Lancashire Western Division.

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It is most important that Brethren desiring to act as Stewards on this unique occasion should communicate their intention to the Secretary with as little delay as possible, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

OFFICE—5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, W.C.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKS.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held at the Wakefield Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. There was a large attendance, between 250 and 300 Masons being present. Excellent arrangements for the gathering had been made by the Masters of the three Wakefield Lodges, Bros. Fred Lee, Fred Simpson, and Ellis Pickersgill, assisted by other brethren, and much credit is due to them for the admirable manner in which every little detail had been attended to, and the wants and wishes of the company met. Alderman Henry Lee, the Mayor, gave the members a warm welcome. The Lodge was opened in the spacious and beautiful Council Chamber at two o'clock, by the Masters of the three Wakefield Lodges, Bro. Fred Lee being the Worshipful Master, Bro. Pickersgill Senior Warden, and Bro. Simpson Junior Warden. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas William Tew P.M. 910, Past. G. Deacon of England, and his Deputy Prov. G.M., W. Bro. Henry Smith P.M. 387, having entered the Council Chamber, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened. The officers were saluted, the roll of Lodges was called over by W. Bro. Ibberson P.G. Registrar, and the roll of present and past Prov. Grand Officers was called. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Heckmondwike on the 5th October, were taken as read. The Right Wor. Prov. Grand Master then delivered a long and interesting address. He stated that this was the 203rd quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the first having been held in Wakefield on the 18th November 1822. This was the 36th time the Craft in Wakefield had given to the Provincial Grand Lodge a cordial and fraternal welcome. There was a peculiar significance in their visit, because Wakefield had taken so prominent a part in the establishment of the new bishopric, and the three Lodges had placed, as it were, the three crockets on the east finial of that edifice by each subscribing a mite, a something which had virtually completed the fund of £90,000. They congratulated the town on the appointment of a bishop, and as a West Yorkshireman was not to be the spiritual lord, perhaps the best bishop outside that Province had

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been designated in the person of Bishop Walsham How of Bedford. It must be gratifying to the Provincial Grand Lodge to be reminded that a town which had done so much in providing funds for its bishopric and a palace had also been largely munificent in the cause of Masonic charity. During the Jubilee year the Craft throughout the world gave £61,060 for the three Masonic Charities, in addition to which the Grand Lodge distributed £10,509 for the relief of 405 cases of distress; West Yorkshire contributing £3,974 towards that amount, as well as £208 to the Royal Imperial and Colonial Institute. After referring to various matters the Prov. Grand Master concluded by commending to their wisdom the unity and prosperity of Masonry in his great Province, and the preservation of the greatest of their Masonic secrets—the unpublished act of doing good. Bro. W. F. Smithson W.M. 1211, the Chairman of the Charity Committee, read their report, which showed that 2,000 guineas had been raised for the Queen's Jubilee presentations, and that there was a balance of £41 5s 6d in the bank. Bro. W. Watson P.M., of Leeds, made a very lucid statement as to the formation of a Masonic library and museum at Wakefield, and exhorted all Masons to do what they could to obtain contributions towards it. A resolution was passed voting nearly £50 for the purchase of books, furniture, and fittings for the proposed new library. The Prov. Grand Treasurer's balance sheet was taken as read, and the Superintendent of Works presented an inventory of the property and regalia. W. Bro. Henry Oxley, of Bond-street, Wakefield, was proposed by the retiring Prov. G. Treasurer as his successor, the nomination being seconded by Colonel Charlesworth, of Chapelthorpe Hall, who spoke in the highest terms of the manner in which Bro. Oxley had worked for Masonry, and also of his devotedness to the interests of the Charities. The nomination was supported by Colonel Hartley and W. Bro. C. L. Mason, and by Bro. W. H. Gill of Wakefield and Harrogate. The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested, as follows:—

Captain E. Parker P.M. 401	S.W.
C. W. Keighley P.M. 275	J.W.
Rev. R. Collins Chaplain 2035	Chaplains
Rev. A. B. Coombe Chaplain 1211	Chaplains
H. Oxley	Treasurer
Aulay Macaulay P.M. 258	Registrar
Herbert G. E. Green P.M. 1019	Secretary
John E. Wordsworth P.M. 904	S.D.
Edwin Dean, M.D., P.M. 1645	S.D.
John W. Turner P.M. 521	J.D.
Lewis B. Brierley P.M. 290	J.D.
Arthur A. Stott P.M. 1102	Superintendent of Works
Edmund Lord P.M. 910	Director of Ceremonies
Charles Howroyd P.M. 387	Deputy D.C.
Francis Smith P.M. 837	Assistant D.C.
Thomas Davis P.M. 810	Sword Bearer
William Asquith P.M. 1302	Standard Bearers
Robert Riley P.M. 1736	Standard Bearers
Max Blume Organist 1001	Organist
William B. Alderson P.M. 495	Assistant Secretary
Frederick Whiteley P.M. 61	Pursuivant
Frederick W. Turner P.M. 408	Assistant Pursuivant
Alfred Williamson P.M. 289	Stewards
John Dyson P.M. 306	Stewards
William Fitton P.M. 1783	Stewards
John R. Welsman P.M. 600	Stewards
John H. Rayner P.M. 380	Stewards
Alfred Stott P.M. 1301	Stewards
Samuel Barrand Tyler 304	Tyler
Thomas Leighton Tyler 189	Assistant Tyler

Three Petitions for relief were considered and grants made. Invitations for the next meeting were received from Keighley, Halifax, and Sheffield. After some other formal business had been dealt with, about 100 of the brethren sat down to a sumptuous dinner in the beautiful banqueting hall upstairs.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

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UNITED SERVICE LODGE.

ON Saturday evening, 25th February, this Lodge held an emergency meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide, for the purpose of saying "good-bye" to their W.M. Brother Brigadier-General Owen, who purposed leaving this colony for England, on 6th March. The company comprised representatives from the various cities and suburban Lodges, and several visitors from Sydney, Victoria, and Silverton. The M.W. the G.M., Brother Hon. S. J. Way, Chief Justice, &c., attended by a large muster of Grand Lodge Officers, under the Directorship of Brother J. Le M. F. Roberts A.D.C. was also present to speed the parting guest. After the opening of the Lodge Brother Philip Sanson R.W.S.G.W. presented to Brother Owen, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his services as first Master of the first Military Masonic Lodge established in the Colony, and also as a souvenir of his connection with South Australian Masonry. Brother Way then presented Brother Owen with his P.M.'s certificate, and in doing so referred to Brother Owen's high character as a citizen, a soldier, and a brother Mason. Brother Major Plummer, R.M., having seconded a vote of thanks to the retiring Master, Brother Owen replied in very feeling and affectionate words, expressing his regret that his connection with South Australian Masonry had been so short, but that, short as it had been, the memory of their cordial, enthusiastic, and brilliant reception would ever remain. Congratulations having been given by the visitors present, the Lodge was closed, and the company adjourned to the banqueting-room below. After supper had been partaken of, and the Loyal and Masonic toasts honoured, Brother Owen presented the toast of "The Grand Lodge and the Grand Master (Brother the Hon. S. J. Way)," who, after replying, then presented the toast of "The Guest of the Evening (Brother General Owen)." His remarks, which were eloquent and highly commendatory, were frequently applauded, and on resuming his seat he was accorded a perfect storm of applause, as also was Brother General Owen on rising to reply, which he did with excellent taste and feeling. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Brigadier-General Brother J. F. Owen, R.A., 31st, in recognition of his services as first Master of the United Service, Lodge, S.A.C. Adelaide, February 1888."

MARK MASONRY.

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FITZWILLIAM LODGE.

ON the 10th inst. there was a large gathering of the Mark Master Masons of Malton and the province of North East Yorkshire, at the Freemasons' Hall, Malton, to take part in the celebration of the annual festival of the Fitzwilliam Lodge of Mark Masons, and the installation of W. Bro. J. B. Nicholls P.P.S.G.D., the W.M.-elect. After the usual business, the ceremony of installation was performed by V.W. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.G.W. of England and P.P.G. Sec., and W. Bro. John Marshall P.P.G.J.W. and P.G. Treasurer. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. A. W. Walker P.G. Sec. I.P.M., T. M. Goldie S.W., J. Buckle J.W., M. F. W. Williamson M.O., R. J. Smithson S.O., E. K. Spiegelhalter J.O., A. W. Walker Treasurer, W. J. Marshall Secretary, A. J. Taylor Registrar of Marks, J. W. Marshall Organist, W. R. Metcalf D.C., C. R. Staniland S.D., A. W. Deeley J.D., E. St. Clare Rogers I.G., W. Stockdale Steward and Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at the Talbot Hotel.

SCOTLAND.

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SCOON AND PERTH LODGE, No. 3.

ON the 11th inst., Brother Thomas Hunter P.M. was entertained to dinner, in the Salutation Hotel, Perth. Brother A. J. Stephenson R.W.M. presided, and the duties of croupiers were discharged by Brothers A. Auld and Joseph Small. There were about fifty brethren present, including—The Right Honourable the Marquis of Breadalbane, Bailie Love, John Chisholm (advocate), Andrew Heiton, James MacLash, Robert Keay, Colonel Campbell, E. Paton (gunmaker), Rev. A. J. Baxter, R. Johnson, &c. After dinner the Lodge was opened in due form, and the Marquis of Breadalbane, in name of the brethren, presented Brother Hunter with a Past Master's jewel and a purse containing fifty sovereigns, and in doing so said he was sure that Brother Hunter would value more than the beautiful jewel and the purse of sovereigns the kindly feeling which had prompted the brethren to bestow upon him such a mark of esteem. At the same time he wished to add that Brother Hunter deserved this mark of honour which the brethren of No. 3 had chosen to confer upon him. He trusted that he would be long spared to wear the jewel. Brother Hunter, in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in presenting him with such valuable gifts. The jewel would always remind him of the many happy hours he had spent in the Lodge, and which he hoped would not take end although he had retired from the chair of No. 3. The jewel he would wear on all high Masonic occasions, and to the purse he would also give an honoured place in his household, though he was not sure that its contents would be handed down to coming generations. However, he acknowledged that their good wishes had taken a very convenient form, and, after consulting Mrs. Hunter, they might agree to invest their sovereigns in something that might be mutually advantageous, and also provide their family with some tangible memorial of their kindness to him that night. On the motion of the Chairman, a cordial vote of thanks was given to the Marquis of Breadalbane for making the presentation. A very enjoyable evening was afterwards spent, with toast, song, and sentiment.

Pressure on our space once more compels us to hold over several matters of interest, notable among them being reports of the Polish National and Stockwell Lodges.



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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Lyceum.—It is very seldom that we see such a gathering as attended this theatre last Saturday evening, the occasion being the return of Mr. Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry from their successful American tour. Punctually at eight o'clock the orchestra commenced the overture to "Faust," and on looking around we found that the seats, with but few exceptions, were occupied. The audience was a most representative one, and when the mist disappeared and Mr. Irving was seen on the stage, the shout that went up will long be remembered by all present. It was two or three minutes before the play could be proceeded with. But for one or two hitches in the scenery, everything went as smoothly as of yore. The welcome accorded Miss Terry was as great as that to Mr. Irving, in fact the whole of the well trained company came in for round after round of applause. As for "Faust" itself, we may say that the numerous little touches introduced since we last saw it has vastly improved the action of the piece. The Mephistopheles of Mr. Irving is a grand creation, perfect in every particular, and ever what it should be—a devil. Then we have a charming Margaret in the person of Miss Terry, who was never seen to greater advantage in the character than on Saturday. As for Mr. Alexander as "Faust," Mr. Glenney as the soldier, Mrs Chippendale as Dame Martha, and the rest of the company, we need but say they worked with a will, and the result was an unqualified success. With regard to the staging, it was done completely, and but for the one or two hitches already referred to, would have been perfect. At the conclusion, Mr. Irving was called on for a speech, and he announced that after a month of "Faust," he intends to produce "The Amber Heart," in which Miss Terry recently scored such a success. A version of "Robert Macaire" was also promised.

If Messrs. T. Edgar Pembleton and W. H. Vernon's new drama, "The Loadstone," was written expressly for Miss Genevieve Ward, we are afraid it will fail in the object it was intended for. A thinly constructed plot has been spun through four acts, while the wished for heroine has but really two good situations, and these occur in the last act, when most of her audience have grown weary of waiting for a good scene. Throughout the piece the action is slow, while the curtains are as ineffective as could possibly be conceived. The first act is drawn out far too long, and becomes terribly monotonous, and not until the scene between Warburton and Lady Polwarth is there anything like excitement. "The Loadstone" will best be described as a melodrama without excitement or strength. Fifteen years before the play opens Sir Polwarth was murdered by his constant adviser Kirke Warburton, who was in love with Lady Polwarth, but now Kate Trevenna is the damsel he favours. He threatens this girl with all kinds of penalties unless she consents to be his wife, but Kate is befriended by Lady Polwarth, who has recovered her senses, which she lost after the death of her husband. Later on, all the principals meet in Cornwall, where Warburton has conceived a plot to disinherit Osmund Polwarth. He is, however, defeated by Lady Polwarth, whose madness has again asserted itself. She first accuses Warburton of the crime, and then shoots him, after this there is a long and tedious dying scene, spun out to a length that wearies every one. As Lady Polwarth, Miss Ward had nothing to do until the last act, but here she came out vigorously; yet failed to impress her audience. Miss Ward's dying scene was good, but length spoiled the effect. As the villain, Mr. W. H. Vernon had not mastered his part; he was, however, cool and colected. Mr. Fuller Mellish was a manly Osmund Polwarth, while Mr. Edward Sass was a conventional doctor. The best character in the piece was that of an old boatman; for this Mr. Arthur Wood gained well deserved applause. Miss Dorothy Dene was sufficiently miserable as Kate Trevenna, while Mr. Leonard Outram had evidently not studied the little he had to do. A rather cool reception was accorded the piece, but the authors received a call.

Princess's.—"Dorothy Gray," a drama by Mr. A. Nisbet, which was produced at this theatre recently, is a work not likely to be much heard of in London, unless considerable alteration be made. The plot is feeble, while several of the situations are absurd and unreliable. From a man with such experience as Mr. Nisbet has acquired, we are suprised that such a weak play should emanate. It was announced that the play was written for Miss Grace Hawthorne, and with this object in view the author has written up a character that combines a woman betrayed, deserted, a phenomenon in the way of singing; one who goes mad, only to be brought to her senses by the help of her lover. All this balderdash is clumsily put together, and it entirely unsuited to the West End. It is not our intention to give an outline of the play, we need only say that those engaged worked hard and deserved success, even though it was not attained. A friendly audience called for Mr. Nisbet, but announcement was made that he was not in the house.

As the final nights of "Frankenstein" at the Gaiety approach, so the last two of the annual benefits is announced. On Monday, Mr. Fred Leslie takes his benefit, when numerous attractive incidentals will be given; while on Thursday, the courteous acting manager, Mr. F. J. Potter, will invite the support of his friends. Mr. Potter will rely on "Frankenstein" for the chief item in his programme, and we trust the selection will prove a happy one.

Thursday, the 26th inst., has been appointed for the reception of Works of Art intended for the Summer Exhibition (the fifteenth) of the 19th Century Art Society, at the Conduit Street Galleries.

We are glad to call the attention of our readers to Bro. J. F. Haskins' Benefit Concert, which will take place next Thursday evening, the 26th inst., at Shoreditch Town Hall. The list of artistes will include such names as Madame Edith Wynne, Miss Ethel Wynne, Miss Minnie Kirton, Miss Lavinia Walker, and others. Bros. Arthur Thomas, Prenton, Alderton, Weston and Clive. The celebrated actor, Mr. Hermann Vezin, will give a recital, and one of his pupils, Miss Deane, 7 years of age, will also appear. Messrs. Kift and Pritchard will be the humorists, and Miss Titterton, violinist, will perform a solo. The pianoforte pupils of Bro. Haskins will perform Herold's overture to Zampa, on two grand pianofortes and harmonium. With such talent Bro. Haskins must score a big house. Bro. Haskins is Organist to Lodges 22, 1194, 212, 1364, and 2168.

MASONIC ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, St. John's-hill, Battersea Rise, London, is to be commemorated by the creation of a fund of £22,000 required to carry out the extension of the Institution. Freemasons have been asked to make special efforts, and among those who have readily responded to this appeal is Mr. Alderman Williamson, J.P., of this city. Mr. Williamson has achieved a conspicuous position in Masonry, and although he has not undertaken any engagement for public recitals for some years past, he has very kindly resumed the exercise of his undoubted elocutionary powers with a view to the furtherance of the interests of the Institution named. Mr. Williamson has entertained and delighted audiences at Stourport, Halesowen, and Kidderminster. He was present at a dramatic and musical entertainment held in the last named place on Tuesday evening, and his efforts were very heartily applauded by a large audience. The local papers state that Mr. Williamson has "a fine sonorous voice and a good deal of histrionic ability." The Alderman read portions of the play of *Hamlet*. The ghost scene was rendered with a dramatic effect which only an accomplished elocutionist could produce. The grave-diggers' scene was also admirably given, Mr. Williamson showing, in this performance, versatility as well as genuine histrionic instinct. Later on the Alderman recited Macaulay's lay, "Horatius," in a most spirited and effective manner, but the much anticipated piece of "Rubinstein's Piano," which is, perhaps, one of the most powerful performances in Mr. Williamson's repertoire, had to be omitted.—*Worcestershire Echo.*

The arrangements made for the rehearsal of the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation, at the Nelson Lodge of Instruction, No. 700, at the Masonic Hall, Woolwich, on Tuesday next, lead us to anticipate that a large attendance will result. Bro. Frederick Binckes, who will act as Consecrating Officer, will be assisted by Bro. W. W. Morgan and a strong body of Masons popular in the locality. Lodge will be opened at 6·30, and visitors will receive a cordial welcome.

Tenders are invited for the erection of a Masonic Hall at Kirkburton, Yorks. Plans may be seen, and quantities obtained, for the various works, from 20th to 24th inst. Apply to Mr. J. W. Cocking, architect, Kirkburton.

Bro. H. W. Smith, the courteous assistant clerk to Messrs. Shipton and Hallewell, at the Chesterfield County Bench, and also known to Freemasons as an official of the Scarsdale Lodge, has been obliged to undergo the amputation of a leg, owing to an accident.

From an announcement which appears elsewhere it will be seen that a company has been formed, under the title of the British Fish Culture Society Limited, for the purpose of increasing the food supply, by the culture and sale of every description of Fish, and to increase the value of landed property, by stocking the inland waters and rivers with Fish, and by establishing Fish farms and erecting Fisheries. The capital of the Society is £50,000, divided into shares of £1 each, full particulars in regard to the payments, &c. on which will be found in the advertisement in our present issue.

Bro. Edwin Morgan died, at his residence, Frogmore-street, Abergavenny, on the 16th ult. The deceased gentleman was one of the proprietors of the *Abergavenny Chronicle*, and had carried on a successful business as a printer and stationer in Abergavenny, of which place he was a native, for about a quarter of a century.

A new form of Freemasonry has come into being. It is one which if it becomes somewhat universal, will do much for the world at large. It is a Christian Freemasonry, which, if developed, will compel the sceptic to exclaim, like one of old, "See how these Christians love one another." Its basis is Christian charity. A card of membership simply requires all who associate to render loyal and faithful obedience to the Spirit of Him who taught "Love one another." Its aim is to promote personal holiness, and its members are invited to promote the spirit of unity amongst Christians, and that righteousness which exalteth a nation.—*Yarmouth Gazette.*

Alas, it is so easy even for brethren of the mystic tie to forget that wonderful saying, "And now abideth these three, Faith, Hope, and Charity, and the greatest of these is Charity."

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 21st APRIL.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
275—Star, Five Bells, 165 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. (Inst)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
M.M. 261—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1194—Villiers, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1404—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
1861—Claremont, Crown Hotel, Chertsey
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
2147—Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent
R.A. 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.

MONDAY, 23rd 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)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Rose Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
458—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
733—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1512—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
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. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon

TUESDAY, 24th APRIL.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, 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
66[illegible]—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, City Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Belgrave, 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)
1345—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Carrying Place, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Towns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1506—Chaucer, 104 White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1895—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.
1889—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1902—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dunwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
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. 1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

128—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Barnsley
160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
461—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Gale Lane-road, Batley
1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
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
1543—Rosslyn, Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
1566—Ellington, Town Hall Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2116—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
R.A. 624—Abbey, Masonic Rooms, Burton-on-Trent
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 25th APRIL.

GRAND FESTIVAL, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Romna 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, Horns Tavern, Kennington Lane, at 7. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Cheshire Cheese, Shoe-lane, Fleet Street, 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, Barking-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 315 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Standard, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Wandsworth, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Loudoun Burgh, Red Lion Arms, Down 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)
1963—Duke of Albany, 158 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 12—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
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)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hockenhull-lane
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Sir Fortunatus, The Castle, Carnarvon
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
810—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
986—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1069—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1088—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Lower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Barrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Hall, Lower Moss Side, Manchester
1234—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Egremont, Cheshire (Instruction)
1281—Ryburn, Central Hall Bridge, Sowerby Bridge, near Halifax
1302—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1341—Ancoats, Brotherton's Hall, Miller-street, Manchester (Instruction)
1364—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1444—Corve Valley, Lowesmoor Hotel, Shrewsbury
1725—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1826—Southdown, Hangleton, Sussex
1904—Prudence and Industry, Cock and Bull Hotel, Ewell, Surrey
1907—Beacon Court, Grange Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York

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R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Market-street, Newcastle
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
K.T.—A'pass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. 16—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 26th APRIL.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
147—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)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
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1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
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1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1627—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)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
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276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
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1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
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
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
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1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
2131—Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire
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R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
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FRIDAY, 27th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 8
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)
834—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
1036—Metropolitan, Portland Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaucontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1299—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure, 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. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
457—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2039—Londonderry, Y.M.C.A., John Street, Sunderland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne

SATURDAY, 28th 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)
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)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sussex Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-ss., W., at 8
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
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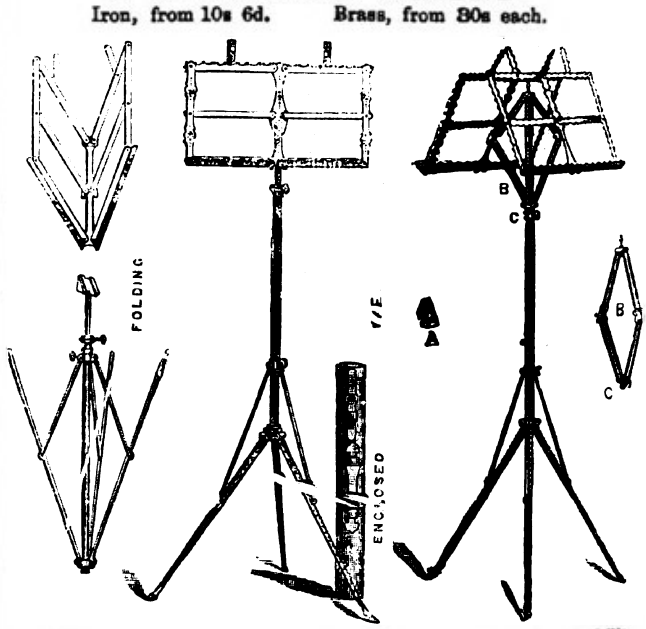
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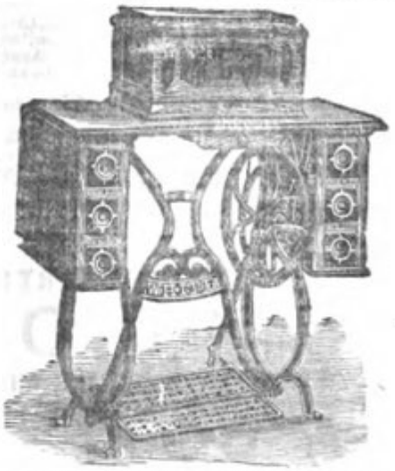
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THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A FEW weeks since we devoted portions of our space to a review of the candidates seeking admission to the two Masonic Educational Institutions at the elections which were then looming in the future. Those elections have now become events of the past, and last week we were enabled to give lists of the candidates who had been successful, together with particulars of the votes recorded on behalf of the unsuccessful, nearly all of whom will have opportunities of trying their fortune at later contests. It will be remembered there were forty-two candidates for the Girls' School, and sixty-five for the Boys', of which number twelve and fifteen were respectively elected, so that the total of 107 candidates was reduced to eighty, of whom seventy-eight go forward to the next election, the other two being too old to allow of their again competing. It will thus be seen that one in four of the children who were eligible for those elections have now secured the benefits of the Masonic Educational Institutions, and considering the very large number of applicants this must be regarded as a splendid average and a grand outcome of Masonic Benevolence. It is, we are afraid, far more than can be expected in connection with the other great Masonic Charity—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—the annual election for which will take place on Friday, the 18th May next.

The balloting papers for this election have now been issued, and they show an overwhelming number of candidates, competing for a painfully small number of annuities; the actual total being one hundred and thirty-one candidates (sixty-seven males and sixty-four widows) with, so far, only twenty-three declared vacancies (sixteen males and seven widows), and of this number there are, as usual, six deferred annuities (three of each branch), which are only available on the decease of some of those in the enjoyment of full benefits. This gives but one vacancy available for each six candidates, and although the number of annuitants to be elected may be increased—so as to fill up vacancies caused by death since the ballot papers were issued, as is usually done—we question if any considerable variation will take place in the average of vacancies as compared with the total number of candidates.

Even looking at the matter from the most favourable point of view, it seems inevitable that upwards of one hundred of the poor old people now approved of as candidates for the Benevolent Institution must be sent away after next month's election with no better prospect than that at the corresponding contest twelve months later they may, perhaps, be successful. Fancy the telling this hundred old men or widows—most of whom are more than seventy years of age, and all of whom are in distressed circumstances, too old, too infirm or too much afflicted to earn a living—that absolutely nothing can be done for them for a whole year. Let us imagine the anguish, the despair, aye, and in some cases the utter hopelessness, that such a verdict must create, and yet what can be done to render the decision less severe, or to reduce the number to whom it must apply? Already the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution provides annuities for upwards of four hundred and twenty old people, and the sum annually required to pay these annuities amounts to upwards of fifteen thousand pounds, without allowing anything for cost of management, collection, or the hundred and one other expenses which must necessarily arise in connection with so large an undertaking. It would, then, be extremely unwise to increase the already large number of annuitants, especially in view of the fact that the present year's Festival—which on the whole was a splendid success—only realised a sum sufficient to pay those annuities, and there is no knowing what may be in store for us next year, or in years to come. There is a very strong feeling in many quarters that it will be impossible to keep up the large totals which have been collected during recent years on behalf of the Masonic Institutions, and if there should happen to be a falling off, what will then present itself? how will it be possible to pay the amounts the Craft is pledged to? And yet the alternative is fearful to contemplate—either the Masonic Order must increase its responsibilities on this head, or one hundred old people, all of whom are in need and are worthy of relief, must be sent away empty handed, and perhaps devoid of all hope. We wish we could suggest some tangible way out of the difficulty which is now before us, but we must admit it appears all but insurmountable, especially when we consider there are other claims, equally urgent, being pressed on the English Craft at the present time.

Of the sixty-seven male candidates thirty have taken part in previous contests, and the remainder are fresh to the present list. There is one candidate who now comes before the subscribers of the Institution for the seventh time, with 292 votes brought forward; one sixth application, with 33 votes in hand; one fifth, with 108 votes; three fourth; eleven third; and thirteen second. The number of votes polled on behalf of these ranges from 2 in the case of No. 18, to 1876 in that of No. 17.

On the widows' side there are thirty-one first applications, and thirty-three who have taken part in previous contests. Two of these latter now come forward for the eighth time, five for the sixth, five for the fifth, seven for the fourth, six for the third, eight for the second, while the number of votes already recorded on their behalf ranges from 1 in the case of No. 22, to 791 in the case of No. 14.

It is not our intention to attempt any review of this very large number of candidates, as there are so many difficulties in the way of forming an opinion as to who is the most deserving or who has the greatest trouble to bear. To our mind it is only needful for a Mason to read the brief details attached to each case to ensure from him the warmest sympathy for the work carried on by the two branches of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and when once a brother's sympathy is aroused, it is only necessary he should enjoy the means to assure a contribution for the charity, as we cannot believe it possible that any one possessing the power of helping the Funds could turn a deaf ear to the forcible appeal here made, or cease to work on behalf of the Institution while there was one Mason in England who did not subscribe to it, or one worthy old brother or his widow in need of help from its funds. Strong as are the appeals continually made on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, none can be more impressive than the simple record of facts attached to the ballot paper for the coming election, and we only regret there is not any means available which should render it possible for a copy of them to be in the hands of every Mason in the Kingdom. As we cannot do all we wish in this respect, we can only ask all who do read these lines to take up the matter, and do as much as lies in his power.

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If all will do their utmost there is yet time to hope for something better than a disappointment for some at least of the large number who, under existing circumstances, must be sent empty away.

MASONRY IN AMERICA.

By Bro. R. F. Gould.

IT is a curious but undoubted fact that Masonic journals, like human beings, are commonly devoid in their old age of many attractions which they possessed in their youth. Not to make any invidious comparisons, let me state at once that the remark holds good with regard to both of the Masonic newspapers published in this Metropolis. In their early days there was much to read, and very little that one was compelled to skim. Articles or original contributions were the rule, and Reports merely the exception. But, *nous avons changé tout cela*, and the journalism of the British Craft is now content with the humbler mission of recording at portentous length the proceedings of Masonic or quasi-Masonic bodies, together with, alas, the oratorical feats on such occasions, of which, to put the case mildly, it is not too much to say that, in by far the majority of instances, the impression they leave on the mind of any reader not belonging to the Society is, that the Lodges of English Freemasons are but so many branches of a great Mutual Admiration Society.

In some recent numbers of the Chronicle I have noticed with much pleasure, a sort of return to the old practice, under which the literary fare was of a more digestible character than is now generally the case. But, in order to illustrate my meaning, I need not go further back than the issue of last week, where will be found an Article of great interest by Bro. Jacob Norton, upon which I shall make some observations.

The gist of the Article is the fact of the Grand Master of Ohio claiming to decide whether the Masons under his jurisdiction may or may not join one of the competing bodies of the (so-called) Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. But a further principle is involved, viz., the prerogative of a Grand Master, about which American Masonic jurists are now vainly contending, in the circular letters they annually address to one another; or, to use other terms, in the Reports on Foreign Correspondence, printed year by year in the majority of State jurisdictions.

The latter I must reserve for future treatment, and shall now proceed with an examination of the occurrence to which attention has been directed by Bro. Norton. Our brother speaks of Cerneauites and Gourgasites, and to facilitate a comprehension of these expressions I shall give some extracts from Mackey, premising, however, that this writer, as a prominent official of the A. and A.S.R. Southern Jurisdiction, must be viewed as a hostile witness with regard to a person whom he no doubt considered a rebel against the only really lawful authority:—

Cerneau Joseph.—A French jeweller, born in 1763, and who in the beginning of the nineteenth century removed to the City of New York, where in 1812 he established a spurious body under the title of "Sovereign Grand Consistory of the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies." This Masonic charlatan, who claimed the right to organise bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, was expelled and his pretensions denounced, in 1813, by the legal Supreme Council [of which Mackey subsequently became a member], sitting at Charleston, South Carolina.

Gourgas, J. J. J.—A merchant of New York, who was born in France, in 1777, and received a member of the Scottish Rite in 1806. His name is intimately connected with the rise and progress of the Ancient and Accepted Scotch Rite in the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. Through his representations and his indefatigable exertions, the Mother Council at Charleston was induced to denounce the spurious Consistory of Joseph Cerneau in the City of New York, and established there a Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction, of which Bro. Gourgas was elected the Secretary General. He continued to hold this office until 1832, when he was elected Sovereign Grand Commander.

The Gourgasites and Cerneauites may therefore be likened to the "Moderns" and "Ancients," with which Masonic students are familar. The former claiming a descent from the Mother of Supreme Councils at Charleston, and the latter professing to act under authority lawfully acquired by, and duly transmitted from, Joseph Cerneau.

The literature on this subject is extensive and conflicting, but I carefully refrain from either summing up or dealing in any other way with the facts in dispute, because they have been, or shortly will be, related, with the apparent sanction of my name, in the American edition of my History of Freemasonry, and I have yet to consider what steps it may be expedient for me to take, to rebut the presumption that the narrative was either written or approved by myself. According to Mr. John Haigh:—

The Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction [U.S.A.] has 10,000 members, few if any more. The Supreme Council Southern Jurisdiction less than 2,000 members.

The Supreme Council of the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies, now has 109 bodies subordinate to it, distributed in 10 different States. Of these bodies, 29 are in Ohio, and 22 in New York. Counting alphabetically the others are placed as follows:—California, 5; Connecticut, 5; Florida, 4; Indiana, 4; Iowa, 13; Massachusetts, 11; Minnesota, 8; New Hampshire, 8. The total membership exceeding 4,000.*

Of the last-named body, Mr. Haigh is the Sovereign Grand Commander, and the above figures are given on his authority.

There are thus (at least) three Supreme Councils in America, two of which are in amity and divide the country between them, and a third* which claims and exercises a concurrent (or it may be an exclusive) jurisdiction over the whole of the United States. These may be severally described as the S.C. N.J.; S.C. S.J.; and S.C. U.S.A.

On 14th June 1882, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts passed a resolution defining what organisations were "regular and duly constituted Masonic Bodies." Among these were the Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions and their subordinates, but no other bodies of the A. and A.S.R.—the restriction of course only referring to the United States.

The following are the final clauses of this resolution:—

"Now, therefore, it is hereby declared that any Mason who is hereafter admitted, in this jurisdiction, into any other orders, as Masonic, whether called the Rite of Memphis or by any other name, is acting un-Masonically, and for such conduct shall be liable to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, and shall be ineligible to membership or office in this Grand Lodge.

Any Mason in this jurisdiction who shall hawk and sell any of the degrees, so called, hereinbefore forbidden, calling them degrees in Masonry, may be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry."

This was the famous "Massachusetts New Departure," as it was commonly termed, and it occasioned me not a little astonishment to find that a letter of my own, written without a thought of publication to Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, was used by that worthy Brother to fortify his argument in favour of the resolution. However, as my testimony only went to show that the leading members of the A. and A.S.R. in this country were "most earnest and devoted Masons," I need not regret that my humble opinion of the estimation in which the authorities, at 33 Golden Square, are generally regarded, has been recorded in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The wisdom of this legislation was very fiercely debated by the Reporters on Foreign Correspondence under the various Grand Lodges, but we now learn, from Bro. Jacob Norton, that the new law was never enforced.

In Ohio, a very similiar enactment must have been passed, but the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge are not available for present reference, so I can only infer, from Brother Norton's article, that the example set in Boston was copied very closely at Cincinnati.

A very similar legislation appears to have been contemplated, and has possibly been carried into effect in Minnesota, but as my information is derived from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan for 1888, reporting those of Minnesota for 1887, I am unable to speak with precision.

It seems to me that many of what in legal phraseology are termed "nice points" may arise for decision in the event either of Lodges being erased, or brethren expelled, through exhibiting a preference for a form of the so-called Scottish Rite over which the mantle of a Grand Lodge has not been extended. But pending further light, and until the result of the appeal to the Courts of Law by the Ohio brethren, it would be premature to speculate upon the disastrous consequences of Grand Lodges going beyond their proper functions, and arbitrarily deciding that of

* Address, 25th October 1887.

† See the final paragraph.

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certain bodies not comprised in the original plan of Freemasonry some may, and others may not, be supported by the adhesion of Craftsmen in their jurisdictions.

The Cerneauites, as Bro. Norton calls them, are, I suppose, composed mainly of the members of the A. and A.S.R., under the supreme Council of which Mr. Haigh is the Sov. G. Commander, though in a pamphlet before me two "So-called Cerneau Supreme Councils of the 33rd Degree for the United States in New York," are referred to.* But it is tolerably conclusive that all bodies of the Rite are deemed to be without the pale of Masonry, in cases where the Massachusetts New Departure has been adopted, excepting only those owning fealty to the Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern jurisdictions.

* Albert Pike, "Pertinent Questions to be asked by the Victims of the Twin Bastards of Cerneauism, 1887."

THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

THE Annual Festival of the United Grand Lodge of England was celebrated on Wednesday, when, for the fourteenth time, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was proclaimed as Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons. The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, occupied the throne, and was supported by Lord Kensington as Deputy Grand Master, Lord Euston as Past Grand Master, Colonel Sandeman and Sir Reginald Hanson as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively. The Grand Lodge having been opened, Sir Albert Woods, Garter, proclaimed the Grand Master amid loud cheers, which were renewed when it was announced that His Royal Highness had been pleased to re-appoint the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom Pro and Deputy Grand Master respectively. The following were then invested as the Grand Officers for the year.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor)	Grand Senior Warden
General Lord John Taylour	Grand Junior Warden
Rev. Richard William M. Pope, Rev. John Augustus Lloyd	Grand Chaplains
Edmund N. Asher Barfield	Grand Treasurer
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	Grand Registrar
Thomas Fenn	Pres. Board of Gen. Pur.
Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke	Grand Secretary
Dr. E. E. Wendt	Secretary German Cor.
Robert Grey	Pres. Board of Benevolence
Gabriel Prior Goldney, Edmund Ashworth	Grand Senior Deacons
Sir Richard Howard, Robert Berridge	Grand Junior Deacons
Lieut.-Colonel Robert W. Edis	Superintendent of Works
Sir Albert W. Woods, C.B. (Garter)	Director of Ceremonies
Colonel John Davis	Deputy Dir. of Ceremonies
William Henry Spaull	Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies
Herbert Jordan Adams	Grand Sword Bearer
John L. Stothert, Michael C. Peck	Grand Standard Bearers
W. A. Barrett	Grand Organist
A. A. Pendlebury	Grand Asst. Secretary
Walter Hopekirk	Grand Pursuivant
F. W. Whitmarsh	Grand Asst. Pursuivant
Henry Sadler	Grand Tyler

The following having been nominated as Grand Stewards were approved of from the throne: Bro. A. G. Medwin M.D. 1, Francis Tagart 2, H. Emaus Pollard 4, Alexander Finlay 5, James Harvey Brand 6, John Pullman 8, Gordon Smith 14, The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor Polydore de Keyser 21, George Simonds 23, A. E. Cumberbatch 26, John William Green 29, Hubert Spencer Clutton 46, T. G. Robinson 58, A. J. Altman 60, Sydney Claris 91, C. H. Shoppee 99, John L. A. Monckton M.A. 197, and John Johnasson 259. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren passed in procession from the Temple to the Great Hall, in which the Stewards of the year had provided the feast, which was partaken of under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. Lord Euston. The Grand Officers present were far more numerous than on previous occasions, and the gathering of brethren was also very great. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Brother Sir Arthur Sullivan Past Grand Organist, and Bro. E. M. Lott. The toasts of loyalty to the State and the Craft were received with enthusiasm, and then were given those in relation to the institutions of the Craft, including the Charities, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, over whose festival the Royal Grand Master will preside, being placed in the front. Later, in the Temple, the brethren joined the ladies, who had dined in another part of the great building, and a concert was given.

LABOUR AND PROGRESS.

FREEMASONRY is emphatically a working institution. Work, mental and physical, is practically taught in every lesson of the mystic science. From the time the initiate enters within the portals of the Temple the duty of practical labour is enjoined in the symbolic instructions given to him, as well as in the illustrations of the ceremonials of the several degrees of Masonry. As an Entered Apprentice, representing youth, he is expected to apply himself to acquiring a knowledge of the duties pertaining to his probationary position and to prepare himself for more active usefulness in a higher sphere, that of a Fellow Craft representing manhood. Having acquired a knowledge of those duties which, voluntarily assumed, he has obligated himself to, and exemplified practically that the lessons taught him were impressed upon his heart and conscience, and that he is prepared for further advancement, the veil is uplifted and he is led onward to assume higher duties and additional obligations, as a Fellow Craftsman. There can be no progress without labour, and advancement in Masonry is, or ought to be, based upon an intelligent application of the teachings imparted to the candidate. The indolent novitiate, who will not apply himself to the proper study of Masonry as far as he has received the light, or practically exemplify its teachings in his daily life, ought never to be advanced beyond the portals of the Temple. As a hewer of wood or drawer of water, he should be held in a subservient position, as a learner, an apprentice. The diligent student alone has a right to advancement, to further progress in our mystic science. Those alone ought to be promoted to the degree of Fellow Craft, and in due time to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The titles of the several degrees indicate that of a learner, a proficient, and a Master or teacher. The Master's degree, implying that the novitiate and probationary periods have been passed, although representing that time of life when men ordinarily expect to cease from their active duties, it is then that the true Freemason, because of his temperate and regular course of life, having lived in accordance with the teachings of the institution, which are based upon the laws of nature and of nature's God, is in the possession of both mental and bodily vigour, and well qualified, from his mature age and experience, to be a teacher in Israel. As development and progress, both mental and physical, necessarily result from a strict observance of the laws of nature, and the active exercise of our faculties in harmony with the design of the Creator, so the true Freemason, from the time of his entrance into our mystic Order, will progress in wisdom and knowledge, will unfold the divine nature of his being; his faculties will expand with age so long as he is capable of active usefulness, and even as is taught in the legend of the Master's degree—when passed to a higher sphere, when *raised* from the earthly to the invisible world, the spirit, divested of its mortal body, will continue, as in this life, unceasingly to develop and progress onward and onward, from one degree of excellence to a higher. In God's world progress is impressed upon all his works. In man, created in His likeness, ultimate the ideal of His creations, and in and through man the grand design of the Creator will be perfected. Indolence and inactivity are incompatible with progress, and, consequently, are inconsistent with Masonic obligations and duties. The teachings of Masonry are in harmony with God's laws, and labour, even when called off at refreshment, does not cease. And neither is the work of Masonry confined to the Lodge rooms; it is there are taught those lessons which are to be exemplified in our daily life and practice, and in our intercourse with our fellow man.

The working man alone is the true Mason. The indolent, the ignorant, those who neither acquire a knowledge of the true objects and purposes of Freemasonry, nor practise its teachings, are not alone drones and useless, but are stumbling-blocks and impediments to the progress of the institution in fulfilling its mission in the elevation and improvement of the family of man.—*Exchange.*

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. SUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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TRUE LOVE AND UNITY LODGE, No. 248.

THE members met at their headquarters, Brixham, on Monday, 16th inst., to present Bro. Woolley with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a token of their respect and appreciation of the services he had rendered the Lodge as Secretary, Treasurer, and Worshipful Master during the last ten years. The Rev. R. G. Ebrington, acting for the W.M. Bro. Alfred Kenrick (who was unavoidably absent), referred to the able and kindly manner in which Bro. Woolley had uniformly discharged his duties, and much regretted his removal to Devonport. Centenary jewels were also presented to Bro. G. S. Bridgman and Bro. W. Jarman, for professional services gratuitously rendered in the erection of their handsome new Lodge. The presentations were suitably acknowledged by Bros. Woolley, Bridgman and Jarman. The brethren afterwards partook of supper in their ante-room. Several visitors were present.

NELSON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 700.

THE ceremony of consecration and installation was rehearsed by Worshipful Brother Frederick Binckes Past Grand Sword Bearer, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, assisted by Bro. W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, on Tuesday, 24th inst. The arrangements were carried out by a Committee, consisting of Bros. P.M.'s G. B. Davies 13, J. H. Roberts 700, E. B. Hobson 700, J. Sanderson 700, Jno. Warren 700, Bros. T. Appleby 13, W. B. Ledger 913 and Bro. Hy. Cox 700. The musical arrangements were carried out admirably by Bros. Ledger, Bidgood and Hancock. Exactly 140 brethren were present, amongst whom were Bros. A. Penfold P.P.S.D. Kent, E. West P.P.S.D. Herts, P.M.'s Palmer and Barry, and Bros. Keeble, Dr. Bryceson, B. Rabson, Somers, Pryce, Murphy, Capon and several other brethren, all of the Pattison Lodge, 913. Bros. P.M.'s N. Brown, Cleall, Syer, Akers, and several other brethren, all of the Waterloo Lodge, No. 13. Bros. P.M.'s Jno. Warren, J. H. Roberts, T. Butt, J. Sanderson, J. Sweeting and Bro. Naylor W.M. Nelson Lodge, No. 700. The other brethren present from the Nelson Lodge were Bros. Miller, Webber, Southgate, Taffnell, G. R. Nicholls, Marfleet, G. Mitchell, Ward, Gramment, Kitley, Bryant, Pettifer, Orpwood, and several others. Bros. Western W.M. 1789 and P.M. 1536, Maule P.M., Moulds P.M., and several brethren, all of the United Military Lodge, No. 1536. Bros. C. Jolly P.M. 1472, E. Davis 79, G. Letton 615, H. Martin and W. Scott 829, Carter P.M. 858, J. J. Parson 1437, S. Jones 511, J. H. Haire 1446, and several others, too numerous to mention. Bro. C. H. Lawson W.M. 913 was unavoidably prevented (through illness) from occupying the post of honour assigned to him. Bro. F. J. Nichols P.M. 706 and Bro. Melbourn W.M. 13 were also unavoidably prevented from attending. The following is the text of the oration delivered on this occasion by Bro. Morgan :—

Brethren,—Your presiding Officer has already told you that we are to-day assembled with the ostensible purpose of consecrating a new Lodge to the objects of Freemasonry, and he has called upon me to address you as to what Freemasonry really is; what constitutes its Nature, and what are its Principles. Now, Brethren, I feel it is no easy task which devolves upon me when I attempt to obey this request; and although I have on more than one occasion striven to fulfil a similar duty to that now imposed upon me, I am none the less mindful of the difficulty, and I may add the utter impossibility of my telling you anything that has not been told before. However, past experience has proved to me that my brother Masons are the kindest of audiences it is possible to address, and I have little fear, whatever my shortcomings may be, that I shall be interrupted, or that my endeavours to interest you will be in vain. As I have already told you this is not the first occasion on which I have attempted a similar task, and I must therefore ask you to excuse any repetition of ideas or truisms I may have expressed elsewhere, for, after all, there is nothing new to tell you about Freemasonry, or nothing fresh to urge in its behalf. It is to-day what it was scores of years back, and the same it will remain, I trust, for all time. In these stirring times Freemasonry of all things is most entitled to the definition Changeless, and it is on the basis of this one word that I may best attempt to describe to you what Freemasonry really is. It is a peculiar system of morality, which binds its members together under the surest of all bonds—bonds which are at once the lightest to bear and the firmest to sustain—the bonds of love. It knows no distinction of nationality, religion, creed or politics, but seeks to advance the welfare of its members, not perhaps from the common standpoint of every day life, but in a higher sense, by making them better men, and better citizens, more capable of ruling or being ruled in their public or private avocations. It teaches them to honour their Creator and to respect the laws of the country in which they reside. To shed a tear of sympathy over the failings of others, and to render as much assistance as lies in their power to those in misfortune or distress. Above all these, Freemasonry strives to keep its members in the paths of truth; it points out the straight, undeviating line they should pursue in their actions through life, and lays down rules which they should follow on all occasions; and I feel sure there is not one here but will agree with me that, in inculcating its lessons, Freemasonry has been eminently successful in the past. It has done good, is doing good, and has laid such foundation as will tend to considerable good in years to come; indeed, to reiterate my former remark, it has been, is now, and I trust ever will be, a changeless power for good. When I speak of changeless, you must not imagine I wish to imply that the forms, ceremonies, status or general character of Freemasonry has been, or is ever likely to be changeless, rather, that its basis is the same, and that in its spirit there is no variation. We have long known enough of the history of the Craft to convince us that Freemasonry is different to-day to what it was at the commencement of the last century, or even at the beginning of the present one, and it does not require we should be particularly observant of the doings of our own times to convince us that Freemasonry is not the same here—in some respects—as it is a few hundred miles away. It is only a few weeks since that a worthy Mason, Brother Henry Sadler, the Grand Tyler of England, set the thinking section of the Craft busy over the facts and fictions embodied in his most interesting book. While he was, perhaps, the last I should have expected to suggest any thing like innovation in our time-honoured Institution, he has clearly shown us there have been great and radical changes in Freemasonry—changes which, if the truth could ever be unravelled, would astonish many who at present think there is nothing connected with Freemasonry to astonish them. But in spite of all these changes in the visible form of Freemasonry, in spirit it has remained the same, and whatever may have happened to check or advance its progress there always lies a basis of truth and real Brotherhood at the bottom, which makes the adjustment of differences easier than would be possible without Freemasonry, and such, I think, you will always find to be the case among men who regard their Masonic obligation as something more than mere words; in short, if I may use the language of an eminent author, Freemasonry possesses "the advantage which, even in this artificial world, everything that is genuine has over everything that is forced and false."

I have already foreshadowed the true principles of Freemasonry—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. These principles are of such vast and manifest importance to the Masonic world,—I might even say to the remainder of the Universe,—that we can hardly consider it out of place on such an occasion as the present—the expressed foundation of a new Lodge—for some special definition of them to be included as part of the ceremonial of the day, but what can I tell you more comprehensive, or more easily understood, than the actual principles themselves? The Brotherly Love of Freemasonry—the first great principle of the Order—forms a stronger bond of union than anything known in the civilised world, and it would be difficult, if not impossible, to name any other tie which has so marked an influence on the human race. It is not my intention here to refer to the marvellous escapes from death and disaster which have been accredited to the Brotherhood of Freemasonry, they are known, or instances of them are known, I presume, to every one present, and whether they are wholly true, or somewhat coloured as they are recorded, they prove sufficient to show the power which underlies the principle of Masonic Brotherhood. I must not, however, forget a reference to the spirit of equality and of freedom which this Brotherhood engenders among Freemasons, or, as an extract in Bro. Sadler's "Masonic Facts and Fictions," the work already referred to, has it, which induces them to consider "that the original of mankind is the same; and though Masonry divests no man of his honour, yet does the Craft admit that strictly to pursue the paths of virtue, whereby a clear conscience may be preserved, is the only method to make any man noble." It is this principle which enables men of all ranks, professions and creeds to meet together, as they often do, in the Masonic Lodge, without the fear of their individual views being attacked, or a controversy opened on matters of a purely class character, and in which they are either uninterested or may entertain opinions at variance with their fellows. The matter of freedom in all Masonic actions is too well known to necessitate comment on; it is sufficient to remember that no man is forced to take upon himself the duties of Freemasonry, or to continue his researches when once he has made a start; everything he ventures on in Freemasonry must be undertaken of his own free will and accord, and he can disassociate himself from its Lodges whenever he likes. I am sure you will forgive me taking another extract from Brother Sadler's book, to show you how permanent is this principle of freedom of withdrawal in connection with Freemasonry. Bro. Sadler tells us that the minutes of the Grand Lodge (Ancients) of the 2nd April 1755 record that "Thomas Eastman, the Master of No. 18, stood up and declared that his business to Grand Lodge on this night was to make a formal declaration that neither he nor any of the members of his Lodge would contribute to the Grand Fund, nor attend this Grand Lodge for the future. Upon which the Right Worshipful Grand Master told Mr. Eastman that he was welcome to stay away, and further that if he knew anybody of like principles in the Assembly he also was at liberty to take him or them." This, Brethren, you will agree was plain English, but it forcibly illustrates the Freedom which existed in Masonry even in the early days. Brethren, I am afraid I am trying your patience, and for that reason will say very little on the score of Relief and Truth, more especially as in Brother Binckes you have one far more capable of telling you what is the present outcome of Masonic Relief. It is a subject to which he has devoted a lifetime, and it would be presumption on my part to relegate from him the opportunity which I hope he will have of enlarging on the subject of Masonic Relief. There remains, then, the principle of Truth, and in connection with this subject you are all pretty well posted. Freemasonry teaches us to be true to our God, our country, our neighbour, and, above all, to ourselves; for we should not forget we are just as likely to do harm by deceiving ourselves as by misleading others, even if the consequences are not of a more serious character. For this reason we should so regulate our lives and actions as to merit the approval of our own consciences and the applause of our fellow creatures. This cannot better be accomplished than by adhering to the principles and general teachings of Freemasonry, which are sure to win for the true brother the eulogy which Lord Beaconsfield bestowed on his ideal "Vivian Grey." "His accomplishments were the standard of all perfection; his sayings were the soul of all good fellowship; and his opinion the guide in any crisis which occurred."

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POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bro. John Garrett Tongue, the Worshipful Master, who was supported by the following Past Masters of the Lodge: Dr. V. Jagielski, J. Bieling, E. T. Smith, J. F. Ebner, W. Pass, &c., together with the following visitors:—Bros. W. F. Smart P.M. 764, G. H. Birkbank 250, W. Snodin P.M. 157, W. Andrews 1329, A. G. Newton S.D. 90, W. B. Norris P.M. 181, R. H. Cuncino 1343, T. W. Eastgate P.M. 1562, H. T. Gordon P.M. 907, H. F. Pass I.G. 58, H. Barratt D.C. 28, A. B. Norman J.D. 1658, W. H. J. Rudderforth P.M. 1668, H. W. Alford P.M. 228, W. W. Morgan Past Master 211, A. Birch, J. E. Ronaldson The business of the day comprised the election and initiation of Mr. George Percy Woodward, who was proposed by Bro. Turner J.W., and seconded by Bro. Dr. Jackson P.M.; the raising of Bro. Ross, the installation of Bro. Joseph Lloyd Apsey as Worshipful Master for the year, and other items usual at annual gatherings. In due course the following brethren were appointed as the Officers for the year: F. S. Turner S.W., J. Nowakowski jun. J.W., A. W. Oxford Chap., S. Nowakowski P.M. Treas., J. Lancaster P.M. Sec., W. Lincoln S.D., E. E. Geflowski J.D., E. J. Fauser I.G., G. E. Davenport D.C., and B. Banks Tyler. The retiring Master was presented with a Past Master's jewel voted by the Lodge, and briefly thanked the brethren for the honour conferred on him. The report of the Audit Committee was presented, and received and other matters having been disposed of the Lodge was closed. Regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. Dr. Corrie Jackson, especially as the cause which kept him away was the recent death of his father. Another well known face at the Polish National, in the person of Bro. Saegart, was also missed, in his case also death causing his absence; Bro. Saegart has recently lost his wife. We offer our sincere sympathy to these two old friends. The usual installation banquet followed, and later in the evening the customary toast list was honoured. The installation ceremony was very carefully and effectively rendered by Bro. Bieling P.M., Bro. Norris P.M. 181 acting as Director of Ceremonies.

STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT LODGE, No. 726.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated on 18th inst., when there was a large assemblage of brethren in the Lodge-room, at the Swan Hotel, Stafford. The Lodge was honoured by a visit from the Deputy Grand Master of the Province (Col. Foster Gough). The principal function of the day was the installation of Bro. W. D. Batkin as W.M. for the ensuing year, a ceremony which was impressively rendered by Bro. Wooldridge. Having assumed his position in the chair, the W.M. proceeded with the investiture of his Officers, the appointments being as follows—Bros. T. Rigby I.P.M., Mousley S.W., Masters J.W., Rev. E. C. Perry Chaplain, Taylor Secretary, Joyce Treasurer, Taylor S.D. and Organist, Mottram D.C., Taylor I.G., Riccalton, Vevitt, and Turkington Stewards, Tomlinson Tyler. A banquet was afterwards provided by Mr. M. I. Reale, of the Swan Hotel. The W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by nearly all the brethren who were present at the earlier function, the only matter for regret being the absence of the D.P.G.M., who was under the necessity of leaving early. The toasts The Queen and the Craft, and the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy-Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge past and present, were given from the chair and duly honoured. Bro. N. Joyce proposed the Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. C. S. Tudor Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire, Wor. Bro. Col. Foster Gough, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge present and past, and in doing so referred in terms of regret—a feeling which found an echo in the breasts of all the brethren present—to the pending resignation of Col. Tudor, who has held his present position since the death of the late Earl of Shrewsbury. He also, in a few words, spoke of the sincere regret felt, not only in the Lodge but generally throughout the Province, at the loss of the late Bro. T. E. Fowke, remarking that a man of kinder heart and more generous disposition never existed, and he could not allow that occasion to pass without recalling his memory. Bro. Cope responded. Bro. Wooldridge proposed The W.M., wishing him health and prosperity, and a successful year of office. The toast was drunk with the greatest cordiality, and Bro. Batkin in reply said, that in accepting the position which he now occupied he had done so with a thorough determination to carry out all the duties of the office to the best of his knowledge and ability. Bro. the Rev. E. C. Perry proposed the Visitors, the names of Bros. Joseph G. Baker, Perkins and Gee, being coupled with the toast. Bro. Woolley proposed the Masonic Charities, and mentioned that there were only three other Provinces in England which surpassed that of Staffordshire in the extent of their contributions to the Masonic Charities. He also stated that the Stafford Lodge contributed last year 50 guineas to the Charities. Bro. F. Taylor responded. A number of other Masonic toasts were honoured. The toast list was pleasantly interspersed with songs by Messrs. John and James Follows, Mr. J. Jackson acting as accompanyist. We may state that in the course of the proceedings Col. Gough announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Stafford, on the 29th of May.

SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

THE eighth installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th instant, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. At four o'clock p.m. the Officers, with their usual punctuality, had assembled, there being also a large gathering of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. L. E. Eagle, the visitors present including Bro. Vail 1155, Lloyd 72, Coysh 1238, R. and W. J. Tilling 765, W. H. Barney 79, C. T. Gashion 902, Gross 1314, Grover 186, Wouraster 15, Thomson 1297, Flood 1929, Hall 1437, Wallis and Granger 901, Penny 1679, White 1897, Campbell 215, C. A. White 1777, Eedle 1441, Stamp, Walsh and others. The minutes of the preceding regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed, when the W.M. proceeded with the business by raising Bros. J. Dickerson and S. Box-hall, this was followed by the passing of Bro. R. Wedgall Thomas to the second degree. Bro. J. M. Wimble was then presented by the D.C. as W.M.-elect, and a Board of Masters having been formed he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M. Bro. L. E. Eagle. The following Officers were then appointed and invested, viz., Bros. Gauntlett S.W., Rowan J.W., E. Eagle Treasurer, L. E. Eagle Secretary, Hook P.M. D.C., W. Davies S.D., W. Wills J.D. Lightfoot I.G., A. Briant A.D.C., Morgan Org., Hobbs and Sweeney W.S.'s, Gay C.S., and Bowler Tyler. The addresses were then rendered in a most excellent and impressive manner. The auditors' report was read; it showed a very substantial balance of over £64 in hand, in addition to £17 in the Lodge Benevolent Fund. The balance sheet was received and adopted unanimously. The Lodge having been closed the Brethren assembled in the banqueting room, where a capital menu, prepared by the worthy host Bro. D. Bear, in his usual faultless style, was fully discussed. The W.M. proposed in brief but well chosen words the toasts of the Queen, H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers; each of which were enthusiastically received. The I.P.M. Bro. L. E. Eagle now rose; the gavel had been entrusted to him, and the brethren must be aware it was for the purpose of proposing the health of their W.M. This he considered the most important toast of the evening. The W.M. and himself had regularly followed each others footsteps in the various duties of the Lodge, from their initiation, and he was proud in having installed his successor into the honourable position he now occupied. He trusted Bro. Wimble would have as prosperous a year as the one just concluded. The W.M. in reply thanked the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received the toast, and after descanting on the ability of the Officers he had chosen, he said he relied upon the brethren generally to support him through his year of office. The next important toast, that of the visitors, was heartily given and responded to by several of the brethren, who were unanimous in their praise of the working of the Lodge. The toast of the Installing and Past Masters was next in order, and here the W.M. embraced the opportunity of investing the I.P.M. Bro. L. E. Eagle with a gold P.M.'s jewel, as also with the new regulation P.M.'s collar and jewel, the brethren evidencing their appreciation by uniting with the W.M. in wishing Bro. Eagle long life to wear them as an honour to himself and to the Lodge. Bro. L. E. Eagle made a brief and appropriate reply. He was followed by Bros. P.M.'s Hook, Bennett and Anderson. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was also well received. Bro. Eagle in re-pounding thanked the brethren for electing him (for the sixth time) to the honourable office of Treasurer, it was a source of pleasure to know that his efforts had given the members so much satisfaction. The balance sheet was a very creditable one, but much of the success of the year must be attributed to Bro. Gay's energy as Secretary. Bro. Gay had discharged his duties in a very efficient manner. One other feature he would refer to; he was pleased to announce that a sum of fifteen guineas would be handed over to one of the Institutions as the proceeds from the recent Selwyn Ball Bro. Gay also responded in most suitable terms. The toasts of the Officers and Tyler brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The musical arrangements were by Bros. W. H. Hook, Gay, Granger, Eagle, Campbell, Morgan, Hobbs, C. A. White, Wallis and Stamp.

CONSTANCE LODGE, No. 2135.

THE third anniversary was celebrated on the evening of the 18th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Consett, when Bro. Reuton, M.D. W.M.-elect, was duly installed Master by Bro. C. E. Barnes. The W.M. invested the following as Officers:—Bros. J. Noble I.P.M., Dunn S.W., Brotherwood J.W., Christopher Treasurer, Snell Secretary, Eledon S.D., Henry Prevell J.D., Dryden Organist, McKay D. of C., Richardson I.G., Calvert S.S., Curry J.S., and Berry Tyler. The company subsequently adjourned to the New Town Hall, where an excellent banquet was served up by Mrs. E. Brown, the proprietress of the Railway Hotel.

ARTHUR SULLIVAN LODGE, No. 2156.

COLONEL Le Gendre N. Starkie, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the Province of East Lancashire, entertained the members of this Lodge, with a number of Provincial Officers, at the residence, Huntroyde, near Burnley, on the 18th inst. The party numbered about 50 brethren. Great preparations had been made for the visit, which took the form of a social pic-nic, the arrangements being conducted by Bro. E. W. Irving on behalf of the Lodge, and Bro. J. H. Sillitoe on behalf of the Provincial Officers. The visitors on their arrival were shown through the house, which contains a wealth of pictures, statuary, ancient implements of warfare, hunting trophies, and family relics, which form a most interesting collection. After lunch the party were conducted through the stables, which contain a large and valuable stud of hunters. They next visited the kennels, in which are housed the finest pack of harriers in Lancashire. The extensive conservatories and vineries were also visited, after which the brethren were photographed in group. After dinner the proceedings took the form of an improvised concert, and, as the Arthur Sullivan Lodge numbers among its members some of the best musicians in Manchester, proved a great success. Bros. Seymour Jackson, N. Dumville, William Dumville, Cuthbert Blacow, James Whittaker, Fred Gordon, Oliver Gazge, Mark Stafford, Charles Turner, A. S. Kinnell, John Grimshaw and W. H. Murphy, each contributed his share to a select and extensive programme. The singing, by the united voices, of "Comrades in Arms," was a magnificent performance, and received a special compliment from the gallant host. Bro. N. Dumville sang a Masonic song,

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"The bonnie lad wi' th' apron on," music by himself, and words by Bro. Ben Brierley, and dedicated to Bro. Starkey. At the request of the host, Bro. Ben Brierley recited "Ab-o'th-Yate's address to the Prince of Wales." During the evening Her Majesty's health was drunk; that of the Prince of Wales Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in England following. Bro. Alfred H. Williams, Worshipful Master of the Arthur Sullivan Lodge, proposed the health of their generous host, which was drunk with enthusiasm. In responding, Colonel Starkie expressed himself as being proud of the visit. It had been a "red letter" day to him, and one that he could never forget. The toast of "Mrs. Starkie and Family" was responded to by Master Henry Starkie, in a "maiden speech." After "the Worshipful Master of the Lodge" had been proposed by Bro. Starkie, a most delightful day was brought to a close.

STOCKWELL LODGE, No. 1339.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th instant, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, under the presidency of Bro. H. J. Pain, the Worshipful Master of the past year. After the opening of the Lodge, the reception of the report of the Audit Committee, and the transaction of some other matters of detail, the Worshipful Master vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, who formally installed Bro. A. G. Boswell as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, performing the ceremony in the masterly way for which Bro. Frances is so celebrated. The newly-installed Master invested Bro. Pain as I.P.M. and appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. G. Myers S.W., R. J. Cullen J.W., H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Secretary, R. R. Templeman P.M. Dir. of Cers., H. Tyrer S.D., J. Pollard J.D., A. Bowers I.G., and Parkinson Tyler. Bro. James Pain P.M., re-elected Treasurer of the Lodge, was not invested, as, in consequence of engagements abroad, he was unable to be present. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Pain. Bro. Boswell, in making the presentation, said all would agree Brother Pain well deserved this mark of their favour; though he had been absent from some of their meetings, when he was present he had done his work admirably, and had proved himself a thoroughly good Mason. Bro. Pain thanked the brethren; during the remainder of his life and connection with the Lodge his services should always be at their disposal. A grant of five guineas from the Lodge funds was then made in favour of the Boys' School, to be added to the list of Brother Frances, who will act as Steward at the next Festival. Lodge was then closed. The brethren dined together in another room. On rising to give the usual toasts the Worshipful Master said he should be very brief in his remarks. The preliminary sentiments were appropriately proposed and cordially received. The I.P.M., in proposing the health of his successor said that he was sure the Stockwell Lodge was fortunate in having such a Master as Brother Boswell; it was satisfactory to the Lodge that the sons of the Past Masters were coming forward, and in their turn succeeding to the Master's chair. Brother Boswell had passed through every office in the Lodge, and had performed the duties of each position with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the members, who were delighted to congratulate him on having reached the highest honour the Lodge could bestow on any of its members. He hoped that the initiates would be numerous during Brother Boswell's reign, and that the funds of the Lodge would increase in proportion. He knew all would join in wishing Brother Boswell a happy and prosperous year. Brother Boswell returned Bro. Pain and the members of the Lodge his sincere thanks for the very kind manner in which his health had been proposed. He was initiated eight years ago; had passed through every office, and performed every kind of Masonic duty in the Lodge. It was a proud moment for him to find himself in the position of Master. In one respect the brethren had made a bad selection, he knew he was no orator, and could not do justice to the toasts which it was part of his duty as president to propose. Words entirely failed him to express his feelings on the present occasion; he could therefore only in a homely way thank the brethren for the honour that had been done him in the way the toast had been proposed and received. He should like to have a successful year, and hoped the brethren would bring forward candidates of the right sort; give him plenty of work to do; and otherwise heartily support him. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Brothers Coltman, Westley, Stephens, Thomas, and Scott. The W.M. now proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, a toast unfortunately omitted from the list. He referred to Bro. Pain's work in the Lodge, and to the great interest he took in its affairs. Although he was sometimes compelled to absent himself from their meetings through his business calling him abroad, he was never forgetful of his Lodge, and generally managed to send them a cablegram timed so as to arrive during their meeting. Brother Pain having replied, the health of the Installing Master, Brother Frances, was given, and he having acknowledged the compliment paid him, the Immediate Past Master proposed the health of Bro. Moss P.M., who, during the unavoidable absence of Bro. Pain had occupied the chair and performed his duties. On behalf of the brethren of the Lodge he asked Brother Moss to accept a small token of their regard, which consisted of an illuminated testimonial (very creditably executed by Bro. Frances), and a photographic album, which it was intended should be furnished with the portraits of the members of the Lodge. Brother Moss accepted with sincere pleasure the token of respect with which they had honoured him. It had evidently been kept a dead secret, for it had come upon him as a most complete surprise. It had given him a great deal of pleasure during Brother Pain's unavoidable absence to [illegible] of W.M. He had always had the interests of the [illegible] at heart, and would never in any [illegible] Brothers Pain and Moss [illegible] the Treasurer and Secretary, and the S.W. and the other Officers of the Lodge received attention, the Tyler's toast closing the proceedings.

Among the Visitors present were Bros. Humfress 733, Conway 1891 A. le Claire 1003, Pugh 2147, Westley 186, Scarr 1891, Scott 452 Storr 167, Youlden 1891, Stephens 1425, Jones 1686, Coltman 1265, E. C. Massey, Mason 2246, Chappell 1425, Newman 1590, Minns 1892, Cannon 1539, Morgan 211, &c.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 2226.

ON Thursday, the 19th inst., the roll of the Monmouthshire Lodges was increased to ten by the consecration of this new Lodge, which took place at the Masonic-hall, Rhymney. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Colonel Charles Lyne P.G. Master, assisted by Bro. Captain Samuel George Homfray. The founders are: Bros. Nicholl Bradley W.M., Roger W. Jones S.W., J. J. Williams J.W., W. Pritchard, Rev. T. J. Jones, M.A., D. F. Pritchard, J. Rhys Williams, Thomas Hall Redwood, W. Griffith, W. Ll. Marks, F. R. M. Stone, Daniel Evans, Thomas Davies, Thos. Thomas, Rees T. E. Davies, Isaac B. Jones, J. Lewis Smith, Tom B. Yendoll, J. Richard Davies, and R. Swedenbank. In addition to the above, there was a very large number of visiting brethren present. The Lodge was duly dedicated and constituted in the customary manner, the musical portions of the ceremony being ably rendered under the direction of Bro. Illtyd J. David, and Bro. J. Radley, assisted by other brethren. Bro. Nicholl Bradley was installed W.M. by Bro. Captain Homfray. The W.M. then invested the following Officers:—Bros. Roger W. Jones S.W., Williams J.W., Rev. T. Theophilus Chaplain, Pritchard Treasurer, Lloyd Marks Secretary, Pritchard S.D., Thomas J.D., Stone I.G., David Organist, the Rev. T. E. Davies D.C., John Rhys Williams S.S., Smith J.S., and Jones Tyler. Several candidates for initiation were proposed and brethren as joining members, after which the company, numbering 126, proceeded to the Royal Hotel where a banquet took place, under the presidency of Bro. Nicholl Bradley, served in capital style by host Bro. J. J. Williams.

MARK MASONRY.

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CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

THE Installation meeting was held at Colchester, on Thursday, the 19th inst., when Bro. J. S. Bailey S.W. was installed as W.M. in a most able manner, by Bro. the Rev. E. Crate. At the close of the ceremony the following were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Clowes I.P.M., G. A. Eustace S.W., Wm. Sowman J.W., R. D. Poppleton M.O., A. H. Bowles S.O., Frank Quilter J.O., Rev. E. H. Crate Chaplain, J. P. Lewin Treasurer, T. J. Ralling Secretary, Thos. Rix Registrar, George Harrison S.D., H. J. Skingley J.D., Rev. W. Morgan Jones D.C., J. J. C. Turner Organist, J. G. Renshaw I.G., S. Munson Tyler, Arthur Wright assistant Tyler, J. Ashdown and S. D. C. Ablitt Stewards. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Crate, who, in responding, said it was always a pleasure, as he felt it to be a duty, to do anything he could for Masonry generally, and particularly his mother Lodge. Feeling allusion was made to the loss the Lodge had sustained since the last meeting in the death of Bro. T. Eustace, and the W.M. directed that the Lodge be put in mourning for the next three months, as a mark of respect for his memory. Letters of regret at their inability to attend were read from the R.W. P.G.M., the Lord Henniker; the V.W. D.P.G.M., the Rev. C. J. Martyn; Bro. N. Tracy the P.G. Sec.; and several other distinguished brethren. Thirty brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, a sumptuous repast being served by the Host, Mr. Coope. The usual Mark toasts were duly honoured, and the pleasure of the brethren was greatly enhanced by a musical programme rendered by Bros. Taylor, Theodore Distin, Smith, Collins, Richard Clowes, and Turner. Among the brethren present, besides those already mentioned, were Bros. A. Welch, Pascall 342, Sathery 342, Wykes, Matthews, Tyler, Gosling, McInerny, &c.

ST. AUSTELL LODGE, No. 275.

THE annual meeting was held at the Lodge Room, St. Austell, on Tuesday, 17th inst., when Bro. Richard Parson was installed for the ensuing year. The newly-elected W.M. invested his Officers: Bros. J. de C. Treffry I.P.M., Tredinnick S.W., William Isaac Watts J.W., Job M.O., Derry S.O., Simon Truscott J.O. and Organist, Mason Treasurer, Whetter Secretary, Edyvean Reg. of Marks, J. McTurk S.D., Soxhall J.D., Sowden Smith C.D., Blight I.G., Lake and Richards Stewards, and Real Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M.

Early in next month the Duke of Abercorn will preside at a grand Masonic banquet to be held in Dublin. A Masonic ball in the cause of charity will also be held, under the patronage of the Duchess of Abercorn and other leading Irish ladies.

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OLD MASONIANS.

THE annual dinner of this recently formed Association, established for the purpose of engendering a system for mutual help and support among the former pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place on Saturday last, the 21st inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. Frederick Binckes Past Grand Sword Bearer, Secretary of the R.M.I.B. Bro. Binckes was supported by Bros. Dr. Ramsay, Joyce Murray, Richard Eve Grand Treasurer, Dr. Richard Morris, LL.D., Head Master of the School, Mr. C. Prest White (King's College), Bro. W. W. Morgan, &c., together with about forty of the old scholars. After a well-served repast had been done justice to, the following toast list was proceeded with: the Queen, our Grand Patron; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, President of the Institution; the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; The Old Masonians; Dr. Morris, the Head Master; the House Committee; the Chairman, our President; and the Visitors. In the course of the evening some interesting matters were considered, and we prognosticate that the Association, which has now secured a firm footing, will prove of immense advantage to those who have associated themselves under its banner. It was announced that Bro. Binckes would be succeeded as President by Bro. Augustus F. Godson, M.P. Mr. E. A. Morris, who has rendered material service to the members at their several entertainments during the past year, was made the recipient of a testimonial in appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the Association. The toasts and speeches were interspersed with songs from the old scholars, and a banjo solo by Mr. T. Hutton was received with especial favour.

FORTESCUE ANNUITY FUND.

A MEETING of the donors and subscribers to the Masonic Fortescue Annuity Fund was held at the Masonic Hall, Exeter, on the 8th instant. The principal business was to elect two annuitants, and to consider a report on the revisal of the rules of the fund. Bros. W. G. Rogers D.P.G.M. presided. Before proceeding to the election of the annuitants a discussion arose as to the mode of voting. The printed form on which the votes were to be given stated that subscribers having one vote could only give the same to any one candidate. But it was pointed out that in the printed rules or by-laws for the administration of the fund, under the "order of voting," section first said, "The privilege of voting on applications may be exercised in respect of as many applicants as there are vacancies to be filled up." The Chairman said he should leave the decision of this question to the meeting. The discrepancy between the two authorities on the privilege of voting was, however, to be regretted, as no doubt many voters who had sent their votes had followed the instructions of the voting papers. Bro. Lane proposed that the election should proceed in accordance with the by-laws. This was seconded by Bro. H. Stocker, who said the by-laws must be followed; the meeting had no authority to alter them. The proposition was carried unanimously, and the election took place on that basis. The voters present who had followed the direction of the forms altered their voting to accord with the rules. There were five candidates, and those elected were a brother aged 65, formerly of Torquay, now of Monmouthshire, a member of the Brixham Lodge, 248, who had subscribed for over thirty years, and was a P.M.; and a brother aged 78, of Dartington, a member of the Totnes Lodge, 710, who had subscribed for thirty years, and was also a P.M. The votes given to the other candidates were carried on for the next election. During the election it was announced that the votes of several Lodges had been declared invalid in consequence of their not having sent in their Provincial returns before 25th March. The votes of 954 were also valueless, not arriving at the office of the secretary until after the election was over. It was announced that since the notice was given of the present election two more vacancies had occurred among the annuitants, through the deaths of Bros. Frederick Belton, a former lessee of Exeter Theatre, and Thomas Brice, aged 87, of Plymtree, near Clysthydon. It was resolved to hold an election on 5th July, to fill those vacancies, all applications of candidates to be sent in by 5th June. The report of the sub-committe appointed on 3rd February, to consider and report on the rules of the fund was then submitted. Each proposed alteration was read and discussed, and various modifications were suggested and adopted. The changes that will be recommended at the next Provincial Grand Lodge are made principally for the rendering the by-laws clearer. The points of importance are that the annual meeting for the fund is to be fixed for the first Thursday in July; no Master of a Lodge whose returns were reported by the P.G. Secretary as being in arrears at the last Provincial Grand Lodge shall be entitled to attend or vote at any meeting of the institution; the appointing of a committee of management is to be abolished; the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. are to have five votes each instead of three; and the Masters, Wardens, and members of Lodges signing certicates for applicants for an annuity must sign those certificates in open Lodge.

In a recent issue of the *Nottinghamshire Express* the Editor makes the following comments:—

The Freemasons of England are always careful, from their Grand Master the Prince of Wales downwards, when they stand by the grave and toss a sprig of evergreen acacia on the coffin of a deceased brother, to give full-voiced utterance to the beautiful ritual which disclaims interference in politics, prejudice in religion, or any *raison d'être* for the "mystic tie," except the sublime cult of "brotherly love, relief, and truth." We are, therefore, pained to find the *Daily Telegraph's* correspondent declaring that the excitement over the "Boulanger Question" has penetrated to the Lodges of French Freemasonry, and that in "the sunny land of France" politics form as prominent a feature in the business of the "Craft" as its "Ritual," and the rise to statesman's rank of various men of little or no talent is often to be explained by the fact that they happened to be high-up in their Lodges. The outer world will, in all probability, never know the enormous part which Freemasonry has played among the politicians of the Third Republic. Efforts, it is alleged, are now being made to rally the "Free and Accepted" to the anti-Boulangist side. This may be no more than one of the characteristic *canards* of our contemporary's clever and imaginative Paris Correspondent; but if it is a lie, it needs none the less to be nailed. People often shake their heads gravely and suspiciously when they vote the inexplicable rise of some Freemasons in the commercial or social scale, and it would be a very disturbing element if the idea got abroad that the mysterious Craft, which the Prince of Wales rises in the East to rule and govern, really discusses and interferes in politics behind its closely tyled doors. Such a suspicion as appears to attach to French Freemasonry makes an outsider feel not so much astonished that a reactionary Pope like Pio Nono "banned" the Order.

We reproduce the following interesting communication from the *Western Mail*.

"MOIRA."

To the Editor of the Western Mail.

SIR,—Your correspondent "E. J. T." has told us that the places in Cardiff called "Moira" "are, no doubt, named after the maternal grandfather of Lord Bute, who was second Earl of Moira, and afterwards first Marquess of Hastings." In this I think he is correct, so it would be interesting if he, or some of your correspondents, would give us, in your able paper, the etymology of "Moira," which rather seems to be a Celtic appellation. Earl Moira was a brave and gallant officer, who greatly distinguished himself in America at the Battle of Bunker's Hill, and it was said the Battle of Camden was chiefly decided by his heroism. At the beginning of the French War he was major-general, and ably aided the Royalists in Brittany. In 1794 he reinforced the Duke of York in the Netherlands with much ability. He declined to accept pay, and spent more than £30,000 of his own money in his country's service. In India during his administration, as Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief for nine years, his hospitality had no bounds. This prevented him from becoming wealthy in the lucrative situation his lordship held. He twice received the thanks of the Court of Directors and both Houses of Parliament for suppressing the Pindarries, the warlike Goorkhas of Nepaul, and the Mahrattas.

As "E. J. T." well remarked, "many of your readers who are Freemasons would find it interesting to remember that the Earl of Moira was an active and distinguished member of the Craft." In India the Freemasons are far more enthusiastic and in much greater force than in this country. There can be hardly better proof of this than the splendid Grand Master's jewel, worth 1,000 guineas, which was presented to Earl Moira in Calcutta. After his time in India one or two of the Governor-Generals who succeeded him became also Grand Masters. When the late Marquess of Dalhousie arrived in Calcutta as Governor-General, Dr. John Grant, many years Master of the Mint and Apothecary-General, was then, and for a long time afterwards, the Grand Master, to the great satisfaction of his Masonic brethren. He shortly got his lordship to become their Grand Master, to the great delight of all concerned. At the first great Masonic banquet presided over by Lord Dalhousie as Grand Master a favourite Masonic song (composed by Dr. Grant) was heartily joined in, of which below I beg to give a few lines, which may please your numerous Masonic readers:—

"Are your glasses charged in the east and west?" the Worshipful Master cries;
"They are charged in the east, they are charged in the west," are the Wardens' prompt replies.
"Then to our final toast; this night your glasses fairly drain—
'Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.'

"When'er we meet, where'er we go, true friendship is our aim,
Our Brotherly fidelity shall ever be the same;
We prize each brother, fair or dark, who bears no moral stain—
'Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.'

"The Mason feels the noble truth the Scottish ploughman told,
That rank is but the guinea-stamp—the man himself's the gold.
The poor and rich unite with us, and equal rights maintain—
'Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.'"

CARDIFF. I am, &c. ROYAL ARCH.



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It is most important that Brethren desiring to act as Stewards on this unique occasion should communicate their intention to the Secretary with as little delay as possible, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

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WILL BE HELD

ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 1888,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P.

R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Devon.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are most urgently needed this year, as, owing to the confidently anticipated and naturally to be expected exceptional support assured to the Centenary Celebration of the sister Institution, the gravest apprehensions are excited as to the realisation of the amount absolutely required to meet the ordinary annual expenditure.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G.Sword Bearer), V.-Pat., Secretary.

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16th April 1888.

The Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers of

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are earnestly solicited on behalf of

OLUF HAXTHAUSEN P.M. No. 35,

Who is a Candidate for election to the benefits of the Institution. Bro. Haxthausen was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 40 years ago; has been W.M. of Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, of which he is still a Subscribing Member; he was for many years the Consular Agent of France for the Isle of Wight, and was in prosperous circumstances; but owing to depression in trade and domestic afflictions he has been reduced to utter destitution, and being old and very infirm he is incapacitated from seeking any employment. His application is supported by the Charities' Committee of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and is strongly recommended by the following Brethren.

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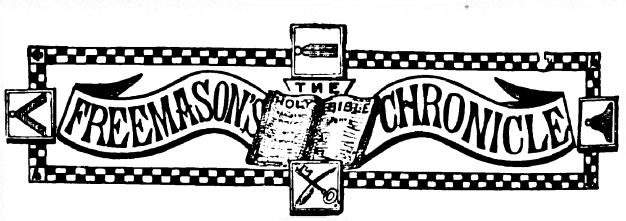
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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 2nd day of 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 18th January to the 17th April 1888, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter - -	608	10	4	Disbursements during the quarter -	305	17	5
„ Unappropriated Account -	206	15	1	Balance - -	734	17	11
Subsequent Receipts-	426	8	6	„ Unappropriated Account -	200	18	7
	£1241	13	11		£1241	13	11

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

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The Committee have received a report from the Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry of Victoria, Australia, stating that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada has recently thought fit to establish three Royal Arch Chapters in the Colony of Victoria, and that such Chapters are in active work.

The Committee feel it to be their duty to bring this serious matter at once before Grand Chapter, and to remind it that the Grand Lodge of England has always held and maintained that the jurisdiction of Colonial and Dominion Grand Lodges cannot be recognised as extending beyond their own territorial limits.

The Committee have therefore to recommend that Grand Chapter should declare these Royal Arch Chapters thus established by the Grand Chapter of Canada, in Victoria, to be irregular, and should direct that the English Royal Arch Chapters in that Colony—of which there at present eleven—be informed of the same, and ordered to hold no communication with these Canadian Chapters and to refuse admission to their members; and further, that a copy of such resolution of Grand Chapter be transmitted to the]Grand[Royal Arch Chapter of Canada for its information.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick, in British North America, reporting that they had been regularly established in March 1887, and asking recognition by the Grand Chapter of England, and that fraternal communication may be established between the two Grand Chapters.

The Committee recommend that, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has been duly acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of England and representatives exchanged, the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick be also recognised.

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

1st. From Companions Edward Hyde Hewett, C.M.G., as Z., Lennox Browne as H., Edward Luxmoore Marshall as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, London, to be called "The Empire Chapter," and to meet at the Criterion, Piccadilly, London.

2nd. From Companions Walter Hopekirk as Z., Henry Albert Lovett as H., James Kew as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, London, to be called "The Manchester Chapter," and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

3rd. From Companions George Francis Crane as Z., George Henry Cooper as H., Hugh William Henry Elwes as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Unity, No. 71, Lowestoft, to be called "The Lowestoft Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

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

The Committee have further to report that they have received a Memorial from the Companions of the Chapter of St. James, No. 2, London, 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 of February 1882.

This Memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence which will complete 100 years in June, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted, the Charter to be dated the 13th June 1888.

The Committee have also received memorials, with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters :—

The Vane Chapter, No. 538, from the Freemasons' Hall, to the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn.

The Meribah Chapter, No. 350, from the Grapes Inn, Stonecrough, to the Church Hotel, Kearsley.

The Queen's Westminster Chapter, No. 2021, from 8A Red Lion square, to the Holborn Restaurant, Holborn.

The Committee recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee beg to recommend and the President will move :—

> That the sum of one hundred guineas be granted from the funds of this Grand Chapter as a donation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The Committee also recommend that the trustees of the funds of Grand Chapter be authorised to consent to the conversion of the 3 per cent. Consols into the 2½ per cent. Stock.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th April 1888.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Sussex was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The Provincial Grand Superintendent, Comp. Gerard Ford, presided, and was ably supported. The Provincial Grand Superintendent addressed those present as follows :—

Companions,—It is now twelve months since, for the first time, it became my duty to address you from this chair, and although there is now little upon which I need dilate, yet you will agree that it is advisable for the usual custom to be adhered to of referring to the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province at this, our annual meeting. Since I last delivered an address to you we are less numerous by some seven Companions. This being so, it behoves us more than ever to stand shoulder to shoulder, and, by our unity and our Masonic conduct generally, to attract new acquisitions to Royal Arch Masonry. It does not follow that we are in a retrograding position because we have lost a few members, for as I have, I think, said before, a comparatively small but compact fraternity may have greater strength, do more good, and set a better example in Masonry than a larger but, perhaps, less cohesive body; whilst we can recognise, on the brighter side of the picture, the satisfactory circumstance that there have been some twenty exaltations, and at least one in every Chapter of the Province. You have heard read the statistics, which shew that our finances are in a fair condition, and I trust that at the close of another year we may, by new accessions to our numbers, be able to show a still better balance sheet. I am sure all here will share my regret that amongst our visitors we cannot number several Companions of distinction, who, but for the distribution of prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to-day, would have responded to my invitations. I am also very sorry that our Prov. Grand Treasurer, Companion Crosskey, is unable to be present to-day. He spent the winter abroad, under medical advice, and returning, almost entirely to attend to Masonic duties, has suffered a relapse, but, although much better, is still confined to his room. I hope he will soon be restored to health. I must thank the several Principals throughout the Province for their assistance, and I hope that they and their successors will continue to do their best to secure the abiding prosperity and popularity of this sublime degree.

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year :—

Comp.	W. H. Hallett P.Z. 271	H.
	W. Dawes P.Z. 40	J.
	Freeman P.Z. 311 315 732	S.E.
	H. Abbey P.Z. 271	S.N.
	R. Crosskey P.Z. 311	Treasurer
	R. Pidcock P.Z. 916	Registrar
	H. Davey P.Z. 732	Sojourner
	E. Broadbridge P.Z. 811	Assistant Sojourner
	S. Tanner P.Z. 311	2nd Assistant Sojourner
	O. Lloyd P.Z. 38	Sword Bearer
	G. B. Lockyer P.Z. 315	Standard Bearer
	H. E. Price H. 1466	Director of Ceremonies
	A. King P.Z. 271	Organist
	C. Briscoe P.Z. 311	Stewards
	J. M. Reed Z. 732	Stewards
	H. H. Hughes	Janitor

The Chapter having been formally closed, the Companions sat down to a banquet, served up in elegant style by Bro. Mutton.

PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE annual Grand Chapter of this Province was held at Carlisle on Tuesday, 10th inst., in the County Hall, under the banner of the Union Chapter, No. 310. The Chapter was opened at 12·30 p.m. M.E. Comp. Jas. A. Wheatley P.Z. 310 P.P.G.J. presided as Z., Comp. G. Dalrymple as H., Ed. Tyson J., George J. M'Kay S.E., R. J. Nelson Treasurer, H. Court S.N., J. J. Robinson P.S., J. Paterson Dir. of Cers., T. A. Argles, C. J. Nanson, J. Hall Stewards, W. B. Cowman Sword Bearer, R. Tyson, Charles Gowan, W. Pagen, Wm. Carlyle, T. Brakenridge, George Murchie, T. J. Richardson, H. Moser, J. G. Gandy, H. Bewes, G. P. Abrahams, James Gardiner, E. B. Mitchell, Ed. Armitage, and others. The minutes of last annual Chapter, held last April at Carlisle, was read and confirmed, when Comp. R. J. Nelson was again elected P.G. Treasurer; Comp. Messenger was re-elected Janitor. The following Companions were then invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—

Comp.	George Dalrymple	H.
	Dr. Charles Gore Ring	J.
	George J. M'Kay	S.E.
	Henry Court	S.N.
	W. B. Cowman	P.S.
	Robert Brown	1st Assistant Soj.
	Joseph Hall	2nd Assistant Soj.
	R. J. Nelson	Treasurer
	James G. Gandy	Registrar
	Thomas A. Argles	Sword Bearer
	James Wilson	Standard Bearer
	Joseph T. Ray S.E. 119	Director of Ceremonies
	G. P. Abraham	Organist
	J. C. Mason 310	Stewards
	Charles Gowan 119	Stewards
	John Harris 327	Stewards
	John Messenger	Janitor

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The Provincial Grand Treasurer next read a statement of accounts, which showed a good balance in favour of the Province, and also that Royal Arch Masonry was, like other degrees, making good progress. On the motion of the acting First Principal, supported by the Third Principal, they were passed as read. The P.G.S.E. intimated that all the Chapters in the Province had made the customary returns in due course, as required by the Bye-laws, and, according to notice of motion, moved that the sum of ten guineas be voted towards each fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was confirmed by a unanimous vote.

PROV. G. CHAPTER OF DERBYSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was recently held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, under the presidency of Companion H. C. Okeover, Provincial G.H. There was a large attendance. Comp. Cox P.P.G.J. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The P.G. Superintendent appointed his Officers, as follow :—

Comp. G. T. Wright	J.
W. Naylor	Scribe E.
J. O. Manton	Scribe N.
James Whitehead	Sojourner
T. F. Hall	1st Assistant Sojourner
James Rhodes	2nd Assistant Sojourner
W. Dust	Registrar
Thomas Cox	Treasurer
H. Cupit	Sword Bearer
T. E. Yeomans	Standard Bearer
Percy Wallis	Director of Ceremonies
Edgar Horne	Organist
Thomas Day	Janitor

ST. PETROCK CHAPTER, No. 339.

THE quarterly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Bodmin, on Thursday, the 12th inst. Bros. T. Whale and T. Tonkin were ably exalted by Comp. T. H. Spear. The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year :—Comps. W. T. Davey Z., Bernard F., Edyvean H., R. F. Edyvean J., Crabb S.E., Page S.N., Gilbert P.S., Brewer 1st A.S., Whale 2nd A.S. A chaste and beautiful P.Z.'s jewel was then presented to Comp. W. Rowe, by Comp. T. Spear, on behalf of the Chapter, in recognition of Comp. Rowe's valuable services to the Chapter for many years past. In addition to this highly-prized jewel, Bro. Rowe also possesses a handsome P.M.'s jewel, presented to him by Lodge One and All.

ST. ANNE'S CHAPTER, No. 970.

THE annual meeting was held at East Looe, on Tuesday, 17th inst., to instal Comps. J. Doney as Z., S. White as H., and R. Edgcumbe as J., for the year ensuing. The other Officers invested were :—Companions Lillecrapp S.E., Johns S.N., Maddock P.S., Olver 1st A. Soj., Walters 2nd A. Soj., Olver Treasurer, Oliver Janitor. At the close of the Chapter the Companions adjourned to the Ship Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided.

ELIOT CHAPTER, No. 1164.

THE annual meeting was held at St. Germains, on the 18th inst., to instal the principals for the ensuing year, viz.—Comps. J. Sobey Z., G. Tretheway H., and J. D. Pearn J. The Officers were invested, as follows :—F. Johns S.E., Nicholl S.N., Bersey P. Soj., Carne A. Soj., Hawke 2nd A. Soj., Kerswell Treasurer, Hawke Janitor. The Companions adjourned to the Elliot Arms for their annual banquet.

THIRD CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

DURING the current week a supper has taken place to mark the completion of another of those useful feeders of the Masonic Institutions, which, under the style of Masonic Benevolent Associations or some similar title, are really organisations formed for the purpose of securing to their members ten guinea Life Governorships by small weekly or monthly payments. We never hear of one of these Associations being completed, or take part in what we may term their winding-up, without a feeling of regret. Regret that it is not possible to establish them on a permanent basis, and thus utilise the organisation and the co-operation which they usually call forth for a longer period than the four years to which they are generally limited. It has not, however, yet been made apparent that permanency is possible, but we do not despair of one day seeing such an innovation attempted as shall lead to a realisation of our hopes in this respect. All that is needed for the start is the co-operation of a few public spirited men, who do not object to give their time and, it may be their votes, in furtherance of a good cause—one which would amply repay them for their self sacrifice, and would lead to increased benefits for the Institutions. The foregoing remarks must be taken rather in a general sense than as having any special reference to the Association under notice, inasmuch as a fourth Association was started at the same meeting as that at which the third was wound up, and many of the former members expressed their determination to continue their subscriptions. Altogether we hope the wish expressed at the meeting, that the fourth Association might be a greater success than its predecessors may be realised.

On Monday, the 23rd inst., the Audit Meeting of the Third City Association was held at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch Street, and on that occasion, a report was submitted, showing what had been done during the four years the Association had been in existence. On the following Wednesday the supper took place, at the White Hart, Abchurch Lane, this being presided over by Bro. John Newton P.M. 174, 1607, &c., the President of the Association. At the conclusion of the supper Bro. Newton proposed the health of the Queen; that having been honoured, Bro. W. W. Morgan rose to submit the toast of the evening—the City Masonic Benevolent Associations. In doing so Bro. Morgan said it seemed only the other day the first of these Associations was started, and now they were assembled to wish success to a fourth. He referred to the report of the one just completed, which showed that upwards of one thousand guineas had been collected during the four years of its existence, for the Masonic Institutions, while the working expenses were returned at the insignificant figure of £8 8s 1d. Up to the present time 96 Life Governorships had been paid from the third Association to the Masonic Institutions, 48 having gone to the Benevolent Institution, 33 to the Girls' School, and 15 to the Boys'. This allotment, said Bro. Morgan, was not to be wondered at when they took into account the proclivities of certain Lodges to give the bulk of their support to one Institution, perhaps to the detriment of the other two. As was well known the City Associations were largely composed of members of the Sincerity Lodge—a warm supporter of the Benevolent Institution,—and this might account for the excess of Life Governorships paid to that Charity. This could not be described exactly as an evil, but it would perhaps be better if a more equitable distribution were attempted. He was told their first Association had realised close on £800, their second something like £900, and their third, as he had said, upwards of 1,000 guineas. These figures spoke more than words, and proved the vast amount of good that was being done by this and kindred Associations. He felt sure that with such a reputation behind them, and with such a Committee to work for the future, success would be assured for the venture on which they had just embarked, and that the Masonic Institutions would be yet further benefitted by their exertions. With the toast was coupled the name of Bro. John Newton, the President, who suitably replied. Then followed the toast of the Vice-President, Bro. F. Brown, who responded, and then submitted the new Committee, which is formed of the following brethren : Bros. C. Lacey P.M. and Treasurer 174, H. Magee S.D. 174, G. Jones P.M. 174, J. S. Fraser P.M. 174, C. H. Webb P.M. and Sec. 174, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, L. C. Haslip P.M. 813, A. Adams J.W., W. T. Canston P.M. 1726, J. R. Large P.M. 1607, C. W. Mapleton S.D. 256, G. F. Marshall P.M. 69, F. H. Paulton Bishop Senior Warden 1965. This toast was acknowledged by Bro. Charles Lacey, who was loud in his praise of the Associations with which he had been connected. He enjoyed the rank of Vice-President of each of the Masonic Institutions, and owed his position to such Associations as they were that day met to honour. Bro. C. H. Webb followed in similar strain, referring to the earlier days of their Masonic Charity Associations, and recounting some of the rebuffs they met with when their working was first attempted. Other brethren followed, among them being Bros. G. W. Verry the Treasurer and H. M. Hobbs the Secretary. The former spoke of the time, thirteen years back, when they had started their first City Association. All the original workers of that day were then present, a fact they might congratulate themselves upon, more especially when they looked back and considered the fruit of their labours. Brother Hobbs hoped their new venture would be as successful as any of its predecessors; that it might run into a four figure result, and that it would be followed by many similar ones in years to come. The toast of the Visitors was next given and with it was associated the name of Brother Morgan. That brother hardly expected he should be again called upon to speak, but having been so honoured he proposed, if the company approved, to briefly review some of the remarks of former speakers. Brother Webb had told them that these Charitable Associations had at first had cold water thrown upon them. He (Brother Morgan) hardly thought such a remark justifiable. Undoubtedly adverse opinions had been expressed at the start, but what new venture was proof against such attacks? He felt that much of the opposition which had been exercised against these Associations was levelled at other innovations—perhaps equally praiseworthy, but not so popular. He was sure that the opposition complained of was only fancied, and that no one more fully realised the benefits to be derived from such combinations than those who had the practical management of the Masonic Institutions. Then, Brother Verry had told them discretion was necessary on the part of the officers of such Associations, who must really remember that the funds were voluntarily subscribed. Undoubtedly this was true, and although the rules generally gave them arbitrary power it was not always wise to exercise it. There were many causes which might prevent a Mason doing all he intended to do. Should they expel him, because he was a few months in arrear? Certainly not, rather sacrifice everything than cause pain under the plea of Masonic Benevolence. In many cases experience had proved that a spirit of conciliation had done far more good than would have been accomplished by harsh measures. In regard to the prospects for their future, Bro. Morgan felt Bro. Hobbs should not be discouraged; the future was as bright as had been the future of either their first, second or third Association, and why should they anticipate a falling off for their fourth venture? Rather let them strive, as he was convinced they would do, to do their best, and in the end they would assuredly excel what had been done in years gone by. Shortly afterwards the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

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The already handsome roll of Stewards for the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls grows apace, no less than fifty new names having been added during the past week, thus swelling the total to 1157, of whom fifteen are Provincial Grand Masters. This is a splendid record already, but Bro. Hedges and the other officials of the Institution are not content to let the matter rest. They hope to win the co-operation of all the Provincial Grand Masters of England, and are working to secure a much larger roll of Stewards. That they will succeed in adding several more names to the list we are convinced, and we can but express the hope that they will secure such further co-operation as will not only satisfy them but the Masonic World at large.

The numerous and very generous response to the appeal for Stewards at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has rendered it absolutely necessary that the Executive Committee should obtain as much information as possible with a view to affording such accommodation to the Stewards and their friends as lies in their power. It will be impossible to provide places at the Banquet for more than the Stewards themselves and the distinguished guests, large as the dining space at the Albert Hall is; and therefore the Committee offer the next best opportunity to the Stewards of enabling ladies and their Masonic friends to witness what they believe will be one of the grandest gatherings in the annals of Freemasonry. The Committee offer to each Steward Four Tickets for the Festival on the 7th June, at the price of 10s 6d each, which will admit a Lady or Brother to any part of the Hall above the Loggia or ground tier of boxes, which will afford the opportunity of hearing the speeches; and to the conservatory, where music and light refreshment will be provided free, as well as in the Hall. For the 4th June, the day of the Distribution of Prizes, when the Recitals and Calisthenics will be given, a Ticket—not transferable—will be supplied free to each Steward on application. The Committee also offer Four Tickets to each Steward at 5s each, which will likewise include light refreshments. Application for these tickets must, however, be made not later than Monday, 7th May, as in the event of a Steward not availing himself of the invitation by that date, the Tickets will be appropriated to other Stewards as applied for.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey in the chair. There were 53 applications for assistance, the total amount granted being £1075. Two cases were dismissed as not complying with the rules, and six were deferred, being incomplete. In one case the petitioner having died the night before, it could not be adjudicated upon.

The Masonic authorities of the Province have accepted an invitation conveyed to them by the Town Clerk of Bristol, to lay the foundation stone of the statue of the Queen, in College Green, as they did the foundation stone of the High Cross, on 8th August 1850. The ceremony will take place on or about 1st June, the intention being to unveil the statue on Coronation Day, 28th June.

Several brethren of the Province of Bristol have been interesting themselves for some months past in the formation of a new Lodge. Permission has been granted, and the consecration will take place next month. The new Lodge will be named after the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

It has been decided to establish a Lodge at Thorne, to be called the St. Oswald Lodge, George Dove, J.P., to be the first Master.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Mark Master, has granted a warrant of constitution for the establishment of a new Lodge of Mark Master Masons, to be formed at Crowle, Isle of Axholme, Lincolnshire, to be called the St. Oswald's Lodge.

His Excellency Lord Carrington has been appointed District Grand Master of the Freemasons of New South Wales, English Constitution, in the place of District Grand Master John Williams, who recently resigned the office. Bro. Williams has received, from Col. Shadwell H. Clerke the following letter notifying the appointment :—

Grand Secretary's Office,
Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street,
London, W.C.

26 January, 1888. R.W. Bro. John Williams, per D. Grand Master, New South Wales. Dear Sir and R.W. Bro.,—On the 3rd instant his Excellency Lord Carrington, P.C., C.M.G., Past G. Warden, telegraphed to the M.W. Grand Master that you had resigned your office as D. Grand Master of New South Wales, whereon his Royal Highness transmitted a message in reply, appointing his Excellency to the position thus vacated by yourself, and his patent as D. Grand Master goes out to his Lordship by this mail. In accepting your resignation, thus notified, and which he does with regret, his Royal Highness commands me to convey to you his warm appreciation of the valuable Masonic services which you have rendered to the Craft in New South Wales during the two terms of office as D.G. Master, which have done so much to further the interests of Freemasonry in that Colony. With all good wishes for your future welfare,

I remain, &c.,
SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

In reference to the Silver Wedding of the Prince and Princess the Knights of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine recently forwarded an address of congratulation. The following gracious reply has been received :—

Sandringham, Norfolk.
21st April 1888.

SIR,—I am desired by the Prince and Princess of Wales to acknowledge the receipt of a fraternal address from the members of the Masonic and Military Orders of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine K.H.S., and St. John the Evangelist, and in reply, to express their Royal Highnesses thanks for the kind congratulations and good wishes contained therein.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,
(Signed) FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

C. F. Hogard, Esq.

The list of gentlemen called to the Bar of the Middle Temple, as Barristers-at-Law, on Wednesday evening, includes the name of Bro. Minstrell, who is well known in Masonic circles and who has just retired from the position of M.E.Z. of the Gallery Chapter, after a most agreeable year of office.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Princess's.—A neat and interesting "curtain raiser" was produced here on Tuesday evening. Mr. J. Provand Webster is the author. "His Last Stake" deals with how a young man named Drummond becomes indebted, to the tune of £10,000, to a swindler assuming the name of Captain Punter. This Drummond cannot pay, and to try and get out of his difficulties he gambles his wife away. The lady however, comes to the rescue, by walking in her sleep and throwing the dice, by which means her husband finds out that they are loaded. The Captain returning for his cigarette case, which he has purposely left behind, is made to give up the I.O.U's which Drummond has handed him. The piece is neatly written, and is well acted by Miss Florence West and Messrs. W. L. Abingdon and Lewis Waller. "The Mystery of a Hansom Cab," which continues to run successfully, will have to be withdrawn after its 100th performance, which will be reached on the 12th May, owing to Miss Grace Hawthorne having completed an arrangement with Mr. Wilson Barrett, who will start an eight week's season on Thursday, the 17th May, with his new drama "Ben My Chree." Mr. Barrett will be supported by Miss Eastlake and a strong company, consisting of the chief members of the Globe and Princess's companies.

Mr. Augustin Daly's clever company of comedians will start their third season in London at the Gaiety Theatre, on Thursday next, the 3rd May. The piece to be presented will be "The Railroad of Love," while the company, which contains several members not hitherto seen in England, will embrace the names of Miss Ada Rehan, Mrs. G. H. Gilbert, Mr. John Drew, and Mr. James Lewis.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 28th APRIL.

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)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 30th APRIL.

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)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1446—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1499—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.)
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, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)

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)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1432—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse

TUESDAY, 1st MAY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
187—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)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
126'—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)
1443—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1543—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, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
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 Mooregate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 70—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W

70—St. John, Mayflower Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
122—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
155—Athenæum, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sneerness
226—Beaconsfield, 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
44 —St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
45 —East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Lisskeard
538—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
79 —Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Selsop, at 7. (Instruction)
847—Fortescue, Mason House, Honiton, Devon.
945—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Limekiln, 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
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1322—Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2032—Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, Surrey
2131—Swan of Avon, Union Club, Stratford-on-Avon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
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. 116—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

WEDNESDAY, 2nd MAY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, 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)
534—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
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.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Ins.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-rd. S.W
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (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.)
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Chatham New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
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.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
280—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
288—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Market-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
626—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kearsley, Farnworth, near Bolton
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1208—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-st-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 10 King-street, Wigan
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 149 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, 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. 778—Earl of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 3rd 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—Villaviam, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
177—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.
235—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
701—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)

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754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
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)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
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.
1553—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, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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
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
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
125—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1350—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1509—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Pall Mall, near Barnsley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
1639—Writing-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. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Hill
R.A. 496—Mount Edgcumbe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 52—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th MAY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 5.30
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
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.)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street Woolwich
907—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)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Bencontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1299—Royal Standard, Alwyne Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8 (In)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2076—Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 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)

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, 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
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-on-Medlock
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. 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart, Romford
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 5th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
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—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
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hora Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Wallingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
2205—Pegasus, Clavendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

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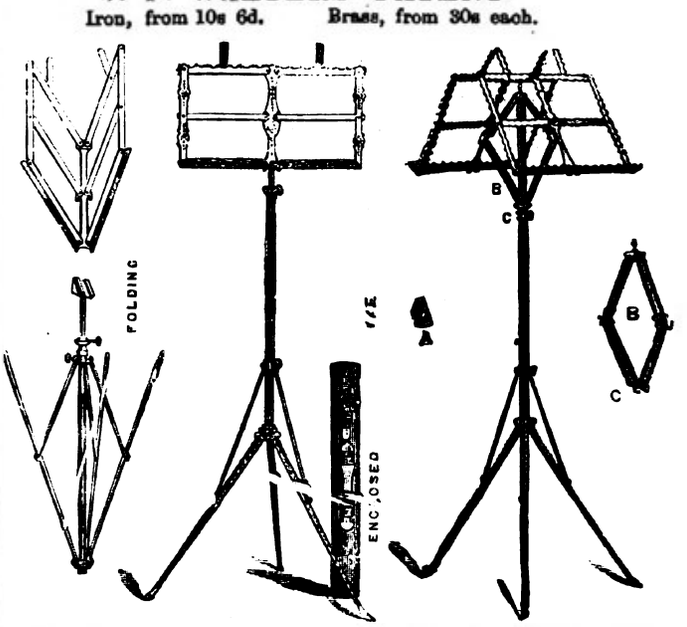
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REFRESHMENT AFTER LABOUR.

IT is not necessary for our present purpose that we should inquire whether or no Freemasony existed as a speculative science prior to the date generally ascribed to the formation of the first Grand Lodge in London, it is sufficient for us to know that long before the commencement of last century it was a recognised custom to associate a feast or other entertainment with almost every ceremony or general assembly which took place, and it is but reasonable to expect that Freemasonry should prove no exception to the rule. If, as some writers aver, Freemasonry, with all its signs, ceremonies, degrees and symbols, is but the invention of a coterie of jovial spirits, living something less than two hundred years ago, we think they are entitled to great praise for their work, and no small amount of credit for having associated in such a pleasing manner, as has been done, the idea of refreshment following labour, a reward to sweeten the exertions of the faithful workman. However this may be, it is certain that at the present day the refreshment of the Craft plays almost as important a part—particularly in the eyes of the outside world—as its labours, while there are some who go so far as to assert that feasting and enjoyment are really the heart and soul of Freemasonry, a condemnation of far too sweeping a character, as a very brief consideration of the facts of the case will speedily prove. Here in London alone, for instance, we have three Charitable Institutions connected with the Craft, performing work which proves there is much more in Freemasonry than mere eating and drinking, without taking into consideration the many Provincial Funds of a somewhat similar character, or the Lodge or personal expenditure made in the name of Freemasonry, with the hope of alleviating some of the trouble and distress which human flesh is heir to. But it is not our present intention even to attempt any defence or otherwise of the Masonic system of enjoying refreshment after labour, we are content to take things in this respect as we find them, and shall endeavour to review the Masonic entertainment in its varied aspects, recognising it as a well established institution.

Those within the mystic circle of Freemasonry who have had opportunities of visiting Lodges, and especially Lodges meeting in other towns than their own, will agree with us there is little of "Uniformity of Working" when it comes to what is generally known as the fourth degree of Craft Masonry. If they have had wide experience they will have realised the pleasure of sitting down to the most elaborate banquet which art can devise—a fitting termination to the ceremony of installation, and they will have also enjoyed the feast of reason and flow of soul ininseparable from a truly Masonic company, assembled for an hour or two's relaxation, and partaking of a glass of grog, with an occasional whiff from a favourite pipe. It does not require much experience to learn that enjoyment is not always proportionate to the grandeur of the entertainment provided, as the most pleasing experiences are sometimes those associated with a modest, rather than an extravagant repast. When brethren have to rely on their own exertions, more than on the good things of this world, for their amusement or enjoyment, they are likely to devote their attention more zealously to ensure it than is the case when their efforts are backed by those of art and nature, with an outcome generally pleasing and satisfactory. In the one case there is a certain amount of restraint put upon their actions—formality will perhaps best express our meaning, while in the other a corresponding sense of freedom appears to exist, with results it is easy to imagine. From these remarks it must not be thought we are opposed to any of the varied forms of recreation which prevail in connection with Masonic Lodges, or that we are prejudiced to any particular system. As we have already said, we are content to take things as we find them, and are convinced that the most Masonic course for others to adopt is for each and all to enjoy themselves as they or the members of their respective Lodges may think best, especially as by so doing they will ensure a continuance of that variety which makes such charming diversion in the enjoyment of the Craft. We have had a wide experience in these matters; we have feasted with the rulers of the Craft, dined with the best of subordinates, supped with the members of quiet country Lodges, and pledged our toasts in the less exhilarating beverages of the "Temperance Lodges," enjoying ourselves in every case, because we have always acted on the principle of the Vicar of Bray—whatsoever King reigns, we should support him. We have indeed experienced such enjoyment as, we venture to say, is unknown outside the portals of the mystic tie, and we know that similar enjoyment must have fallen to the lot of all who have approached the subject with similar feelings to our own, and with the same desire of being happy and communicating happiness.

If we search the earlier records of the Craft, or form an opinion from the actual forms and ceremonies of the Order, we must come to the conclusion that in days gone by the labour and refreshment of Freemasonry were more intimately associated with each other than is customary at the present day, when, in the majority of instances, Lodges are finally closed before the brethren sit down to refreshment, and it is somewhat of a novelty to be present when a Lodge is called off, and the column of the Junior Warden stands erect during the repast and subsequent proceedings. We do not know that the change which has taken place in this respect is of any material importance, as it is generally recognised that the refreshment which follows labour is as much Masonic, though the Lodge has been properly closed, as it

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would be with all the emblems of the Craft spread upon the table, and the closing charge of the Past Master deferred until the actual parting. Strictly speaking, however, there is a doubt whether the members of a Lodge are bound by the same rules at a social meeting after a Lodge is closed as would be in force were they to call off, and assemble under the direction of the Officer of the South, and as we once had the misfortune to hear the question argued in anything but a Masonic spirit we feel a brief consideration of the matter may not be out of place on this occasion.

We have already said it is generally recognised that the refreshment which follows labour is Masonic, whether the Lodge has been closed or not, and such a view could be enforced by the laws of Freemasonry, should it unfortunately happen that a decision were necessary, on the ground that the gathering was a recognised portion of the Lodge proceedings, sanctioned if not by the actual edict of the Grand Master, at least by the established customs and usages of the Craft. Under such circumstances, then, it behoves every brother to bear in mind the dictum of the Worshipful Master is as much law at the festive board as it is within the Lodge, and his ruling should be as respected in the one place as in the other. Even if we set aside the recognised laws of civilised society, which give a certain amount of authority to an elected Chairman, it would be absurd to argue that a Worshipful Master has no power over a banquet or refreshment table, simply because the Lodge had been previously closed, while to argue that any brother present has a perfect right to do just as he pleases would be equally inconsistent with the teachings of the Craft, or the common dictates of decency. Happily the instances are rare where any difficulties arise on this point, but where such unfortunately occur it may be well to consider the question from the point of view herein set out.

TRUE MEN WANTED.

AN ORATION BY COMP. LUCIEN C. BLANCHARD, AT A PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA, AT OSKALOOSA, 5TH OCTOBER 1887.

MASONRY is a plant of slow and steady growth. Its origin lies behind many centuries. But in the brief remarks of the evening no attempt will be made to trace its origin and history. The researches of the antiquarian have thrown much light upon these questions, and the mysteries which still envelop them will remain, perhaps for ever.

The grand old Order is here, with its perfections and its imperfections. The paths it has travelled, the vicissitudes it has encountered on its stately journey hither, concern us less at the present time than the questions of its aims, purposes, and condition. Mindful of the lesson that our zeal for the Order should never lead us into heated arguments in its defence, we heed the injunction the more cheerfully because none is required. Nevertheless here is an institution recognised by the public laws of the State, its votaries are found in almost every community, yet its meetings are held with closed doors; its membership is confined to one sex, and a large majority of even these are turned away without admission. Argument, therefore, would seem unnecessary to show that society, the community which shelters and protects us in our civil rights of persons and property, has a right to know, if these are in doubt, at least the general purposes of the Order. Is it —what some sedate, superstitious people imagine — an organisation of secret plotters, of midnight conspirators, bound somehow by terrible oaths to secrecy and the defence of each other in wrongful deeds? If so its charters may well be surrendered, and quickly, and its doors closed for ever. Nay, more, we are ready to concede that if it is productive of more of evil than of good, if its tendency is not to make its votaries wiser or better, it ought to perish from the earth.

More than four hundred years ago that profound thinker, Machiavelli, laid it down as an axiom, that human nature is the same throughout the ages. if this be true, we may understand the impulses, motives, and desires of our ancient brethren, when, centuries ago, they laid the foundations of the Order which we venerate to-day by an observance of the injunction, "study to know thyself." For it is doubtless true that the motives which actuate the sincere and enlightened Mason of to-day were as firmly implanted in the benevolent hearts of the Faithful workmen who built King Solomon's temple. Let us for a brief moment calmly survey this mysterious temple from within and without, with such fairness as may be reasonably expected from one who readily concedes that his zeal for an Order from which he believes he has derived much of benefit may carry him beyond that judicial impartiality which would be required of those who have never approached its sacred altars, and especially by those zealous reformers whose especial mission on earth is to expose and destroy secret societies. An inside view of this lofty temple for nearly a quarter of a century will, perhaps, enable us to dispel some popular illusions, as well as to offer a few suggestions to those who have entered its sacred portals.

From those who have viewed the Institution from afar, and know nothing of its inside structure, we may expect harsh, and often unjust criticisms. Individuals are prone to criticise what they cannot understand. The uneducated can see no necessity for education, and the non-classical scholar is quite sure there is no virtue in Greek and Latin. So those who have knocked at the outer doors of the temple and failed to gain admission sometimes pass gloomily away, murmuring: "There was a door to which I found no key. There was a vail through which I could not see." And nursing despair, and often revenge, express vigorous opinions not quite in harmony with those contained in their petition for admission.

It is quite true that hospitality to strangers is a conspicuous merit of the Order, while it is equally true that arrogance and bigotry are sometimes born of seclusion. While I attempt no defence of secret societies, I here take the liberty, at the risk of being disciplined, to divulge a secret—an important one—that Masonry is not, in a proper sense, a secret society. Its general aims and purposes are as well known as are those of the orthodox churches. True, its methods are its own, but these are merely aids to accomplish well-known results—to make its votaries wiser, better, and consequently happier. The picket guarding the outposts of the army has a secret, a countersign, and he who attempts to pass the lines without this secret does so at the peril of his life. Is an army a secret society because secret methods are used? To accomplish objects which all must concede are praiseworthy, secret methods are justifiable, and only justifiable because more efficient. These produce harmony, union and strength. An organised army is more efficient than a mob. Individual efforts accomplish little, from lack of opportunity, system and power.

The suspicion born of ignorance, envy born of malice, may conjure up all conceivable forms of iniquity and charge them to the doors of Masonry, still it falters not in its noble work. We know that it often lifts the poor from the hardships with which an inconstant fortune has burdened them; that it softens the rigours of adversity; ministers daily to the sick and dying, and not unfrequently feeds the hungry and clothes the naked. Often, too, yet not so frequently, I fear, as its obligations require, it cares for the widow and the fatherless.

That bad men sometimes gain admission must be conceded, while many good men are not Masons. But even those who are not always true to their vows are often restrained and reformed by other influences than the fear of law. As the rough ashlar is transformed by the skilful hand of labour from a shapeless mass of granite to the polished stone which becomes the head of the corner, so many a rough ashlar who has found his way into the temple has been chiselled and moulded by the implements of Speculative Masonry until a wayward career has been checked and turned into habits of industry and usefulness.

When we study the character of many of those who have made war on Masonry, we are almost ready to say that we love Masonry for the enemies it has made. These zealous reformers have even organised a secret society whose purpose it is to destroy secret societies. Some have even abandoned useful callings to carry on a crusade against the Order; but the sun and moon have kept their courses,

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generations have come and gone, and Masonry still lives to continue its errand of mercy, while each recurring year finds its numbers largely augmented. Its columns were never more compact and united, and its beneficent influences were never more widely recognised than at the present time.

Intelligent people are slow to believe that an Order which has embraced such men as Washington, Garfield, and many of our prominent statesmen and eminent divines, can be the closely-knit band of conspirators which certain self-styled reformers have painted them.

With people blinded by bigotry and fanaticism we cannot argue. Proof cannot demonstrate. Disbelief in any good in Masonry is a special habit with them. The logic of events teaches them to reject accepted truths and to accept improbable ones. Reason never convinces such people. Argument with them is a lever without a fulcrum. Try to snow-ball the man in the moon, to level the Rocky Mountains, to chain the Mississippi in its onward course to the sea, but never try to reason with fanatics—better spend your time counting the stars of heaven or the sands of earth. Morbid curiosity excites a suspicion in such people which they accept as proof. Unused to the habits of industry or benevolence, they judge other natures by their own. Such people consume, but do not create; like bears on the market, they pull down but never lift up. They prefer to be vandals, rather than architects.

Were our doors thrown open to such people, no good could be accomplished. Such a current would corrupt the whole stream, as the dark-blue waters of the river Rhine are discoloured and polluted by the muddy Arve. That evil communications corrupt good manners is no less a truism than that he who associates with the vicious and low descends to their level. No society can be prosperous which does not select its own members with a regard to their qualifications and fitness. To admit all persons to a society merely because it is useful would be what lawyers call *felo de se*—self-destruction. Such a society would be without cohesion; with no fraternal ties, no bond of union, no power of strength. A society will be judged by the character of its members, and it must itself determine who these shall be.

Brethren, let us look within the temple and see if there is not room for improvement. Perfection for the Order cannot be claimed; this is seldom attained in this world. Our veneration for this ancient society may well inspire us, under the favourable auspices which surround us, to resolve anew that by no act of ours shall its high standard be lowered. We shall not shoot higher than we aim, for the missile never gravitates upwards. We are not to relax our hold upon the ancient landmarks; and strict observance of the principles of the Order will elevate the membership and indirectly benefit the community in which we live. A mere repetition of forms and ceremonies will accomplish little. The benevolent, fraternal, and charitable objects are to be kept constantly in view. The Book of Books—the rule and guide of our faith—a constant companion, will inspire us to better deeds. Remembering that he who performs a noble deed is himself ennobled; a blessing conferred is a blessing to him who confers it. Numbers do not necessarily add strength, and unsound material weakens rather than strengthens. The black-ball is a useful implement, and unworthy material should be rejected and thrown in the rubbish. Ignorance and vice have no place in the temple. No person should be allowed admittance who has not the capacity, the intelligence and moral worth to profit by the noble lessons he shall receive. A Lodge which has time only to discipline its members will accomplish but little. Harmony and unity are not best attained by an unseemly scramble for office. The best results can be accomplished by adhering to the established principles and pursuing the well-defined paths of our ancient brethren. Trained and skilled minds are needed to direct us—men of moral worth who understand the lessons of history, who imbibe the spirit of the noble lessons taught, and who have the courage of manly convictions; men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; men who profess opinions and a will; men who have honour and will not lie; men who can stand before a demagogue and scorn his treacheries and flatteries without winking; tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog in public duty and in private thinking.

As truth is eternal, so the mutations of the centuries may not eradicate the principles upon which this fair fabric is erected. An enlightened membership must keep pace with advancing civilisation. Ceremonies and ritualistic work may not change, but permanent and useful results are best attained through intelligent action and an enlightened conscience. As we travel the beaten paths of our ancient brethren, we may lift the standard which has been temporarily placed in our hands to a still higher plane of usefulness. True nobility of character may be well exemplified in the practice of that friendship, fidelity, and brotherly love which our Order promotes.

And finally, as the gentle hand of time leads us steadily on, and gray hairs silently remind us that we are approaching the end of our journey, may we not draw a little nearer together, and, in close communion with kindred spirits, feel the blessed consolations of that friendship and brotherly love as we take our departure to that bourne whence no traveller returns.

The consecration of the Masonic Hall, Te Aroha, N.Z., erected by Lodge Te Aroha, No. 697 S.C., took place on the 2nd March last. There was a strong muster of members of the Lodge, and a number of visiting brethren were also present. The P.G. Lodge was represented by P.G.S.M. Brother M. Niccol, and P.G. Sec. Brother J. Slator. The consecration ceremonies were conducted by Brother Niccol, in able and impressive style, and the whole proceedings passed off most satisfactorily.

At the meeting of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, held on the 2nd inst., the Lord Mayor, and Major and Sheriff Davies, J.P., were ballotted for as joining members.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Dunheved Lodge, No. 789, held on Tuesday, 24th ult., Bro. Charles Parsons P.M. P.G.J.W. was elected Treasurer in the place of the late much respected Bro. H. M. Harvey.

Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins' Concert.—We are able to congratulate Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins upon the marked success which attended his benefit concert on 26th ult., at the Shoreditch Town Hall. A crowded, select and appreciative audience assembled. The vocalists were Madame Edith Wynne, Miss Emilie Davies, Miss Lavinia Walker, Miss Henrietta Faye, Miss Ethel Winn; Bros. Arthur Thomas, W. Dawson, Alfred Alderton, F. Franklin Clive, A. G. Pritchard (buffo), and J. Kift (humourist). All were in good voice and form, and the audience would not be content until they had secured an encore from Madame Edith Wynne. Miss Ethel Winn also gracefully consented to sing again. Especial marks of favour were accorded Bro. Franklin Clive for his rendering of "The Holy Friar" and "Father O'Flynn;" Bro. Pritchard for his musical sketch; and to Miss Clara Titterton for her violin solo. A capital introduction to the programme was the overture "Zampa," which Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins had specially arranged for pianofortes and harmonium; it was performed, on two of Broadwood's grands and one of Chappell's harmoniums, by Misses Van Der Meulen, Alice Van Der Meulen, Kate Van Der Meulen, Maud Latham, and Bro. Haskins. A prominent feature in the programme, which was a long one, was the recital, by Bro. Hermann Vezin, of "The Spanish Mother," this was a masterly performance and created a profound impression. Misses Anning and Walden performed S. Smith's duet, "The Maypole dance," with charming effect. Bro. Albert Ryan was the acting manager, and Mr. Herbert Grand the secretary to the Committee, one and all of whom exerted themselves to the utmost to make the concert a success.

ANCIENT WINES.—We know from Pindar, and from the epigrams of Martial, that old wine was esteemed better than new in classic times. But an Athenian would have thought sixteen years a great age. What then would he have said to wine 348 years old, dating, that is to say, from 1540, the period of Henry VIII.? This is one of the vintages, duly authenticated, which Messrs. Spiers and Pond have secured from the cellars of the Late King of Bavaria, who, some years ago, sold off his old wines, and they may be obtained at the East Room in the Criterion. The wine of 1540 is Steinwein, and there is also a Leistenwein of 1631, the Reign of Charles I. Steinwein of 1731, Johannisberg of 1811, and Rudesheim and Hockheimer of 1822. These are of a beautiful golden colour, and perfectly clear, and even the oldest retains considerable bouquet. It is said there is no wine in existence of this age, except in the municipal cellars of Bremen. The firm also offers some of the Duke of York's port, vintage unknown, but bottled in 1798. It is a great curiosity, and in very fine preservation.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Counsel and Comfort.—A disordered stomach throws the whole system out of gear, and renders us unfitted both for work and amusement. A few doses of these strengthening and purifying Pills, taken according to the accompanying directions, will, however, speedily restore order, and re-enable the stomach to digest its food without difficulty. These excellent Pills are suitable alike for the peer as the peasant, the soldier and the sailor, and particularly for home and foreign colonists. Holloway's Pills are very useful in checking feverish attacks, bilious complaints, and inflammation; they have also made the most signal cures in cases of dropsy and disease of the kidneys, heart, and lungs, when the sufferers seemed past the aid of medicine.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

CHIGWELL LODGE, No. 453.

AN emergency meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was convened last Saturday, at the Forest Hotel Chingford, for the purpose of passing Bros. Thomas Augustus Motion, Henry Stephenson Homewood, and William Andrew Glass. Bro. Alfred J. Dixie W.M. presided, and was supported by Bro. J. Glass Treasurer, who acted as S.W., Bros. Edmund Egan J.W., Fred. C. Dixie S.D., F. A. Renshaw I.G., also Past Masters Bros. H. Holloway, George Motion, A. Bueb, and B. H. Pearson, besides Bros. A. R. Motion, W. A. Glass, J. Corble, J. J. Winser, James Motion and George Corble Secretary. The Lodge having been duly opened in the second degree, the three brethren, who had been prepared by Bro. Robt. W. Goddard, Tyler, were introduced, and the ceremony of passing was most impressively performed by the Worshipful Master, the use of the tools being explained at length. On their return to the Lodge the Lecture on the second tracing board was given by Bro. Dixie. Bro. Robert Henry Secker, P.M. of the "Salisbury" Lodge, was admitted as a joining member. The other business was of a private nature. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren subsequently adjourned to the Connaught Hall, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

AT the monthly meeting of this Lodge, held at the George Hotel, Colchester, on the 25th ult., Bro. Henry J. Skingley S.W. was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Alfred Gosling was re-elected Treasurer, Bro. Munson Tyler, and Bro. Wright Assistant Tyler.

HARROGATE AND CLARO LODGE, No. 1001.

THE 24th anniversary was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Harrogate, East Yorkshire, on Friday, the 20th ult. The attendance was unusually large, owing to the Prov. Grand Master of W.Y. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Past G.D. of England having signified his intention to be present. On his arrival he was received with Masonic honours—which were also accorded to several other Provincial Grand Officers and Past Masters of neighbouring Lodges. Bro. Tew, in acknowledging the salutation of his brethren, expressed his gratification at the new location of the Harrogate fraternity, and was pleased to be the medium of presenting, on behalf of the subscribers, to retiring W.M. Bro. Dr. C. J. B. Johnson (as a Trustee of the Lodge), a perfect specimen of photographic art, by Bro. Walter Davey, of Harrogate, who has displayed a high degree of skill in executing a most difficult task. He has portrayed, in a life-like manner, the features of thirty-one members of the Lodge, grouped and enlarged by the autotype carbon process, 36 by 24 inches, framed in oak, with gold Masonic emblems, 4 feet by 3. Also an accompanying key picture, which contains the full roll of the Lodge membership, including the names of those who unfortunately do not appear in the group from unavoidable absence. The installing of Bro. T. A. Marsh S.W. into the chair of the Lodge, as W.M. for the ensuing year, was then proceeded with by the I.P.M., who has thus completed a successful year in most creditable style. The ceremony was under the able direction of Bro. J. Richardson. The newly installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Lawrence S.W., Thompson J.W., Walter Hall Chaplain, Joseph Griffiths Treasurer, Standing Secretary, Jones S.D., Walters J.D., Pratt Organist, Williams D.C., Henry Allison I.G., Wilson S. Steward, Peach J. Steward, Child Tyler, Bodman R.P.O. Com., Richardson Almoner. The W.M. thanked the Prov. G.M. most cordially for the honour he had conferred on the Lodge by his visit and encouraging address, which he trusted would stimulate the members to increased activity in promoting Masonic benevolence in this the Centenary year of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, reminding them of their watchwords, Loyalty and Charity, as promulgated at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Craft. The brethren adjourned to the banquet room, and partook of a most récherché repast, served under the direction of Bro. E. Standing, Steward for the past year. The remainder of the evening was spent in a truly Masonic manner.

ST. CHAD'S LODGE, No. 1129.

ON Wednesday, the 18th ult., the members of this Lodge, which meets at the Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale, presented to Bro. James Hadfield P.M. P.P.G.J.D. a very handsome gold Treasurer's jewel, in recognition of his services to the Lodge as Treasurer. On the jewel was inscribed:

"Presented by the members of St. Chad's Lodge (1129) to Bro. James Hadfield, for 20 years' services as Treasurer."

The duty of introducing the matter to the Lodge had been deputed to Bro. Peter Lee P.M., who in a suitable speech took a retrospective view of the Lodge's history, and pointed out the good which had been done through the wise dispensation of its funds. In all about £500 had been utilised for charitable purposes. This sum, the larger part of which had been divided among the various Masonic Charities, and the remainder being at the disposal of the Lodge at its discretion for the like purpose, Bro. Lee said, was due in a great measure to the prudence and forethought of Bro. Hadfield. Seeing that Father Time cut down the green blade as well as the ripened ear of corn, the members of the Lodge deemed it its duty at once to show in a practical way their high estimation of Bro. Hadfield's services. Bro. Lee then handed to the acting W.M., Bro. T. H. Williams, the jewel and case for presentation to Bro. Hadfield, in the name of the members of St. Chad's Lodge. Up to this time Bro. Hadfield was in entire ignorance of what had been going on, and when Bro. Williams had suitably addressed Bro. Hadfield, and decorated him with the jewel, it was plainly seen that he was deeply sensible of such a manifestation of good will from his brethren. He then thanked them briefly, and a most enjoyable evening was afterwards spent, several visitors being present.

TREGENNA LODGE, No. 1272.

THE members held their annual festival on Monday, the 23rd ult. The brethren assembled at their Lodge-room, where the installation and a raising were performed by Bro. George Williams jun. W.M. The Officers for the ensuing year are—Bros. Rowe W.M., George Williams jun. I.P.M., Robert S. Read S.W. Thomas J.W., Rev. J. B. Jones Chaplain, Short Treasurer, James Wearne Secretary, Carbis S.D., Keskeys J.D., Edward Boase I.G., Weller D.C., Blight Organist, Taylor and Leah Stewards, Trevorron Tyler. The banquet was held at the Queen's Hotel, Market Standard, St. Ives.

FRATERNITY LODGE, No. 1418.

ON the 26th April, the annual ceremony of installation was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Stockton. Bro. Thomas Bowman installed Bro. Thomas Gibson as W.M. for the ensuing year. The newly elected W.M. then invested the following brethren as his Officers—Wallis I.P.M., Tomkins S.W., Thorman J.W., Watson Treasurer, Thomas Bowman D. of C., Galt S.D., Luther Green J.D., John Broome Secretary, William Hutchinson I.G., Crostwaite S.S., Anderson J.S., Thomas Preston Organist, Bedford Smith Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where the annual banquet was held. A large number of visiting brethren were present.

ANNESLEY LODGE, No. 1435.

A REGULAR meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Goldsmith-street, Nottingham, on Friday, the 27th ult., Brother W. E. Hartshorn Worshipful Master in the chair, supported by the following Officers and Brethren:—Bros. A. Phelps Senior Warden, E. G. Sackett Junior Warden, W. G. Rogerson P.M. P.G.Std.Br. Treasurer, G. T. Alenson P.M. P.P.G.Std.Br. Secretary, A. Lawson P.M. Prov. G. Treasurer, C. H. Gascoyne I.P.M., S. V. Holgate S.D., Pratt J.D., Levy D. of C., Cockren Organist, Osborne I.G., Wharton and Kiddier Stewards, and Bros. Sibley P.M., Burton, Bates, Wallis, Cass, Ashurst and W. W. Sibley. Visitors—Bros. S. Meech Sec. 2163, J. H. Coggins 47 and Clarke 47. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the confirmation of the minutes, Mr. E. Palmer Willson was regularly initiated, the ceremony being performed in an able manner by the W.M., and the charge delivered by Bro. Levy D.C. Hearty good wishes were exchanged and the Lodge closed. Subsequently the brethren sat down to the usual supper and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured—that of the Prov. Grand Officers being responded to by Bro. Lawson Prov. G. Treasurer and Bro. G. Rogerson Prov. G. Std.Br. The latter reminded the brethren of his intention to act as Steward at the forthcoming Centenary Festival of the Girls' School, and made a strong appeal to them on behalf of the Craft Charities. In proposing the health of the newly-initiated Bro. Willson, the W.M. expressed a hope that he would not do as some of the brethren had done,—attend regularly at the Lodge meetings until raised to the third degree, and then become careless and irregular. Some time or other every member of the Lodge would have a chance of attaining office, providing he made himself sufficiently proficient to deserve that honour, and it was important that newly-initiated brethren should lose no time in acquiring proficiency in the ritual of the Craft. The health of the W.M. was cordially responded to, and Bro. Hartshorn made a suitable reply. The Visitors were also duly toasted, and Bros. Clark and Meech responded. During the evening Bro. Lawson gave the Entered Apprentice song; Bros. Cartledge, Wharton, Pratt, Sibley and Meech also sang, and Bro. Francis amused the brethren with some well executed sleight of hand tricks.

ROSSLYN LODGE, No. 1543.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge, which was held at Dunmow, Essex, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., will be memorable in its annals as that on which it was honoured by a visit from the P.G.M. of the Province, Lord Brooke. His Lordship drove from his residence, Easton Lodge, some three miles distant, and having been escorted into Lodge by the P.G. Officers, was received with honours due to his rank. After the transaction of some formal business, the W.M. (Bro. E. F. Ferris) proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the P.G.M. for his kindness in honouring the Lodge by a visit. The motion was seconded by Bro. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, who remarked that, as the oldest P.M. present, and first W.M. of the Rosslyn Lodge, it was a great pleasure to him to see Lord Brooke with them on that occasion. He thought when the residents in and around Dunmow, where the name of Lord Brooke and his amiable wife were so highly esteemed, found that his Lordship had honoured them in this way, they would look favourably upon the Rosslyn Lodge, and that some of them would become members. Lord Brooke, in acknowledging the vote, said it had given him great pleasure to be present that evening, and he regretted very much that he had not been able to come before. It was one of the pleasant duties of his office to try and make himself acquainted with the Lodges of the important Province over which H.R.H. the Grand Master had called upon him to rule. He was happy to know that Freemasonry in Essex was extending, and that the Lodges were all so ably managed. Of course they were all anxious to see the Craft growing in their midst, but when applications for new Lodges were sent in it was a matter of great anxiety to himself and those to whom he looked for counsel in these matters, that no new Lodge should be formed which had not

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some prospect of being a means of strength to the Province, and would not interfere with existing ones. He assured the brethren that it had been a source of much pleasure to him to visit a Lodge which had been named in honour of a family in which he naturally felt so deep an interest, and he thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hearty welcome they had accorded to him. Some 30 brethren afterwards dined together, his Lordship honouring the board by his presence. Among those present on the interesting occasion were Bros. T. J. Ralling, Andrew Durrant 276, G. H. Finch 2005, Clapham 1543, Snell 1543, Rattray 1543, Lewin 276, Dehane 1543, Willcocks, &c.

ANTIENT BRITON LODGE, No. 1675.

THE annual festival took place on the 25th ult., in the Masonic Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, under gratifying auspices. The Lodge, now in its twelfth year, is not only the foremost Masonic body of the South end of Liverpool, but ranks amongst the most flourishing of the Province. Moreover, it has distinguished itself by contributing to charity in a way which very few young Lodges have done, and with a balance in hand of considerably over £100, No. 1675 enters upon another year with a very encouraging prospect. The installation gathering yesterday was remarkable for the very large and thoroughly representative number of members of the Craft that were present. When the W.M. Bro. John Lewis, took the chair at four o'clock he was ably supported. Among the unusually large concourse of visitors were Bros. Jarman 1325, Evans 1013, Tyson 1182, Martin, Cantor 1609, Nichols 2114, Macnab 241, Bailey, Gaskin, Shelden 1094, Costine, Barrows 1570, M'Farlane 356, Oversby 1393, Phillips 1356, Hughes 1356, Callow, Molyneux, Hartley, Wilson 1356, Williams 1356, George 1356, Sharples 724, Broadbridge, Holgate 1356, Evans, Sowden 786, Muir 2042, Councillor Edward Paul 1356, &c. A very pleasing feature was the presence of a large number of members of the Toxteth Lodge, No. 1356, from which the Antient Briton originated. Routine business having been despatched, the W.M. elect, Bro. Frederick Sleight, was presented by Bros. Dr. J. Kellet Smith and T. H. W. Walker, for installation. The ceremony was performed in accordance with ancient form and usage, and in a markedly efficient manner by Bro. Robert Wylie, after which the new W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. John Lewis I.P.M., Hughes S.W., Rowlands J.W., Bottomley Treasurer (re-elected, for the seventh time), Davies Secretary, Godfrey Evans S.D., Hawkins J.D., M'Gee I.G., Jones Musical Director, Peak, Leigh, and Thomas Stewards, Cave Organist. R. R. Ellis and J. G. Little were appointed to the Committee of the Lodge, and Bro. T. H. W. Walker was again elected Charity Steward. After the Lodge had been closed down in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where suitable refreshment was provided by Bro. Cassey, the House Steward. The toast of The Queen having been loyally drunk, the W.M. gave the health of the M.W.G. Master, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal family; and the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M. and Prov. G.M.; the Hon. F. A. Stanley R.W.D. Prov. G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers present and past. Bro. Dr. J. Kellet Smith, in responding, said the Prince of Wales early next month would visit Blackburn for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of a new technical school. The ceremony would be performed with Masonic honours, and the Grand Master of England would be supported upon that occasion by the Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, the Earl of Lathom. Bro. Dr. Bailey also replied. Bro. Dr. J. Kellet Smith, in afterwards asking those present to honour the health of the Worshipful Master, said that amongst the many Lodges he had visited he had never seen greater progress than that which had characterised the Antient Briton. No. 1675 had very generously given to charity, and in doing so had kept well in view the main principle of Freemasonry. Bro. Sleight, by way of acknowledgment, said he would endeavour to fulfil the duties of the chair to the best of his ability, and in sustaining the integrity of such a worthy Lodge he hoped to receive the full support of the whole of his Officers. At a later stage of the proceedings the W.M. gave the toast of the "Immediate Past Master," taking occasion at the same time to present that official with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, as a token of their regard. Bro. Lewis suitably acknowledged the sentiments and gift. Amongst the rest of the toasts were those of the Installing Master and Past Masters, proposed by Bro. O. J. Rowlands J.W., and responded to by Bros. Dr. J. K. Smith and Thomas Evans, the Visiting Brethren, Musical Brethren, Masonic Charities, and Officers of the Lodge. During the evening an elaborate and highly-enjoyable musical programme was presented by Bros. Little, Leigh, Edwards, Shaw, Grime, Burt, Cantor, David Williams, Kirkham, Nicholls, Wynne, Davies, Muir, Roberts, Higginbotham and Jones.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

AT the annual meeting of this Lodge, on the 24th April, Bro. George Canler J.W. was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. At the same meeting Bro. E. Osmond was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. James Tyler.

AGRICOLA LODGE No. 1991.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place at the new premises of the Lodge, Castlegate, York, on Monday, the 23rd ult., when Bro. A. W. White was installed into the chair by the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Deputy Provincial Grand Master for North and East Yorkshire. There was a good attendance of the members of the Lodge, only three being absent. Letters regretting inability to be present were read from Bro. Dr. Martin retiring Worshipful Master, and Bro. Dyson W.M. 1611. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the Worshipful Master invested the following Officers for the ensuing year—Bros. Martin Immediate Past Master, Taylor Senior Warden, Wilkinson Junior Warden, Wilson Chaplain, Eccles Treasurer, Captain Thomson Secretary, Wigham Senior Deacon, Manton Junior Deacon, Laverack Director of Ceremonies, Sutcliffe Organist, Lathom Inner Guard, Osborne Tyler, Young and Dow Stewards. The installation banquet afterwards took place at the North-Eastern Hotel, and was followed by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Songs, glees, &c., were given by Brothers J. E. Wilkinson, Sample, Child, Wilson, Laverack, and Sutcliffe, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

ST. CLAIR LODGE, No. 2074.

THE installation of Bro. C. Vaughan Birch as Worshipful Master, in succession to Bro. W. Dart, took place on Monday, the 16th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Commercial Road, Landport. There was a large gathering of present and past Masters and members of neighbouring Lodges. The ceremony was impressively performed by the retiring W.M., who, at its close, received a cordial vote of thanks for his services. The newly-installed W.M. having taken the chair, appointed and invested his Officers, as follow—Bros. W. Dart I.P.M., Woodrow S.W., Wickens J.W., Webb Treasurer, Herbert Bundy Secretary, Brickwood D.C., Boorman S.D., Hopkins J.D., Marsh I.G., Gibbs Organist, Harris and Woodthorpe Stewards, Ryan Tyler. The W.M. said it was customary on these occasions to present the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, but as Bro. Dart already possessed this decoration, it had been determined to ask his acceptance of a suit of Provincial Grand Lodge regalia for himself, and a silver tea service for Mrs. Dart. He paid Bro. Dart a very high compliment for the manner in which he had discharged his duties, not only in connection with the Mastership, but in connection with the Lodge from the date of its foundation. Bro. Dart suitably acknowledged the presentation, and proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Treasurer Bro. Harry Kimber, which was carried unanimously. The *récherché* banquet which followed was admirably served by Bro. Pearce, Steward of the Freemasons' Club, and was attended by all who had taken part in the ceremonies of the day. The formal Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. proposed the W.M., whom he had known for more than a quarter of a century, and whom he had always held in high esteem and regard. When he (Bro. Dart) took steps to secure the foundation of their Lodge he had received the most valuable assistance from Bro. Birch, who was in every way entitled to the great honour which the brethren had bestowed upon him by placing him in the chair of K.S. The toast having been enthusiastically received, the W.M. responded, and alluded to the singular unanimity which existed in the Sinclair Lodge, from the date of its constitution down to the present. This highly satisfactory state of things he trusted would long continue, and as far as he was concerned it would be his study to discharge his duties in such a manner as to afford satisfaction to the brethren and to redound to the credit of the Lodge. He proposed the health of the I.P.M., who in responding dwelt upon the great progress which the Lodge had made during the three years it had been in existence. Commencing with 29 members, the Lodge now numbered 129, and there were signs of great prosperity on every hand. The Lodge had life governorships in two of the great Masonic Charities, and he hoped in the coming year they would have a third. Other Masonic toasts followed. The proceedings were agreeably interspersed by several excellent songs.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 2025.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 24th ult., at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. This, the first Masonic Lodge in Devon established on temperance principles, continues to maintain its popularity, and there was a large attendance of brethren. The W.M. elect Bro. Charles Green Withell was installed. Bros. J. Griffin, F. Hooper and J. Gifford were the Installing Officers, assisted by Bros. Rev. T. Lemon, M.A., Jew, Treeby, Gover, Barrett, Aitken, Davies, Lord, Addiscott, Pillar, Horswill, Ward, Hocking and Bond. The W.M. invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. T. Bond I.P.M., Crouch S.W., Pengelly J.W., Rev. T. W. Lemon Chaplain, Hooper Treasurer, Gifford Secretary, Reynolds S.D., Matthison J.D., Coleman I.G., Cole Dir. of Cers., Brickwood Assist. Dir. of Cers., Haly O., Weale Assist. O., Honey, Sergeant, Elford, Scatterly and Full Stewards, Gidley Tyler. Bro. J. Griffin was re-elected the representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions, and also Charity Steward. In the evening over fifty of the members of the Lodge and visiting brethren dined together at the restaurant of Bro. H. Matthews, Bedford-street, Plymouth. Bro. Withell presided, supported by his Officers and the Officers of other Lodges present at the installation. In addition the following brethren also joined:—Bros. Latimer 189, Sluggett 2025. The usual Masonic toasts were given and replied to. A capital concert of vocal and instrumental music was furnished by brethren between the addresses, and a very pleasant evening passed. Among the entertainers were Bros. Haly, Keys, Debnam, Brickwood, Honey, George and Hocking. During the evening the following address, handsomely illuminated, framed, and glazed, was presented to the Secretary of the Lodge:—

"This address, accompanied with a Life Governorship in the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and a signet ring, is presented to Worshipful Brother James Gifford P.M. by the Officers and Members of the Lodge of St. George, No. 2025, as a tribute of respect and esteem, and of their appreciation for the self-denying and indefatigable manner in which he has discharged the duties of Secretary for the Lodge since its consecration in April 1884. The Lodge of St. George, intended as a temperance Lodge to make a new departure in the history of the Craft in the Province of Devon has, both in its growth and influence, largely exceeded the expectations of its founders, and the success it has realised is in a great measure attributable to the energy and courtesy of our Worshipful Brother as Secretary, who has

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attended each meeting during the formation and since the consecration of the Lodge.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge, 24th April 1888.

J. T. Bond W.M.
J. Griffin P.M. P.P.G.D. S.W. pro tem.
C. G. Withell J.W.
F. Hooper P.M. P.P.G.D.C.
G. R. Barrett P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Senior P.M. Lodge 2025."

The address was presented by Bro. Barrett. The ring was presented by Bro. Griffin, a handsome gold signet ring with the emblem of a P.Z. and the inscription:

"Presented to W. Bro. J. Gifford P.M. and Secretary, by the members of the Lodge of St. George, No. 2025."

Bro. Griffin, in giving the toast the Masonic Charities, noticed the progress already made by the Lodge in connection with those Institutions. It had two Vice Presidents, three Life Governors in the Devon Educational Fund, 21 votes for 20 years, and altogether 84 votes among its brethren. It also was fairly represented among the London Masonic Charities.

UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 261.

THIS Lodge will complete its centenary on Sunday, 6th inst., the warrant under which it works having been granted 6th May 1788; but as the 100th anniversary falls on a Sunday, and that Yeomanry Sunday, it is deemed inexpedient to hold the contemplated celebration on that day. The members have therefore decided to attend Divine service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton, on the 16th instant, the usual monthly meeting day of the Lodge, permission having been granted by the vicar for the use of the church. The sermon on the occasion will be preached by a reverend brother. The brethren will afterwards assemble at the Masonic Hall, and after transacting the usual monthly business, will dine together under the presidency of the W.M. Colonel Adair.

EARL OF CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1984.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their installation on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Watford. The usual formalities in regard to opening having been observed, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted and duly received. Bro. T. B. Nowell was passed, and then Bro. J. Rogers was installed Worshipful Master for the year. The following were appointed as Officers:—Bros. W. T. Boydell S.W., G. Starman J.W., T. Grant Treas, S. Goodchild Sec., F. Fisher S.D., W. C. Brown J.D., W. T. Graves P.M. D.C., W. T. Whittington I.G., H. Hayward Steward. Two brethren were appointed to serve on the Permanent Committee for the year, and after the transaction of some minor matters of business the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and at its conclusion grace was sung and the toasts followed. The loyal toasts usual on these occasions having been honoured, the W.M. proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P. In doing so he spoke of the earnestness displayed in all Masonic matters by their Provincial ruler, and felt the members would agree with him in his expression of regret that the parliamentary duties of their chief had compelled him to absent himself on the present occasion. Bro. Giller P.M. proposed the health of Bro. Dawson Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Keyser, in reply, felt he had been fully justified as a Warden of the Watford Lodge, No. 404, in the part he had taken in supporting the petition for the warrant of this new Lodge. He regretted that ill-health prevented Bro. Dawson (the Deputy of the Province) being present that evening, but he felt he was expressing the sentiments of that brother, and indeed of all the Provincial Grand Officers—approval of the steady and efficient work that was being done by the Earl of Clarendon Lodge. Bro. Townsend I.P.M. now rose to propose what he should call the toast of the evening—the health of their Worshipful Master. No one ever vacated the chair with a better assurance that he was to be succeeded by a competent brother than he had done that day. Though, with Othello, he might say his occupation was gone, he should still do all in his power to promote the prosperity and welfare of the Lodge. In reply, Bro. Rogers could only wish he deserved half the eulogiums passed upon him. His was but a short memory, and he felt that as a Warden he had displayed many shortcomings, but now, under a sense of the important trust reposed in him by the members, he would strive to fulfil his duties, and he trusted the result would be satisfactory. In speaking of the Immediate Past Master, the W.M. referred to the success which had attended Bro. Townsend's year. He had now the greatest pleasure in being the medium of conveying to Bro. Townsend the sentiments of the brethren, which had prompted them to vote the jewel he had now the privilege of placing on Bro. Townsend's breast. In response Bro. Townsend said it was always an easier task to speak of others than for a modest man to speak of himself. As Master of their Lodge he had striven to the best of his ability. Several other toasts were given and duly responded to, the proceedings being brought to a conclusion by the Tyler in the usual way. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. T. Graves Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, who was ably assisted by Miss Nellie Levey and Bros. Stanley Smith and Tombs.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st instant, at the Masonic Hall, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, when the following members were present:—Bros. J. P. Houghton W.M., 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., T. Covell Steward, W. Rainbow Organist, J. Aldridge A.S., B. E. Blasby P.M., C. L. Digby P.M., and many lay members. The Lodge having been regularly opened, the minutes of the last regular Lodge, and of a Lodge of emergency were confirmed, and a brother was raised. The ballot was taken; it proving favourable, the following gentlemen were initiated:—Mr. Charles Henry Snowball, who was proposed by Bro. Blasby P.M. and seconded by Bro. Houghton W.M., and Mr. George Henry Bredmore who had Bros. Abell and Blasby as sponsors. Bro. Edmund Dare was then installed as Worshipful Master, the ceremony being beautifully performed by Bro. Houghton. The Officers were appointed, as follows:—Bros. J. P. Houghton I.P.M., H. Sapsworth S.W., J. M. Marjason J.W., W. F. Reynolds Treasurer, G. C. Rowland Secretary, F. A. Crew S.D., A. Aldin J.D., T. Covell I.G., R. Messum D.C., W. Rainbow Organist, J. Aldridge Steward, J. H. Ford Asst. Steward, F. G. Mitchell Tyler. The addresses were next given, and then two more gentlemen presented themselves as candidates, viz., Mr. Walter Bass Pentelow and Walter Hugh Wicks; the former was recommended by Bros. Abell and Robinson, and the latter by Bros. Wheeler and Sapsworth. They were duly admitted to the benefits of Freemasonry by the new Worshipful Master, who, after the transaction of some minor matters of business regularly closed the Lodge. A banquet followed, and in due course the customary toasts were honoured. During the evening a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Houghton, who was complimented on the success which had attended his exertions while at the head of affairs. A well arranged programme of music was gone through, under the direction of Bro. W. C. Rainbow, Organist of the Lodge, who was assisted by the following artistes:—Mdme. Worrell, Mrs. W. Rainbow, Miss Jessie Hudson, L.A.M., Bros. E. Roberts, Mitchell, F. W. Stevens and A. Weston. The following visitors were present: Bros. F. Binckes P.G.S.B., H. Cruttenden P.M. 503 P.P.G.S.B., G. F. Baker S.W 503, W. H. Rydon 820, H. de Grey 13, J. Nelson P.M. 1294, J. E. Shand P.M. 2030, W. T. Peet 1656 Secretary, J. H. Jarvis W.M. 1627 P.P.G.S., A. W. Duret P.M. 1223 P.G.S.D. Kent, J. Clarke 1512, W. R. Williams P.M. 975, A. N. Newens Royal Alfred, N. Courlander J.W. 975, B. Kenyon 2012, H. Garrod P.G.P., S. Hunt 1136, W. Worrell P.M. Secretary 766, J. M. Cattnell J.W. 15, T. W. Tempany 1460, W. F. Harling 975, C. N. Syder W.M. 79, F. Eckstein 1196, G. H. Taylor 511, J. E. Radford P.M. 470, J. Whitehead W.M. 1425, F. H. Dipsdale 858, W. E. Scantlebery S.D. 975, W. W. Lee 1897, J. A. Allison P.M. 788, E. S. Lardner P.M. Secretary 101, R. H. Pearson P.M. 1196, H. C. Lansdown 1541, T. Butler 55, A. E. Adams 1767, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, Egbert Roberts S.W. 917, R. Sturgis 90, F. Roberts 901.

The Royal Silver Wedding Fête at the Crystal Palace to-day (Saturday) will be on as grand a scale as the Great National Festival at the Crystal Palace, in 1872, in celebration of the recovery of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. In the afternoon there will be a concert by the combined bands of Her Majesty's Royal Horse Guards, Grenadier Guards, and Coldstream Guards; a concert by the company's famous orchestral band, under the conductorship of Mr. August Manns; and a display of the whole series of fountains. The evening programme will include a special entertainment in the centre transept, and a display of fireworks by Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co. The band of the Grenadier Guards will play during the promenade after the fireworks, the palace being brilliantly illuminated. On the following Saturday, 12th instant, the Grand Summer Flower Show will be held. The band of the Coldstream Guards will play during the afternoon, and in the evening Mr. Wilson Barrett will appear in "The Silver King."

Handel Festival.—The sale of tickets, in sets (for all three days), for the Handel Festival, which began on April 16th, has been very satisfactory, and a most successful event is consequently assured. The sets of tickets carrying a choice of best seats have precedence, but now the single seats are being allotted. There are applications from all parts of Europe. A large influx of American visitors is also certain. The complex and detailed arrangements for the great musical celebration are already well advanced, and it is anticipated that on 22nd June, and following days, the musical effect will be of unparalleled magnificence, owing to the exceeding care with which Mr. Manns is rehearsing the London and country voices that are to make up the wonderful choir.

Mrs. Hodgson-Burnett, the authoress of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," has adapted her book for the stage, and it will be produced by Mrs. Oscar Beringer at Terry's Theatre on the afternoons of 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th May, under the title of "The Real Little Lord Fauntleroy." The title role will be played by Miss Vera Beringer, the little lady who created such an impression in Mrs. Oscar Beringer's play "Tares." The piece will be produced under the direction of Mrs. Kendal, and a strong company has been specially engaged. The new play will be called "The Real Little Lord Fauntleroy."

Mr. Elgar Bruce and Miss Edith Woodworth start their season at the Globe Theatre on Tuesday, the 8th instant, when a new play, in four acts, entitled "Bootle's Baby" will be presented. The play is founded on John Strange Winter's popular story, and is written by Hugh Moss. A strong company has been got together, including Mr. Bruce and Miss Woodworth.

Messrs. Dean and Son intend issuing a series of "Plays for Young Actors," to supplement the "Little Plays for Little Actors," by Miss Corner. The first of these, which will be published immediately, is entitled "Prince Bulbo," and is a dramatised version of Thackeray's "Rose and the Ring," by Miss Amy Whinyates. This will be followed by "Gabrielle; or, the Red Cap of Liberty," by the same writer."

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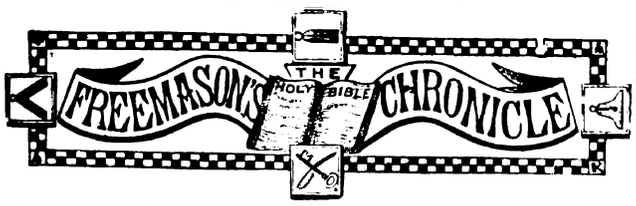
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MORE TROUBLE IN OHIO.

NEWARK, O., Jan. 27.—The Masonic war continues with increased fury. At a meeting of Center Star Lodge, No. 11, F. and A.M., of the neighbouring village of Granville, held last night, charges were preferred against three supposed members of the Cerneau Scottish Rite, and they will be summoned to appear for trial at the next meeting. The charges were preferred by Grand Master S. S. Williams, who is a member of Center Star Lodge, also a 33° of the Supreme Council of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33° and last degree for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, presided over by Henry L. Palmer of Wisconsin. By his order the Senior Deacon was deposed and a new election ordered, when the deposed brother was re-elected by but one dissenting vote. Resolutions sent out by Cynthia Lodge of Cincinnati and the Bucyrus Lodge were adopted by a unanimous vote, the feeling being that the war of Rites should not enter the Blue Lodge.—*Com. Gaz.*

BUCYRUS LODGE, No. 139, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

REGULAR COMMUNICATION, January 11, 1888.

On Motion of Bro. E. B. Finley the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Lodge be directed to report to the Most Worshipful Grand Master that his circular bearing date November 27, 1887, was read to this Lodge pursuant to his request.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Lodge that as Free and Accepted Masons we have no knowledge of any but the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, and, therefore, we are not possessed of knowledge upon which to base an opinion as to the regularity of the Order alluded to in said circular of the Grand Master. Nor can we understand how the Grand Master, as a Master Mason, can know any more about it than we do.

Resolved, That the individual members of Bucyrus Lodge, 139, have heard it rumoured that there are two organizations in Ohio, each claiming to be the regular and legal order of Scottish Rites, and each claiming the other to be bogus, and that we have heard it rumoured that the Worshipful Grand Master is a member or one of said Orders. Conceding to him the right to be a member of either of said organizations if he so desires, and disclaiming all right to question the legitimacy of said organization to which he may belong, or of any other organization outside of Blue Lodge Masonry, we protest against his interference in matters not pertaining to the duties of his office, and outside of the purview of Blue Lodge Masonry, and protest against his bringing the quarrel between said bodies into our Order.

Resolved, That, as heretofore, we will still continue to observe, and in every respect conform to, and abide by the rules, laws and regulations of Ancient Craft Masonry, together with the code of rules and laws laid down for the Government of Masons by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, but that the regularity or irregularity of the Orders of Scottish Rite Masonry, in our opinion, does not concern the Worshipful Grand Master, nor this or any other Lodge of Master Masons, and we do not recognize the right of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as such, to express an official opinion on the subject. Nor do we recognize his right to dictate to the members of this or any Lodge of Master Masons as to what religious denomination, political party, or fraternal order they shall or shall not belong to.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to transmit, under the seal of this Lodge, a copy of these resolutions to the Worshipful Grand Master, and a copy to each of the Subordinate Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in Ohio.

J. W. CRISTER, W.M. LEWIS STREMMEL, Secretary.

—*Boston Masonic World.*

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NATAL.

THE eleventh half-yearly communication was held in the Masonic Hall, Smith-street, Durban, on 23rd March, under the presidency of Bro. R. I. Finnemore, the District Grand Master. There was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the colony. The minutes of last regular communication having been read and confirmed, the roll was called over, and all 13 Lodges were found to be duly represented. Bro. Finnemore, in addressing the brethren, said that it afforded him great pleasure, on this the occasion of his entering upon the sixth year of rule over this Masonic district as their District Grand Master, to see such an assemblage present in answer to his summons, including many who had travelled long distances in order to be present at that meeting. He felt very greatful to them for their attendance and support, the more so that, although his interest in Freemasonry was unabated, and his attention to the details of district work had been unremitting, he had, in the matter of personal visiting of Lodges, been compelled, owing to the many urgent claims upon his time, to press rather heavily upon the indulgence of the brethren of the district; and he was very glad to have this opportunity of meeting his brethren in the Craft. Theirs was but a small district in point of number of Lodges when compared with other districts under the rule of H.R.H. their Grand Master; but they had hitherto been characterised by the greatest unanimity and bound together by the strongest ties of friendship and good feeling. He sincerely trusted that it might always be so. The returns from their different Lodges—which, by-the-way, he trusted they would make a point of sending in regularly, so as to lighten as much as possible the duties of their valued Secretary—were fairly satisfactory. Each year had witnessed some advance in the growth and progress of their district. The Kokstad Lodge had now voluntarily come under his jurisdiction, so that this district now include two Lodges meeting at places beyond the boundaries of this colony, viz.—St. John's, Kokstad, and the Umzimkulu Lodge. Other Lodges would have been established in the Transvaal, had it not been for the decision of the M.W. Grand Master, that no more charters or warrants should be granted for that territory now that it had ceased to belong to the British dominions; a decision which, in his humble opinion, was greatly to be regretted, on account of the large number of English Masons in the Transvaal, who are anxious to retain their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. Although he had been precluded from personally visiting Lodges during the year, he had had a fair share of business to attend to in the way of correspondence, granting dispensations, perusing and considering new bye-laws and amendments of existing bye-laws, and giving opinions and rulings upon points of Masonic jurisprudence and practice, in all of which the Secretary, Bro. J. B. Cottam, had rendered valuable assistance. He gladly recognised the efficient help which he (Bro. Finnemore) had received in the discharge of his duties from Bro. Wesley Francis, his Deputy, upon whom he was glad to say, the M.W. Grand Master had been pleased, in celebration of the Jubilee year, to confer past rank in Grand Lodge. We had also, under authority from the M.W. Grand Master, selected Bros. J. B. Cottam D.G. Secretary, and S. Marriott D.G. Treasurer, for the honour of being made Past District Grand Senior Wardens, in recognition of their services, and to mark the Jubilee year of Her Majesty. That these honours had been honestly earned and were worthily conferred, would, he doubted not, be the unanimous opinion of the members of this District Grand Lodge. Might the blessing of Heaven rest upon [illegible] hours during the present communication, and wisdom from on high direct and guide them in all they undertook for the advancement of their noble art. The following Officers for 1888-89 were appointed —

Bro. Thomas Cook	Senior Warden
W. Sink	Junior Warden
Rev. J. Oxley Oxland, F.R.G.S.	Chaplains
Rev. T. E. Robinson	Chaplains
S. Marriott	Treasurer
J. Crowe	Registrar
J. Schultz, M.D.	Pres. Board Gen. Purposes
J. B. Cottam	Secretary
G. O. Matterson	Senior Deacon
R. Willis	Junior Deacon
Captain F. Dickinson	Superintendent of Works
W. H Kinsman	Director of Ceremonies
G. H. Edmonds	Assistant D.C.
S. Knox	Sword Bearer
C. G. Willson	Standard Bearers
T. N. Price	Standard Bearers
G. Pullock	Organist
H. W. Hampton	Assistant Secretary
R. D. Clark, M.A.	Pursuivant
G. H. Fowle	Assistant Pursuivant
A. Juckes	Tyler

At the conclusion of the District Grand Lodge a meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held, at which all the brethren who had attained the rank of Mark Master Mason attended. Bro. Finnemore, in his capacity as Provincial Grand Mark Master, also presided over this meeting. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year —

Bro. J. Schultz, M.D.	Senior Warden
M. H. Emanuel	Junior Warden
E. S. T. Stantial	M.O.
W. F. Stanton	S.O.
J. Crowe	J.O.
Rev. J. Oxley Oxland, F.R.G.S.	Chaplains
Rev. P. F. Coleman	Chaplains
Captain F. Dickinson	Registrar
W. H. Kinsman	Committee Gen. Purposes
W. H. Hampton	Secretary
H. Rutherford	Treasurer
G. Leak	S.D.
J. H. Isaacs	J.D.
J. Fletcher	Superintendent of Works
T. L. B. Tuckett	Director of Ceremonies
R. D. Clark, M.A.	Assistant D.C.
J. Wright	Sword Bearer
W. H. Morse	Standard Bearer
G. Pullock	Organist
H. Crowder	Assistant Secretary
C. H. Dunn	I.G.
A. Juckes	Tyler

The business in both Craft and Mark Masonry being terminated, the brethren parted, to meet again in the evening at a banquet in honour of the occasion.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

THE Annual Communication of Grand Chapter, for the appointment of Officers and the transaction of the general business of this Supreme degree, was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, the offices being filled by the following Companions—Colonel R. Townley Caldwell Provincial Grand Superintendent Cambridge as Z., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar as H., Rev. H. Adair Pickard Provincial Grand Superintendent Oxfordshire as J., A. A. Pendlebury Assistant S.E. as S.E., the Earl of Euston as S.N., Thomas Fenn P. Pres. Committee General Purposes as P.S., Baron de Ferrieres as 1st Assistant, Thomas Weller-Poley as 2nd Assistant. Among the other Grand Officers present were Comps. Robert Grey President Committee General Purposes, Richard Eve Grand Treasurer, F. Sumner Knyvett Sword Bearer, William Bywater 4th Standard Bearer, F. Richardson D.C., J. L. Collins Assistant D.C. After the confirmation of the minutes the acting President announced that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was again installed as Z., and that the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon had been re-appointed Pro Grand Z., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Grand H., and the Right Hon. Lord Leigh Grand J. The other Grand Officers for the year are:—

Comp.	Shadwell H. Clerke	S.E.
	The Earl of Milltown	S.N.
	Robert Grey	Pres. Com. Gen. Purposes
	Asher Barfield	Treasurer
	F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	Registrar
	Lord John Taylour	Principal Sojourner
	Rev. R. W. Massy Pope	1st Assistant Sojourner
	Rev. J. A. Lloyd	2nd Assistant Sojourner
	Edmund Ashworth	Sword Bearer
	Sir Richard Howard	1st Standard Bearer
	Robert Berridge	2nd Standard Bearer
	Colonel John Davis	3rd Standard Bearer
	W. H. Spaull	4th Standard Bearer
	Frank Richardson	D.C.
	Herbert Jordan Adams	Deputy D.C.
	James Thomas Collins	1st A.D.C.
	Michael G. Peck	2nd A.D.C.
	W. A. Barrett	Organist
	A. A. Pendlebury	Assistant S.E.
	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 action of the Grand Chapter of Canada, referred to in the first three paragraphs of this report, was brought under the notice of Grand Chapter by Comp. Philbrick. He was extremely sorry the occasion had arisen for such a recommendation as the Committee had deemed necessary. It might be within the recollection of many present that some time ago there arose a question in which the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Canada came into controversy with the Grand Lodge of England. He could not but feel that what had occurred in our colonies had to some extent, if not altogether, been the outcome and the consequence of the unfortunate differences which then arose. But be that as it may, early in the present year the attention of the authorities was called to the fact that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada had issued warrants for Chapters in the Colony of Victoria, and that they were in active work. At that time there were eleven Chapters owning allegiance to the Grand Chapter of England working in the Colony of Victoria, and the granting of warrants for and the establishment of Chapters in that Colony under the authority of the Royal Arch Chapter of Canada was effected entirely without notice to us; but it must have been with a distinct knowledge by the Grand Chapter of Canada, a body with which we were on terms of friendship and amity, that we had already eleven Chapters at work there. But further than that, he thought the attention of Grand Chapter ought to be called to the fact that when the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada was established, and Canada for the purposes of Royal Arch Freemasonry became an independent body, holding no allegiance with any other sovereign body, and became a sovereign independent body within its own jurisdiction, the Province of Canada, while it had a right to exercise a jurisdiction over its own area, had no right to assume, or to grant warrants, or exercise jurisdiction within the colonies or dependencies of the British Crown. And under those circumstances, although it was extremely disagreeable and painful to have to move the resolution which the Committee recommended, there seemed to be but one course open for Grand Chapter to adopt. He therefore moved the resolution which was recommended by the Committee of General Purposes. The proposition was seconded by Comp. Robert Grey and carried unanimously. The prayer of the memorial of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, for official recognition, was agreed to, as also were the petitions for new Chapters, and the memorials as set out in our last week's issue. The grant of one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was moved by Comp. Grey, seconded by Comp. Frank Richardson, and unanimously agreed to. Consent was given to the conversion of the 3 per cent. Consols belonging to Grand Chapter. The following were declared as the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year:—Comps. Robert Grey President, Edward Letchworth and Robert Turtle Pigott appointed by the M.E.Z., Comps. W. A. Dawson, Thomas C. Walls, W. H. Perryman, L. Gordon Robbins, Edward Terry, and John S. Cumberland nominated in Grand Chapter, and declared elected. Grand Chapter was then closed.

On Wednesday, the spring meeting of the Royal Arch Chapter of Freemasons for the Province of West Yorks was held in St. George's Hall, Rotherham, by the invitation of the Phœnix Chapter. The Grand Superintendent Bro. T. W. Tew presided, and the Chapters of the Province were well represented. The Officers for the year were appointed. At the conclusion of the business the Companions partook of tea at the Ship Hotel.

ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 203.

ON the 1st instant the annual meeting of this, the oldest Chapter in Liverpool, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when the Companions held their convocation to instal Principals and invest Officers. There was a very good muster, the gathering being presided over by Companion E. Cattrall M.E.Z. Companion Rowson efficiently performed the ceremony of installing the Principals, according to ancient form and rite, as follows —Companions Hounsell M.E.Z., Smyth H., Ashton J.; Praddah S.E., Round S.N., Armitage P.S., Lowten 1st Asst., Burrows 2nd Asst. The accounts, which were very satisfactory, were passed. The Companions afterwards dined together, being amply provided for by Companion Casey, and during the evening a handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Companion E. Cattrall I.P.Z. on behalf of the Chapter.

GALLERY CHAPTER, No. 1928.

THE installation meeting of the Gallery Chapter, No. 1928, was held on Saturday 21st ult., at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane. Comp. Thos. Minstrell M.E.Z. presided, and was supported by Comps. Wm. Duckworth H., Henry Massey J., J. H. Thomas, R. J. Albery, J. C. Duckworth, Pattison, Jno. Moore, Herbert Wright, Hancock, J. K. Moore and others. Three brethren were elected for exaltation, and Comp. Wm. Duckworth was installed M.E.Z. for the year ensuing. Comp. Massey as H., and Comp. J. C. Duckworth as J. Comps. Albery and Thomas were reinvested as Treasurer and Scribe E. respectively. Comp. Wright was installed as N., Comps. Hancock and J. Moore as Sojourners. During the evening a magnificent P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Minstrell, by the M.E.Z., in commemoration of the retiring 1st Principal's year of office. In making the presentation the M.E.Z. expressed the hope that the worthy recipient would long live to wear the jewel, in remembrance of a very pleasant year of office. Comp. Minstrell briefly replied. The ceremony of exaltation was performed, and the Companions sat down to a substantial repast, under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will not meet on Tuesday, next the 8th inst., in consequence of their room being engaged. Consequent thereupon the ceremony of Installation of Principals will be postponed until Tuesday, the 15th inst., when the Chapter of Improvement will open at half past 5 o'clock. The Installations will be rehearsed by Comps. Webb, Gillard and Fraser.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cornwall was held at the Masonic Hall, Redruth, on the 26th ult., when there was a large attendance. The P.G. Master, Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., presided, and was supported by a strong body of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers. The Lodge having been opened, apologies were received from Bro. T. Chirgwin D.P.G.M.M., and Bro. N. J. West P.G. Treasurer, &c. The minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Newquay were read and confirmed, after a short discussion on the increased fees then decided upon. Upon the minutes of the P.G. Lodge held at Liskeard at the consecration of a new Lodge there the P.G.M.M. expressed his regret that illness prevented him attending, and his thanks to Bro. T. Chirgwin for taking his place. The report of the P.G. Treasurer showed that there is now a balance of £12 7s 9d in favour of the P.G. Lodge. The P.G. Secretary reported that he had received returns from all the Lodges in the Province, eleven in number, showing an increase of one Lodge. The members numbered 328, an increase of 40 in the year. Bro. C. Truscott, acting Steward for the three Masonic Charities for the Province, said the Provincial Mark Lodge had two votes in the Benevolent Institution, but none for the Boys and Girls' Schools, and he asked if the Grand Lodge could support the Girls' School. Bro. Trythall moved that ten guineas be placed upon Bro. Truscott's list for the Girls' School. Bro. Crouch urged that the Mark Benevolent Fund had the prior claim, especially as he had been promised two years ago that the P.G. Lodge would support him. Bro. E. Milford Cock seconded Bro. Trythall's resolution. Bro. Crouch moved an amendment that five guineas be voted to the Girls' School, and five guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund. Bro. C. Kent seconded the amendment, which was supported by Bro. Baker. Bro. Collins moved that ten guineas be voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund. This was seconded by Bro. T. C. Mack. On being put to the vote the amendment of Bro. Crouch was carried, the numbers being for Bro. Crouch's motion 33, for Bro. Trythall's 24, and for Bro. Collins's 11. It was explained that the five guineas voted to the Girls' School would not carry a vote, and it was thereupon resolved, on the motion of Bro. Baker, that a further sum of five guineas be voted to the Girls' School, making ten guineas to the Girls and five guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund. Bro. N. J. West having resigned the position of P.G. Treas., Bro. E. Milford Cock was elected, on the motion of Bro. G. H. B. Reed, seconded by Bro. Newman. The following Officers were then invested —

Bro. T. Chirgwin 78	Deputy Master
F. Crouch 379	Senior Warden
T. A. Kistler 73	Junior Warden
J. Lovell 87	M.O.
R. Parson 275	S.O.
E. F. Whitley 206	J.O.
Rev. M. J. Sutton 94	Chaplain
E. M. Cock 73	Treasurer
W. J. Johns 78	Secretary
J. M. Carne 94	S.D.
W. J. Trythall 73	J.D.
J. R. Evans 206	Supt. of Works
R. H. Shapcott 351	Director of Ceremonies
P. L. Morgan 175	A.D.C.
T. R. Grylls 94	Sword Bearer
W. E. Lukies 78	Organist
A. P. Davis 325	I.G.
J. Sarah 73, W. Nettle 379	Stewards
J. Langdon 78	Tyler

An invitation was offered on behalf of St. Ann's Lodge, Looe, 351, for the next P.G. Lodge to be held there. The brethren afterwards sat down to dinner at Tabb's Hotel, when the usual Masonic toast list was gone through.

UNION LODGE, No. 124.

ON the 26th ult., the annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland. Bro. M. H. Dodd presided and was well supported. Bro. J. C. Moor having been duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Dodd, invested the following as the Officers:—Bros. Dodd I.P.M., Pattison S.W., Porteous J.W., Singleton M.O., Todd S.O., Liston J.O., Kinmond Treasurer, Cowper Secretary, Pinkney R. of M., Scarborough S.D., Remigius Blake J.D., Wilson I.G., Watson D. of C., Wade S.S., Brady Swain Tyler. Congratulatory telegrams and letters were received from Bros. T. Y. Strachan, John Strachan, Colonel Potter, Richard Luck M.A., LL.M., Maddison, Lane, Thomas Bradley, &c. The hearty congratulations of the W.M.'s of the Industry Lodge and the Wouldhave Lodge, as well as other Lodges at a distance, were expressed to the W.M. Bro. Kinmond spoke upon the Masonic Charities, which Bro. Fred. Maddison acknowledged.

PORTAL LODGE, No. 127.

THE annual festival was held on Thursday, 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Barnsley. Bro. C. W. Fincken was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. John Shaw performing the ceremony. The following were appointed Officers—Bros. Seward S.W., Stead J.W., Senior M.O., Alderson S.O., Lingard J.O., Gration Treas., Massie Secretary, Billington S.D., Sutton J.D., W. R. Chaplain, Browne I.G., Fountain Organist, Rogers Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Garnett, France, Simpson 110, Tyas Barker 53, Myers 111, Fitzpatrick 110, Bradford 110.

JOHN O'GAUNT LODGE, No. 172.

BRO. F. BAINES, was on Monday, 23rd April, installed W.M. at the Masonic Hall, Gainsborough, and invested his Officers, as follow —Bros. Wheeldon I.P.M., Staniforth S.W., Mason J.W., Wright M.O., Greenhalgh S.O., Sowby J.O., Kirk Reg. of Marks, Liversidge Treasurer, Rev. C. E. Laing Chaplain, Adlard Secretary, Curtis I.G., Scott Tyler.

FIDELITY AND UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 348.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masons' Hall, Taunton, on 24th ult. The ceremony was performed by Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. F. T. Elworthy. Brother W. Adams was installed in the chair, and he afterwards appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Toms I.P.M., Crowe S.W., Bidgood J.W., Strawbridge M.O., Lewis S.O., Barrett J.O., J. Showers Treasurer, Hammett Secretary, Gill S.D., Wickenden J.D., Knight Reg. of Marks, Hartwell D.C., Humphrey I.G., and Tidbury Tyler. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned for banquet, which was held at the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Adams.

CONSECRATION OF THE KINTORE LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS, No. 333.

IN connection with the Kintore Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 333, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was consecrated on Friday, 20th April, with all the rites and ceremonies peculiar to this degree. Prior to the grand function of the evening the W.C.N. designate of the Lodge, the W. Bro. B. R. Bryant, 18° P.G. Std. Br. &c., &c., elevated as Royal Ark Mariners some dozen duly qualified brethren, mostly belonging to the Kintore Lodge of Mark Masters. Amongst those for elevation were Bros. the Rev. G. W. Weldon G. Chap. (Craft) Hiram Lodge, No. 13, and the Rev. A. W. Oxford Bon Accord Lodge T.I., Bro. F. T. Bennett, Mallet and Chisel Lodge, No. 5, and the following members of the Kintore Lodge, viz., W. Bro. P. Dakers W.M., W. Bro. C. H. Nevill P.P.G.S. Middlesex and Surrey J.W., Bros. W. Lucas D.C., J. H. Cureton S.D., J. T. N. Callaway Secretary, Sydney Hill Organist, W. G. Tem[illegible] Milner, Harry Dakers, &c., &c. The W.C.N. was most ably and efficiently assisted in his work by Bros. Vincent J. Marché P.C.N. 22, &c, who occupied the chair of S., and Bro. R. J. Voisey P.C.N. 22, who occupied that of J., W. Bro. W. Vincent P.G.I.G., &c., acting as D.C. The names of these brethren alone will be sufficient guarantee that the working was in the highest degree perfect in every point; in fact, those well qualified to judge testified to the ceremony never having been more impressively performed. On the conclusion of this portion of the business the chair of W.C.N. was occupied by R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W. &c., who appointed as his principal acting consecrating Officers —Bro. T. Poore P.C.N., &c., and Bro. W. Vincent as S. and J. respectively, Bro. R. Berridge P.G.M.O. as D.C., and Bro. E. J. Mills A.G.I.G. as I.G. The Lodge being duly prepared, the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, no detail of the grandly solemn ritual being omitted. Bro. the Rev. G. W. Weldon delivered a most eloquent and impressive oration. The brethren below the rank of W.C.N. then retired from the Lodge whilst the installation of the W.C.N. was proceeded with. On their return the customary formalities were gone through, after which the W.C.N. appointed the following brethren as his principal Officers for the ensuing year —Bro. J. Hepburn Hastie P.C.N. as J., Bro. Rev. G. W. Weldon G. Chap. (Craft) as S., Bro. Phillip Dakers as Treasurer, Bro. G. H. Newington Bridges P.C.N., &c., as S.D., Bro. J. T. Nornam Callaway as Scribe, Bro. J. Whiteman as Warder, the appointment of the various other Officers being deferred to the next regular meeting. The Lodge was afterwards closed in the usual manner and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where dinner was served in the usual good style peculiar to this establishment. After a sumptuous repast the usual Loyal and Mark toasts were given and duly responded to, after which music and harmony enlivened the remainder of the evening, until the appearance of the Tyler for the last toast brought to a conclusion the celebration of one of the happiest and most successful events in the annals of Mark Masonry.

THE IRISH EXHIBITION IN LONDON.—In addition to the already remarkable list of persons prominent in politics, religion, literature and society, who have given their active support to the useful effort to benefit the sister kingdom, we may add that The Earl of Leitrim, who has joined the Executive, the Earl of Aberdeen, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, and Sir [illegible] M.P. Many of the Corporations in Ireland, Waterford, have officially taken part in the movement, and strongly urged upon the trading communities, their conviction that Irish industries would be materially benefited by a comprehensive display of Ireland's markets and manufactories can be made. The object in fact, tending to show that one of the principal promoters is likely to be fully realised, [illegible] Dublin, at a meeting over which Mr. Sexton, M.P., presided. Mr. Sexton said the exhibition [illegible] success, and would be happy to [illegible]

DANCING.—To Those Who Have Never Learnt to Dance.—Bro. and Mrs. JACQUES WYNMAN 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.

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SATURDAY, 5th 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
1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Wal-ingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
2205—Pegasus, Clavendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

MONDAY, 7th MAY.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker 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)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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—Harlesden 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
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)
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. Geo[illegible]asonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Thre[illegible]gles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Ch[illegible] Oxford
482—S[illegible]rtham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
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861—Fr[illegible]
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1269—Stanhope, [illegible]truction)
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1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Thre[illegible]
1471—Isington, Champion, Alnwick
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Nort[illegible]
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1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
1969—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
2127—Drury Lane, Grand Saloon, Drury Lane Theatre, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 8.30
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct.)
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound 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
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Stookey, Greenhall Street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Kenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1500—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
2099—Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Beech Street, Herne Bay, Kent
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
R.A. 253—Justice, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover Street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
R.A. 660—King Edwin, Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, New Walton
R.A. 1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Cheetham, Lancashire.
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 9th MAY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3 Fidelity, Alfred, Romaa Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
15—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. (Inst ruction)
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, Bardett Road, E.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
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. (Instruc.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1804—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane Street, Chelsea
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1986—Honor Oak, Moore Park Hotel, near Honor Oak Station
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1446—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
[illegible]6—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
[illegible]91—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket Street, Bury, Lancashire
[illegible]—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
Marvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
[illegible]mere, Masonic Hall, Ramsden, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent
2066—Tilbury, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street Newcastle
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 280—St. Wulstans, Masonic Hall, 95 High Street, Worcester
R.A. 298—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
R.A. 343—Royal Preston, Preston
R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
R.A. 946—Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hotel, Twickenham
R.A. 1549—Stanmore, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

THURSDAY, 10th MAY.

19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Ches er St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
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.
1656—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)

1813—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1814—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1822—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1836—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1842—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
1873—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1877—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, at 8
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
2169—Derby Allcroft, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.

R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
R.A. 783—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)
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
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216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
545—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline Street, Longton, Staffs
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
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945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Newcastle
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1055—Derby, Masonic Rooms, Bedford Street, Bury New Road, Manchester
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School Rooms, Sittingbourne
1369—Eala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk

1457—Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot near Manchester
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton
1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable

R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
R.A. 464—Hwlffordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
R.A. 618—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport
R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Union Street, Aberdare
R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 11th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
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.)
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)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaucontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
129—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction.)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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—Perthagoras, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
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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. 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
862—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Greenwich
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
1091—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament Street, Harrogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T. 4—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 12th 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)
1286—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)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.

2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
Stud 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, Audert on's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Ports outh
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1453—Esa, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

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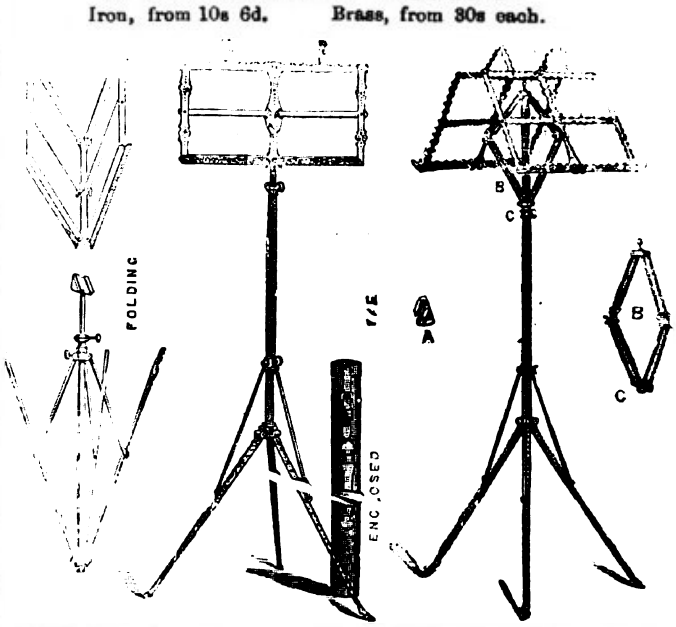
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A STRONGER TIE THAN MASONRY.

A FEW weeks since a paragraph appeared in the columns of a contemporary, which cast a doubt on the supremacy of the Masonic tie. At the time of its publication we felt inclined to offer a protest against the assertion of the writer, but a careful consideration of the subject in its several aspects, and in its association with recent events, has induced us to modify our opinion, and to such an extent that to-day we hardly know to which we ought to award the distinction of enjoying the stronger claim on its members: Freemasonry, that Fraternity to which our paper owes its being, and to which it continually devotes itself; or Journalism, which our contemporary describes as perhaps possessing a more potent bond of unity.

The *Hampshire Independent*, the paper to which we refer above, speaking of the efforts which were being made early in the present year to bring the murderer of the ill-fated Bro. Archibald McNeill to justice says: "the Masonic tie itself, probably, is less potent than the professional bonds which unite true journalists all over the world, and which no distinction of caste or professional rivalry can destroy. Here and there, of course, one meets men who are altogether beyond the pale of such an honourable brotherhood, but the mass are strongly united, and the feeling which animates them is strikingly shown."

As we have already said, at the first blush we were inclined to question the opinion of our contemporary, for although we had been associated with the press for three times the period we had been a Mason, we hardly felt the ties of Journalism equalled, or in any way approached, those of Freemasonry; but we have since thought that perhaps our opinion was influenced by our experiences in the little circle with which we have lately been more immediately associated, where the most absurd jealousy exists—jealousy which forbids even the mention of the name we were born with, and which appears to ignore the courtesies of our "honourable brotherhood." As we regard the matter now, we think we may say honours are about equally divided between Freemasonry and Journalism, and we have been led to this opinion, in great measure, in consequence of the manner in which the latter has associated itself with the former on behalf of a widow of a well-known Mason, who was also a prominent journalist. We allude to Mrs. Cooke, who is at present before the Craft as a candidate for a Widow's annuity from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and whose case has been referred to, we think we may fairly say, in a large majority of the leading papers of the kingdom—so much so as to call forth comment from some of the leading members of the press of the day.

We, who have worked with others for years past in securing votes for one or other of those seeking the benefits of the Masonic Institutions, know that this publicity cannot have been secured without strong influence—and perhaps stronger energy—on the part of those who have the case of Mrs. Cooke in hand, but it is sufficient for our present argument that it has been secured, and none will question the justice of the claim which might be put forward by journalists, that as strong a tie exists among them as that appertaining to Freemasonry.

It has no doubt frequently surprised the outside observer to see the way in which the affairs of the press are conducted; how each paper appears to take every advantage of its competitors to forestal them with news or other items of interest, and yet there are few great events which happen throughout the world but the press in a measure combines to supply the public demand for early and correct information. Probably no other profession allows of such keen competition, and at the same time fraternal companionship as Journalism. Rivalry of the severest kind exists in connection with it, but it is friendly rivalry in most cases, and that too of a character which would not be possible in many other walks of life, indeed, there are many ways in which experiences gained in the world of Journalism may be cited as parallel to that of true Freemasonry, and the instance we have referred to is one of them.

Reverting to the quotation already given from the *Hampshire Independent*, we find further points of similarity between Journalism and Freemasonry. Our contemporary observes that "here and there one meets men who are altogether beyond the pale of such an honourable brotherhood, but the mass are strongly united." How applicable are these words to Freemasonry, and how truly they describe the cause of much of the odium which is associated with the Craft. It is the men we find here and there, beyond the pale of brotherhood, who bring the small amount of discredit which is as inseparable from Freemasonry as from any other human organisation. It is not from the doings of the masses that we gain our reputation so much as from the actions of the few, and whether they be for good or evil the world forms its opinion of the whole from the behaviour of those who make themselves particularly prominent. So it is in Journalism. We find men recognised in the outside world as leaders of the press, and opinions formed of the whole profession from the action of these men, while in truth they are but indifferent specimens, sufficiently clever, however, to make themselves known above their less noisy, if more dignified brethren, and, we must frankly admit, often appearing to make more progress than those of greater stability.

The appeal which has formed the basis of these remarks was addressed "To their brethren of the Paris Press, in connection with the murder of Mr. McNeill—one of the kindliest, gentlest, and best of men—by his comrades of the Press generally, and of the Savage and Press Clubs of London," and it concluded as follows: "We therefore appeal to you, our brothers

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in the profession, to do that for us, and for our murdered comrade, which we would do for you. We appeal to you to use, on our behalf, the powerful weapon which it is our privilege to possess. We appeal to your hearts as men, to your brotherly feelings as journalists, to impress upon the Government of the Republic the importance of the case, and to urge that every possible effort shall be made to bring to justice the murderer or murderers of Archibald McNeill." After reading this can it be wondered there are some who look upon Journalism as possessing even a stronger tie than Freemasonry, and how would our readers answer if the question were put to them—Which is the more powerful? It may be urged that this was a case of national importance, involving the death of a well-known man of the world, but the other case to which we refer cannot be said to possess equal claims in this respect, although it is true that the efforts being made on behalf of Mrs. Cooke are for the benefit of one still living among us, and on that account of more pressing importance in the eyes of many; yet, we think, the unanimity with which her case has been mentioned is at least proof that Freemasonry is not the only organisation in which the strongest of fraternal ties exist.

In speaking thus favourably, and at such length, in support of the bonds of Journalism, we must not allow the impression to go forth that we are forsaking Freemasonry, which is at least entitled to the reputation of possessing a far stronger tie in the world at large than any other human institution, and, as we have already urged, it at least enjoys equal honours with the profession to which our readers are indebted for their periodical supplies of literature. Still, as we agree with the writer who urged that a man knows nothing who is only acquainted with his own side of the question, we feel that considerations of Masonry's position in regard to the outside world must be a benefit to those who desire to extend their knowledge, as not unfrequently opening up ideas and lines of argument which would not arise in the ordinary course of events. Personally we have experienced considerable pleasure in devoting a portion of our time to the subject here touched upon, and we hope it will prove equally as interesting to those who read our remarks. It may not be that all who study them, as we, are members of the two sections of the world referred to, but we think there is sufficient in the subject to interest all, especially as we are inclined to the opinion that much of what we have written in regard to Journalism might be said of other professions, or wherever we can find men who regard life as something more than a continued struggle to best or crush their neighbours. There is assuredly room enough for all who are content with a fair share of this world's goods, and when we see such kindly feelings expressed towards those in misfortune as in the cases under notice, it makes us regret that it should sometimes appear necessary for a man to say unkind things of his fellows, or perform actions which appear harsh. All we can hope is, that as the world becomes more enlightened, men may learn better how to carry the true principles of Freemasonry into every day life.

As years go by we trust we may have many more occasions of defending the fraternal ties of Freemasonry, which so justly occupy a proud position in the opinion of the world. However strong these ties of Masonry, and however zealous the members of the Craft may be of the position they have won, we do not believe there is a brother who will do aught but rejoice if there arise many other organisations for the benefit of humanity which can claim an equal or a stronger tie. We are proud of our position, but do not desire to be left alone in the enjoyment of it. The more who struggle for supremacy under this head the better, and the heartier will be the welcome accorded them.

HOW TO LEARN MASONRY.

ALTHOUGH Freemasonry is a Royal Art, there is no royal road to its learning. In ordinary Masonic parlance it is said, that John Jones and William Brown on a certain day were "made Masons," but does their bare "making" qualify these brethren as proficients in the Royal Art? Both are advanced Fellow Crafts, but does this advancement make them skilled Brethren? Both are raised to the sublime degree, and yet they are still but Masons in the rough—certainly not adepts in the Royal Art. Brother Barkley, of Mississippi, was right when he said, "A man cannot absorb Masonry—he must learn it." Immediately after being "made a Mason" the initiate is but a babe in Masonry, with the Masonic world before him and everything to learn. He is merely born into the Craft, with the right to grow up to Masonic manhood. After he has advanced by the grade of Fellow Craft to the grade of Master Mason, he is still but a youth in Masonry, and before he can be said to be versed in the Royal Art he must *go to school* for years. The sooner brethren come to comprehend the fact that there is no royal road to Masonic learning, that after they are made and subsequently advanced to the highest degree they are still only on the threshold of Masonic knowledge, though with the inestimable privilege to know it all if they will devote the necessary amount of attention, thought and study to the subject, the better it will be for them. The greatest enemy—unseen, and therefore unknown and unappreciated—that Freemasonry has to contend with is ignorance. To how many Freemasons "ignorance is bliss." They are actually *unaware* of their ignorance, delusively thinking that because they have "received the degrees," therefore they are every whit Freemasons! But have they "*received* the degrees?" Only as a sieve or a duck's back receives water. It went in one ear and out of the other. No one *truly* "receives" the degrees of Masonry who does not *know* them, and the lowest form of knowledge is the mastery of the verbiage of those degrees. And can this be readily absorbed? On the contrary, does it not have to be patiently studied and learned? Answer it, Masonic schools of instruction! Answer it, earnest toilers in secret after the knowledge of the ritual! Answer it, Wardens and Masters who have but a brief practical experience in ritualistic Freemasonry! How difficult it is to learn, and how easily your learning escapes you, sometimes, when you seek to confer a degree! But all this is merely the lesser learning of the Royal Art, its forms and ceremonies, its naked ritual. Back of and underlying these there is something greater. The first—the ritual—must be apprehended and then comprehended. This latter is the greater labour, and yet it is richly rewarded, for it introduces to the greater learning of the Craft.

Masonic tradition asserts that Pythagoras belonged to an ancient brotherhood which was akin to Masonry. Of this great mathematician it has been said:

> "He solved that geometric gem
> No Ariadne could explore—
> The pearl of Euclid's diadem,
> The symbol of Masonic lore."

Pythagoras has a lesson for us upon the Royal Art of Freemasonry, for in one of his almost magic sentences he describes the Brother who is merely "made a Mason," but is not skilled in the Royal Art, and the other Brother who has mastered its learning—the meaning as well as the words of the work—and become an accomplished Master Mason. Hear him: "He that knoweth not that which he ought to know, is a brute beast among men; and he that knoweth all that may be known, is as a god among men. The least that any Freemason ought to know is the work of Freemasonry, and the most that all *may* know, if they choose to study it, is the *meaning* of the work.

We have hinted how a Mason may learn the ritual of Masonry, but how shall he become in the best sense of the term a bright Master Mason? Here again there is no royal road—he must listen, read, learn, digest and think. He must discover what each of the forms and ceremonies of Freemasonry typifies and signifies; he must master the greater learning of the Craft. What aids has he to such an endeavour—an endeavour which the Fraternity expects every Brother to make for himself? In order to become a thinking Mason he must first be a reading Mason. Read what? Habitually and thoroughly read at least one periodical of the Craft. The readers whom we directly

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address read *the Keystone*. If they find it helpful, as we are told they do, let them fraternally commend it to their friends among the Brethren, in order that they too may become students of the higher learning of the Craft. There are no "higher degrees" than the ancient three, but there is a higher knowledge of those degrees, which *the Keystone* essays to teach. Then read, in addition, the formal history of Freemasonry—Fort's, or Gould's, or Findel's; read the philosophy of Freemasonry—Mackey's Symbolism, Pierson's Traditions or Arnold's Philosophy; read Oliver's Landmarks of Freemasonry; read the Constitutions of Freemasonry—Anderson's, of 1723 and 1737, and the Book of Constitutions of your own Masonic jurisdiction; and own and frequently consult Mackey's, Kenning's, Mackenzie's or Morris's Encyclopædia of Freemasonry. These books, with *the Keystone*, constitute in themselves a Masonic library, which will, after you have been "made a Mason," and advanced by the grade of fellow Craft to the higher grade of Master Mason, enable you to become thoroughly accomplished in the Royal Art. If you add to the secret knowledge you acquire in the tyled Lodge, the supplementary learning which may be derived from these legitimate sources of Masonic information, and continually read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest this learning, so as to make it in the truest sense your own, you may master the Royal Art, and be, in the best sense of the term, a Master Mason." This is "How to learn Masonry."

—*Keystone.*

THE GRAND MASTER AT BLACKBURN.

HIS Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess, paid a visit to Blackburn on Wednesday, for the purpose of assisting in laying the foundation stone of the Blackburn Technical School. The weather proved gloriously fine, and thousands of persons from the surrounding towns visited Blackburn, while, as the stone was to be laid with Masonic honours, Freemasons, chiefly from the Provinces of East Lancashire, West Yorkshire, and West Lancashire, attended in large numbers. Their Royal Highnesses, who had travelled during the night from Glasgow, where they had been on a visit, and to open the Exhibition, arrived at one of the surburban stations about ten in the morning, and at once drove to Witton Park, where they breakfasted as the guests of Lieut. Gen. Fielden, C.M.G., M.P. After breakfast the royal party drove, through a most enthusiastic assembly of sightseers, into Blackburn, where, at the Blakey Moore site, there was a company numbering some 4,000 awaiting them, including most of the chief residents of Blackburn, about five hundred Masonic brethren, the Mayors of several neighbouring towns, and many other representative gentlemen. The Mayor conducted the Princess to the dais, Her Royal Highness wearing a waistcoat of white, with gold buttons and a Masonic bow. The Prince having been clothed with his insignia as Grand Master of England, ascended the dais, and was followed by the Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire (Colonel Le Gendre Starkie), the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire (Bro. T. W. Tew), the Provincial Grand Chaplain (the Rev. Arthur Parkinson), the Grand Secretary of England (Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke), and the Prov. Grand Sec. (Bro. J. Chadwick). The Provincial Grand Lodge had met under the warrant of the Lodge of Fidelity (269), and with the other brethren occupied a reserved position near the dais. Prior to the Masonic ceremony the Town-clerk (Mr. W. E. L. Gaine) read the address of the Corporation of Blackburn, which contained the request that His Royal Highness would accept honorary freedom of their borough, and sign the roll as the first honorary freeman. This the Prince of Wales graciously did, and replied to the address of the Corporation. Assuming now the position of Grand Master, the Prince of Wales proceeded, with a silver trowel presented by the Mayor, to lay the foundation stone of the Technical School, with the prescribed Masonic ritual, first proving the just position and form of the stone with plumb rule, level, and square, giving the block three knocks with an ivory mallet in token of satisfaction with its solidity and firmness, and afterwards pouring out the corn in signification of plenty and abundance, the wine to represent joy and gladness, and the oil in token of peace and unanimity. The Provincial Grand Chaplain offered a prayer, and a Masonic choir sang the anthem "Prosper the Art." The Mayoress, at the conclusion of the ceremony, advanced to the dais, and, in the name of the ladies of Blackburn, presented to the Princess of Wales a diamond brooch, which was very graciously accepted. The procession was re-formed, and the Royal party drove, amid redoubled cheers, to the Town Hall, where luncheon was served.

Replying to an address presented by the Freemasons of Blackburn, the Prince of Wales said :—

Worshipful Master and Brethren,—I thank you with feelings of fraternal friendship for your address, and the Princess of Wales unites with me in expressing our warm acknowledgments to the Brethren of the Masonic Lodges in Blackburn for their kind welcome and for the cordial words in which they allude to our presence here to-day. I sincerely appreciate the compliment which you are so good to pay me as the Grand Master of Freemasons in England by your reference to the satisfactory condition of the Craft, and I can assure you that I shall always do my best to extend the principles on which Freemasonry is founded to the utmost of my ability and power. Let me add, in conclusion, that it afforded me much pleasure to give effect to the wish which was expressed, that the first stone of this important and most useful institution should be laid with Masonic honours.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. R. W. Stewart P.G.D., J. M. Case P.G.D., Henry Maudslay P.G.D., C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., James Brett P.G.P., W. H. Perryman P.G.P., H. Garrod P.G.P., James Terry P.G.S.B. (Secretary), J. J. Berry, Albert Fish, M. B. Daniell, John Bulmer, E. Bolton, J. Newton, A. H. Tattershall, W. A. Scurrah, C. J. Perceval, W. Hilton, Charles G. Hill, Henry Cox, Hugh Cotter, Charles Kempton, Charles Lacey, Louis Stenn, W. J. Murlis and W. Belchamber. Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of two male candidates and one widow annuitant. The Warden's report for the past month having been read, the draft annual report, as prepared by the Committee appointed to draw it up, was submitted and approved. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Obituary.

BRO. J. BROOK-SMITH, M.A., P.G.D.
Deputy Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire.

BRO. SIR CHARLES TILSTON BRIGHT.
Past Deputy Prov. G.M. Middlesex.

LAST week two of the Provinces into which English Freemasonry is divided were thrown into mourning, Gloucestershire by the death of its late Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Brother Brook-Smith, who died on Saturday, the 5th inst.; and Middlesex, by the death, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., of Sir Charles T. Bright, who some years back also filled the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Brook-Smith had for the last forty years been associated with the government of Cheltenham College, and within a few weeks of his death had been promoted from the second mastership to that of head master of the civil and military department. As this promotion would increase his duties, he resigned his office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but as no formal appointment had been made of a successor, he virtually died second in Masonic rank in the Province, with which he had been for many years associated, and in which he had won general esteem and regard.

Sir Charles Bright was more intimately known from the prominent part he took in laying the first Atlantic cable, the honour of Knighthood being conferred upon him, in 1858, for his great scientific services in connection with that work, he being the principal engineer engaged. In 1865 he was elected to represent Greenwich in Parliament, and in 1881 represented England at the French International Exhibition, in connection with which he received the Cross of the Legion of Honour. His funeral was numerously attended, the R.W. the Prov. G. Master of Middlesex, Bro. Col. Sir Fras. Burdett, Bart., being represented at the service at St. Cuthbert's Church by V.W. Bro. J. F. H. Woodward Prov. G. Sword Bearer, Prov. G. Secretary Middlesex.

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PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 60

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their one hundred and fiftieth anniversary on Thursday, the 3rd instant, by a special meeting of the Lodge at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., when, under the presidency of Bro. Arthur S. Josling, Past Grand Steward, W.M., a most successful gathering resulted. Among those present, supporting the Worshipful Master, were the following members of the Lodge:—Charles E. Soppet P.G.S. I.P.M., A. T. Layton P.G.S. S.W., H. Young P.M. P.G.S. Treasurer, Frederick Binckes P.M. P.G.S. Secretary, A. J. Altman Grand Steward S.D., James Moon Grand Steward J.D., H. T. Kent P.M. P.G.S. D.C., E. Rogers I.G., G. Anderson P.M., W. Masters, H. Slade, R. Walker, O C. L. W. Polenz, W. H Kempster, M.D., W. H. Kempster jun., M.B., T. Comfort, E. J. Altman, J. M. Hodder, J. T. Cotton, T. C. Walls, George H. Kenning, R. Clowes, and H. J. Lardner. In addition to these members the following brethren attended as Visitors:—Very Worshipful Bros. D. P. Cama and Richard Eve P.G. Treasurers, Frederick A. Philbrick Grand Registrar; Worshipful Bros. Robert Berridge Grand Junior Deacon, Raynham W. Stewart, George Plucknett, J. C. Parkinson, George Cooper, and V. P. Freeman Past Grand Deacons; Raymond H. Thrupp and John L. Mather Past Grand A. Directors of Ceremonies; George Lambert, J. H. Woodward, and James Terry (Secretary R.M.B.I.) Past Grand Sword Bearers, Charles Frederick Hogard and C. F. Matier Past Grand Standard Bearers, Edwin M. Lott (Mus. Doc.) Past Grand Organist, Henry Sadler Grand Tyler, Henry Venn P.M. 23 and Rowland Plumbe P.M. 46 Past Grand Stewards, A. M. Broadley P.Dep.D.G.M. Malta, &c., Charles Belton P.P.G.W. Surrey, J. S. Cumberland P.P.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, H. J. Giller P.P.G.P. Herts, George Pigache Wor. Master 12, Stephen Barney 66, George Davis P.M. 167, James Willing jun. P.M. 177, E. J. Layton P.M. 181, George Abbott P.M. 192, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, F. W. Imbert Terry P.M. 214, A. Durrant P.M. 569, J. G. Plumbe 859, H. C. Knott 859, W. Wilkins P.M. 902, E. Penard 907, F. Herold P.M. 1056, C. L. Brown P.M. 1237, J. Z. Pilditch P.M. 1257, A. Lester 1309, F. Lunnis 1426, P. Howard 1466, W. T. Tyrrell 1471, A. Snook 1477, H. Miskin P.M. 1479, H. Comfort 1572, W. Wellsman P.M. 1589, C. Whittlesea 1642, Joyce Murray P.M. 1706, W. Jaques W.M. 1744, N. P. Lardner 1745, W. W. Le 1897, G. P. Festa P.M. 1900, T. Hastings Miller P.M. 1964, A. B. Bolas 2128, John Barnett 2192, H. Wilcocks, Sydney Claris, N. Sorokiadis Grand Lodge of Greece. Letters of regret for inability to attend were received from the following brethren:—Rt. Hon. Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro G.M., Rt. Hon. Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Sir Francis Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex; V.W. Bros. H. B. Marshall Past G. Treasurer, Asher Barfield Grand Treasurer; R.W. Bro. Thos. Fenn P.G.W. Pres. B.G.P., W. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. Pres. Board of Benevolence; V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary; W. Bros. Samuel Pope, Q.C., P.G.D., R. F. Gould P.G.D; R.W. Bros. Sir Reg. Hanson, Bart., P.G.W.; W. Bros. Col. Peters P.G.S.B., Wm. Roebuck P.G.S.B., H. W. Hunt P.G. Steward, Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor W.M. 21 Grand Steward, William Pass P.M. 28, Augustus Harris P.M. 2127.

The Lodge was duly opened in the three degrees by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Charles Robinson was passed, and Bro. O. C. L. W. Polenz was raised. Congratulations were tendered by those present and the Lodge was closed, after which the company adjourned to the Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern, where a banquet was partaken of, and in due course the toasts were proceeded with.

In giving "the Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said it had been their privilege to live under a Sovereign whose reign, exceeding half a century, had been identified with prosperity combined with progress and advancement. Individual experience confirmed the poet's effusion when he compared life to sunshine and shade; and so is it with a nation. The horizon of the Empire had been dimmed with clouds, but the sunshine of contentment had predominated owing to the wise rule of their Queen, who had endeared herself to her subjects.

The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M." As Masons they naturally rejoiced to have so exalted a personage at the head of their body, but they appreciated him the more as they recognised in him the qualities which fit him for the high office he fills, and for the multifarious duties devolving upon him. His disposition was as genial as his qualifications were great.

"The M.W. Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Dep. G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past," was then proposed by the W.M. He said that on this occasion it was scarcely necessary for him to refer to the Earl of Carnarvon or to the Earl of Lathom, whose names had become as familiar to Masons as household words. He would, however, dwell upon the pleasure, the satisfaction, and the pride it afforded him on this auspicious occasion, the 150th Anniversary of their Lodge, to see so many Grand Officers of high distinction present. The Grand Officers were, by their experience and high intellectual attainments, the cases of originality which freshen up the stale platitudes and hackneyed and threadbare expressions characterizing Masonic banquets. Many of the brethren present had listened to that marvellous flow of language of which the Grand Officers were adepts. The members were proud to have them present, and he had no doubt there were many of their number overflowing in their readiness to respond. He was quite sure the Grand Officers would not begrudge the members of that Lodge the pleasure in which they rejoiced, of sending up their own Grand Steward annually. The choice had this year devolved upon a brother whose experience as a member of the Board of Common Council of the great City of London had enabled him to acquire the art of making himself socially popular. In his capacity as Grand Steward he would probably be presided over by the Lord Mayor, which made the selection the more opportune, and he was convinced the prestige of the Lodge would be well maintained by Bro. Altman. There were a large number included in this toast, but he thought the brethren would not find it tedious if he read the names. In conclusion he asked the brethren to cordially drink the health of the Grand Officers, associating with the toast the names of Bros. D. P. Cama, R. Eve, F. A. Philbrick, Berridge, and Altman.

Bro. D. P. Cama P.G. Treas. said, that it gave him great pleasure, on behalf of himself and his illustrious colleagues, to return thanks for the honour done the Grand Officers. It was a sincere pleasure to the Grand Officers to use their best endeavours to promote the interest of their time-honoured Society, which was so well known and admired, and which made no distinction as to colour or creed. There were several Grand Officers to follow him in response, but before he finished he would thank his friend Bro. Rogers for inviting him, and also the W.M. and brethren for receiving a stranger from the East as their guest. It was a very graceful act on the part of Bro. Rogers to invite him, and the brethren to receive him so kindly. Such an act, in an assembly like the present, would promote good feeling between East and West, and would also cement the tie of union and friendship between the subjects of the Queen and of his beloved Sovereign the Empress of India.

Bro. R. Eve P.G. Treas. said, he felt when the toast was given that his good friend Bro. Cama would respond for the Grand Treasurers, but in obedience to the order of the W.M. he had very much pleasure in replying and expressing the extreme gratification it afforded him to be present on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Peace and Harmony Lodge. He regarded it as an honour to be present, and it was doubtless a greater satisfaction to the members to find they had existed as a Lodge for so many years. Antiquity's pride they could safely say was on their side, if it was not on the side of many Lodges in the City of London, and it was a great privilege to find there were so many Lodges existing for so many years. It was satisfactory to find from the history of the Lodge that it had not gone outside the City of London, and that although it had sojourned at many places, it had come at last to the home of Masonry—Freemasons' Hall. True to its name the Lodge had been productive of the best results. Whatever might be their principles, religion or colour, the great object of their working was to produce Peace and Harmony. He was glad to have the opportunity of standing next to P.G. Treas. Bro. Cama, who came from a distant clime. He should like to take up a great deal of their time, but knowing there were many brethren to follow him, he felt he should be trespassing if he said more than to thank them for their kindness and for the genial reception extended to him. He knew it was an honour to respond for the many brethren who grace the list of Grand Officers, and for those excellent brethren who are at the head of the Craft, and it therefore afforded him considerable pleasure to reply to the toast.

Bro F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. also replied. He said the will of the W.M. was law, and law was something which he had been taught to respect from his youth up. He would not set an example of disobedience on the present occasion, but trusted the brethren would forgive him for venturing, in obedience to the call, to express, on the part of the Grand Officers, for whom he had the honour to return thanks, and whose presence in almost unexampled numbers at this commemorative gathering was a sufficient evidence of the interest they take in the prosperity of the Craft, and the continuance, antiquity, and well being of the Lodges—their thanks for the recognition they had received at the hands of the members of this Lodge. It was always a great privilege to those who were at the moment concerned in the administration of any great body—and he would ask what greater body there was at the present moment in this realm than the Free and Accepted Masons, claiming allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England? What more loyal body to their Sovereign, what body more true to the traditions of the Order, and what body was there which could show by its unexampled Charitable Institutions that the principles they professed were carried out in action? Brethren forming part of such a body, who to some extent had been called to honour, and who represented the executive powers which emanate from the G. Master, felt a great measure of delight at the attainment by any of the Lodges under the G. Lodge of an antiquity so respectable as that which, if they were speaking of a married couple, they would say was the attainment of twice a diamond wedding. They were celebrating that evening the 150th anniversary of the Lodge, which he saw, by the interesting record, was first christened the Peace and Harmony Lodge in 1789. The Lodge was started in 1738, when George II. was King—the last English monarch who went in person to battle. Here always was to be found, always would be, that strong feeling of loyalty and attachment which was capable of standing the effects, not merely of 150 years, but of ten times that number. It was no mean tribute to the universality of Freemasonry that they had present a brother who had been called to exalted rank amongst them, hailing from a distant clime, and whom in colour, and probably in religion, differed from them, but who met them as their honoured superior on the great platform of English Freemasonry. It was because of the universality of the principles of Masonry that it possessed its present power, and it was for this reason that institutions like these were able to meet and celebrate an anniversary such as the present. During the existence of this Lodge the boundaries of the map had been altered, new countries had been discovered, and new nations had come into existence, but wherever the English race had gone there always had been found a want to which Masonry had responded, for the great principles of Masonry had a prominent attraction in the eyes of men. So long as this was the case, so long would they find the Institution respected, and that that might long continue was the sincere wish of the Grand Officers for whom he had the honour to return thanks.

Bro. Berridge said that after the exhaustive speech to which they had listened he was quite sure the brethren would excuse him if he

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said but a few words. Bro. Philbrick had so eloquently alluded to the kind manner in which the toast was given and received that it left but little for him to say. He would, however, beg to be allowed to congratulate the Lodge on the manner in which the work and ceremonies were performed, and also to congratulate the Worshipful Master on presiding at the 150th Anniversary.

Bro. Altman returned sincere thanks for the compliment paid him. It was a great privilege to stand there as a Grand Officer, and more especially being a Grand Steward for that Lodge. He trusted he should render the same good suit and service as the past members had done. It would always be his wish to uphold the dignity of their Lodge and promote Peace and Harmony.

Bro. Binckes (P.G.S.B.) Past Master and Secretary, — I rise with pleasure and gratification to propose the next toast, and it may be necessary to state that I assume this duty by the consent of the Immediate Past Master, on my right, whose privilege it would naturally be to address you. There are reasons which have induced this arrangement, in which Bro. Soppet cheerfully concurs, and while I feel that the duties might be much more ably discharged, it is not for me to shrink from the task. I trust, on such an occasion, you will listen to what I have to say with indulgent consideration, inasmuch as having no set oration in the meeting of the Lodge it has been considered advisable that allusion should be made to a few salient points which have been recorded from the time of our constitution. Let me assure you if I find any sign of weariness I shall limit my remarks, and desist from further troubling you. Before proceeding I must acknowledge my indebtedness to Bro. Sadler, the Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian, who has assisted me, not only with matter for my address, but also with particulars for the compilation you have before you. The Lodge was constituted, as you know, in 1738, and there is nothing recorded down to 1745, when we find, from the Minutes of Grand Lodge, that the Worshipful Master and Wardens attended Grand Lodge and contributed pretty regularly to charity. On the 7th March 1748, the Masters of several Lodges were ordered to be summoned to show cause why they had not attended Grand Lodge for some time past, and unfortunately our Lodge, then No. 158, was one of the delinquents. On 22nd December 1748, the W.M. of 158, with others, attended, and promised to be more regular in future. This shows a careful supervision by Grand Lodge over subordinate Lodges, very necessary then when the Lodges were few, though rendered less necessary now with the large number in existence, it being observed, however, that Lodges in default or guilty of neglect at the present day are unpleasantly reminded of their delinquencies by being publicly posted at the various Quarterly Communications. In 1749 we find the Lodge fairly represented in G. Lodge, and in the cash column, and continuing so for many years. In 1760 there were symptoms of decline, but no complaint of non-attendance or non-payment can be found. From the first it seems to have been a Tradesmen's Lodge, and to have had numerous members at the close of last century. Its roll was cosmopolitan in character, comprising members of every conceivable profession and occupation—from that comprehensive though undefined term "Gentleman," down to "Bargeman." For the latter I think, without straining a point, we have a right to substitute "Barge-owner," for I can hardly realize any advantage from the admission of a typical "Bargee." The brother so described was John Wilkinson, who joined 28th November 1811. In 1776 there joined, in June, a Brother "Oliver Cromwell Vile," who in 1780 was Secretary of the Board of Grand Stewards, and it would thus appear that the Lodge was occasionally represented by a Grand Steward during the last century. This brother was also a member of the Tuscan Lodge. Up to 1815 the M.W. Grand Master claimed the right to nominate Grand Stewards, and he then selected 18 Lodges for the right of such nomination, amongst them being No. 60 (then singularly bearing the same number as at present). The title of "Peace and Harmony" was first acquired, as No. 64, in 1789. With 1816 we come to the first Grand Steward chosen by the Lodge, Bro. J. G. Godwin, and there is no doubt that he was a brother of prominence, who had actively participated in the work of the Craft, for we find the following entry on the minutes of Grand Lodge, under date 6th Sept. 1815—two years after the Union—"A motion was made by Bro. Goldsworthy, P.M. No. 3, and seconded by Bro. Godwin, of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 82, that the thanks of the United Grand Lodge be most dutifully presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M., for his zealous, unremitting, and fraternal care, in watching over the interest of the Craft, in maintaining its ancient landmarks, and preserving inviolate its true principles and tenets. And all the brethren testified their unanimous and unqualified concurrence by the accustomed honours." In 1816 the number of Lodges on the Register of United Grand Lodge was between 350 and 400, and it was no doubt regarded as an honour by a Lodge to be selected as one of 18 Lodges with the privilege of electing a Grand Steward—an honour conferred, one would imagine, for some merit on the part of the Lodge, and it may fairly be inferred that the Peace and Harmony Lodge was held in good repute, and obtained this distinction by the generally praiseworthy manner in which its affairs were conducted, enabling it to maintain a distinguished position, owing to the attention shown by its W.M. and Officers to the details of the business of the Order. There is little or nothing of interest until we come to the Bye-laws, which, under date 3rd May 1738, have the style of "Orders, Rules and Ordinances," a much more serious and awe-inspiring title than our modern "Bye-laws." From these there is not much worth extracting, though the following may deserve a passing word of comment:—"That the Lodge be held every second Tuesday in the month, the Brothers to meet at the hour of six in the evening from Michaelmas to Lady-Day, and seven from Lady-Day to Michaelmas, and that no brother call for wine until the Master of the Lodge, or his Deputy, assume the chair; or if the Master or Wardens do not come at the hours respectively above mentioned, the Brothers may call for wine," &c. The &c. probably included "Smoke," and liquors other than wine. We may gather from this that in the old, primitive days, labour and refreshment were intimately combined, as in these degenerate days is the custom in many Lodges of Instruction. Having provided for the "use" of these good things, we find provision made against "abuse" in the following Bye-law. "That no Brother, whether he be a member or visitor, do enter the Lodge-room disguised in liquor, or behave indecently towards the Master, Wardens, or any of the Brethren in the Lodge, on pain of being admonished, by the Master, for the first offence; and if, after being so admonished, he does not return to his duty and amend, the Master, for the time being, is hereby authorised and empowered to dismiss and exclude any such visiting Brother or member belonging to the Lodge, and entirely to deprive him or them of all advantages and privileges therein." I have not found an instance of any enforcement of the penal powers of this law, though, from the absence of Minute Books, I dare not claim a total exemption. The next Bye-law will prove that our brethren of this Lodge, 150 years ago, were just as mindful as any of us Moderns of the qualifications essential in every candidate for admission into the Order, and that the lessons inculcated in these days were enforced by our predecessors, as they are now. "That no person be made a Free and Accepted Mason, *in this Lodge*, or, if a Mason, a member thereof—unless well known, to one member or more, to be a person of virtuous principle and integrity, and not a bondsman, but such as by his own consent is desirous to become a brother, it being contrary to our established Constitution to persuade or engage any person thereto, and it is hereby recommended to every good Mason, and particularly to the Brethren of this Lodge, that they be careful who they recommend to be made Masons, that they may not bring any Disreputation"—there is a charmingly fine ring in these old time words—"on the Craft." We find that on the 28th January 1819, at a meeting held at the Bay Tree Tavern, St. Swithin's Lane, London, "This Lodge doth unanimously annul and make void all Bye-laws and Regulations now of force therein from and after the day on which H.R.H. Prince Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, shall have declared his sanction to certain new and amended Bye-laws herein afterwards set forth and specified." There is one law not only worthy of notice, but of adoption by Lodges in the present day—in the face of instances to which it is not necessary to make specific allusion. "The Master and Wardens are to demand sufficient security from the Treasurer, and should any loss happen in consequence of their neglect herein, they shall be held responsible to the Lodge." In these amended Laws there is inculcated the exercise of the same strict caution as to candidates for membership *of this Lodge*, and even further emphasised:—"Such persons only as are of good reputation for upright and moral conduct, and who are enabled by some honest profession"—(how would this apply to the case of the "bargeman" of 1811?)—"to support themselves and their families creditably—shall be deemed eligible to become members of this Lodge, and the Masters and Wardens for the time being are especially required to inform themselves respecting every candidate before the ballot takes place." While we hear this caution over and over again, line upon line, and precept upon precept, laid down in Consecration Ceremonies, we find that, in our old Lodge, the necessity for the strictest exercise of discretion in the choice of members as forcibly impressed as at the present day. If those lessons have been forgotten it is evident that blame, in this respect, cannot attach to the members of our old Lodge. So much for the Bye-laws. Now, what has the Lodge done on behalf of Masonic Charity? Well, our record is not a very brilliant one, or one which we can regard altogether with complacency. It must, however, be stated, that the Lodge has never been in a condition which may be called "wealthy," the balance in the hands of the Treasurer having been rarely more than moderate. We have contributed about £161 15s to the Masonic Institutions, and we possess 29 votes; while, as a rule, we send up two Stewards at least in each year to represent the Lodge. Let us hope that in this respect the future will show an improvement on the past. Now I come to the distinctions in Grand Lodge. I think the members are just as anxious as members of other Lodges to obtain what, to use a hackneyed expression, is called "the purple," and which may be regarded as an object of legitimate ambition by every brother from the moment of his initiation. The members of this Lodge who have been honoured with appointments in Grand Lodge are but few in number. They are:—

1	Joseph Douglas.	Grand Steward 1826	S.G.D. 1839
2	Geo. P. de Rhe Philipe	,, 1828	G.S.B. 1837
3	R. T. Crucefix, M.D.	,, 1833	J.G.D. 1836
4	Jno. Hodgkinson	,, 1847	S.G.D. 1852
5	Jno. Newton Tomkins	,, 1849	J.G.D. 1855
6	Wm. Young	,, 1857	G.S.B. 1864
7	Frederick Binckes	,, 1867	P.G.S.B. 1887
8	Jas. T. Collins	,, 1870	G.S.B. 1874

This would give a total of 8 appointments to Grand Office, but you must take it as 7½, because I have been told, on high authority, that I am only half a Grand Officer. If I am only a moiety of a Grand Officer, I hope you will accept the honour done to the Lodge in my person, and that the next Brother thus honoured may be equal to 1½, which would equalise matters. Whether this brief list may be considered adequate to the deserts of so old, so meritorious, so faithful, and so distinguished a Lodge, must be left to the judgment of the Supreme Rulers of the Masonic portion of the Universe, and does not call for comment from me. The retrospect of 150 years is a lengthy one, and it would ill become me to dwell upon the "chances and changes" of that period. Indeed, had I been disposed to do so, our eloquent friend Bro. Philbrick has anticipated me, and so rendered unnecessary any observations on these events. I need hardly say what a source of intense satisfaction and pride it is that the Peace and Harmony Lodge, small in numbers, should be supported on such an occasion

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by so numerous a gathering of good and distinguished members of our Order—many of them personal friends of members of the Lodge—each and all receiving a hearty welcome on honouring us with their presence to participate in the proceedings of this memorable evening. To-night we complete a century and a half of what, I think, we may fairly claim to have been a prosperous existence, and to-morrow we enter on a new epoch. "As the days shall make the weeks, the weeks the months, the months add themselves and make the years, the years roll on into the centuries," let us indulge in the hope that the prosperity of this Lodge may be increased, its usefulness extended, its benevolence developed, and its hospitality maintained. I think you are fully in possession of what little history there is, and which is supplemented by the book before you, containing a record of the principal items of interest concerning our good old Lodge, and if you will allow me, I will couple with the toast, Prosperity to the Lodge. Let me now leave the "concrete" and proceed to the "abstract," the most difficult portion of my duty, for I am going to ask what manner of man is he who is our immediate ruler and governor? When I venture to ask this question I will be presumptuous enough to answer it. To start with, he is one of the most accomplished Wor. Masters the Lodge ever possessed. I ask those, not only who are visitors for the first time, and have had the opportunity of listening to the ceremonials in the Lodge, there rendered by him in a manner so perfect that it is only equalled by the ability and geniality with which he presides over us at the banquet table, but those who are members of the Lodge, and whose experience will justify my not empty eulogy. Brother Josling has served every office, and has given satisfaction to every Worshipful Master, ultimately arriving at the highest position the Lodge can bestow upon him, and we regard him as one of the brightest ornaments of which the Lodge can boast. I could say more if he were not present. I am not guilty of idle compliment in saying that to know him is to regard and esteem him, and that it would be impossible to have the subject of the W.M. of a Lodge to place before a large gathering such as we see here to-night with qualifications more calculated to inspire confidence in submitting such a proposal than those I place before you in connection with the name of Bro. Josling. I ask you to join me in wishing him "God speed" in his after career. We indulge in the hope that when he retires from the chair he fills so well we shall not lose the benefit of his services, and that when he comes amongst, what without egotism I may call the honoured rank of the Past Masters, he may still retain the proud position in their estimation which he has always held in the Lodge. I have very few words to add. I want you to rectify by your heartiness any imperfections of which I may have been guilty. My duty, which has not been an easy one, is now ended, and my thanks are due to the members of the Lodge, and to the large phalanx of visitors over whom the Worshipful Master so effectively presides, for the kindness with which they have listened to my remarks.

The Worshipful Master in reply said, that those delights were the greatest which were the most difficult to attain, and the complication of circumstances and the proud position he occupied compelled him in honesty to admit that the delight became somewhat modified, inasmuch as it necessitated an acknowledgment of compliments which were in excess of his merits. He had also to acknowledge the eloquent terms in which those compliments were conveyed. Allusion had been made to the satisfactory manner in which the work had been performed during the year he had had the honour to preside. He had always upheld, and still maintained, that he who aspired to the honour of being W.M. of a Lodge was in duty bound to capacitate himself for the proper discharge of the duties devolving upon the post. Bro. Binckes had given them, in a most comprehensive, lucid and creditable manner, many interesting details concerning the Lodge, and he would assure them that in future years to come it would give him pleasure to look back upon the year that he had presided over them, and in which three such important events had been celebrated as the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign, the Silver Wedding of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the 150th Anniversary of the Peace and Harmony Lodge.

Bro. Binckes, in giving the Visitors, said he approached a difficult task, which assumed exceptional importance as the visiting brethren, greatly to their gratification, outnumbered the members of the Lodge. They knew that as a rule Masons were given to hospitality, and he should be sorry if the Peace and Harmony Lodge proved an exception, especially on an occasion like the present, when they had been exceedingly anxious to properly entertain their Visitors, and he was gratified to find that their endeavours had been crowned with success. The members were delighted to see such a phalanx of visitors, to whom they extended a hearty welcome. They knew that even in the domestic circle, however happy that circle might be, it was occasionally enlivened by the presence of a good humoured, sympathetic guest. There was no doubt that the members of this Lodge, with the traditions they had inherited, in spite of penal laws to the contrary, were well able to conduct their proceedings and social business among themselves, even if they had no visitors, and would, in so doing, be carrying out one of the principles of Masonry—that of being happy themselves. But they would not be happy if they did not carry out the duty of communicating happiness to others. It had been their object to gather together—and he thought they had not failed—as thoroughly a representative gathering of Masons as possible, and it was a source of pleasure to the W.M and members, although they had been disappointed by many distinguished brethren, to see at the social board representatives of the financial, legal and ceremonial branches of the Order, together with a representative of the Charitable Institutions. Having particularised the Visiting brethren, and having made allusions to the abilities and qualifications of the more distinguished of their number, Bro. Binckes called upon the members to testify, by the warmth of their reception, the heartiness of the welcome extended to the Visitors, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Plucknett, Imbert Terry, J. C. Parkinson, and a member of the Pythagoras Lodge of Athens.

Bro. Plucknett, on behalf of the Visitors, returned thanks for the pleasure their visit had afforded them. He congratulated the Lodge with sincerity on its antiquity, and on the fact that it had for so many years carried out the principles of Masonry. He hoped that the hospitality extended by the Lodge, and the prosperity it had evinced, would continue for many years to come, and that for centuries it would enjoy the high position it had attained.

Bro. Imbert Terry said he cordially reiterated the wish expressed that they might live to see the 200th Anniversary, and if on that occasion they received the excellent entertainment and hearty welcome they had experienced that evening, it would be worth living for. He ventured to thank them on behalf of himself and the other visitors, for the honour done them in inviting them on this occasion. In conclusion he wished every possible prosperity to the Lodge.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson said his first and most pleasurable duty was to congratulate the Lodge on its career for the past 150 years. The W. Master, who so ably presided over them, had testified, by the aptness of his observations and the felicity of their expression, that the traditions of the Lodge lost nothing at his hands, and peace and harmony were as well represented that night as in the past. He was thankful to Bro. Binckes for his kindness in alluding to the circumstance that he (Bro. Parkinson) was indebted to him for performing the Installation Ceremony the first time he ever went into the chair of a Lodge, and from which he dated so much happiness and pleasure. He was further indebted, for the pleasure of being present that evening, to the brother on his right, who was a member of a Lodge not as old as the Peace and Harmony, but with a record of 120 years. Their membership extended over some 30 years, and they were still standing shoulder to shoulder, he in the chair for the third time and his friend as an active member. At that late hour of the evening the difficulty was not what to say, but how to compress it. They had had so much presented to them, in so able a manner, concerning the historical points connected with the past 150 years, that it would be unnecessary for him to dwell upon the facts which welled up in his mind as to the condition of the community when this Lodge was founded. In the entire history of the civilised world, the last 150 years had shown more progress than any preceding period before it. There were three especial points to which he would refer—light, the transmission of intelligence, and locomotion. When their Lodge was founded, if a dignitary wished to illuminate his palace, he resorted to the same means as Belshazzar did—a multiplicity of candles. If a man wished to have a message conveyed quickly, he saddled a horseman and despatched him on the errand. The inventions in the days when the Lodge was founded were precisely the same as those mentioned in the Old Testament. These were pregnant facts he would leave the brethren to dwell upon. He thanked the members for the reception given their Visitors, who had had a welcome they would not easily forget.

The Past Masters was then given by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Kent and Soppet, who thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kindness, and assured them that the P.M.'s were animated by one idea—to promote the interest and welfare of the Lodge.

In submitting the Masonic Institutions, Bro. Layton S.W. said he should have been diffident in proposing the toast had he not known he had a sympathetic audience. He thought that all brethren would recognise that the Masonic Institutions were the pride of their Lodges. Bro. Binckes had given them a retrospect of some circumstances connected with their Lodge, and he could not help remembering that he was wearing a Centenary jewel of the Universal Lodge, and had taken out a large number of extracts from the records of that Lodge. Amongst the old relics was a glove in which the contributions to charity were received. The records of 120 years ago proved that Masonry was charitable then, and there were continual extracts showing that poor members had been relieved from the funds of the Lodge. He did not think they had detracted in their Masonic charity. Unless charity had been attached to the Lodges, he questioned if Masonry would have prospered as it had. In looking round that room, he saw striking evidence of the work being done, by the considerable number of decorations worn by the brethren, indicative of the large number of Stewardships they had served on behalf of the Institutions. They could not help noticing that while the Order increased, the necessity for increased charity also existed. The Masonic Institutions were the grandest charitable institutions in the country, and deserved the unanimous support of the Craft. Some short time ago it became his duty to prepare statistics of the number of people contributing to the charities in London. He collected 20 lists of subscribers, and entirely omitting the Masonic Institutions, he found that the charitable institutions of London were supported by but 75,000 people. It was incredible that the large hospitals should be supported by so small a number of people. He thought, however, that the Masonic Institutions were an exception, and that a larger proportion subscribed to them. It was well known that there were about 1,200 Stewards who had sent in their names to support the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on its 100th anniversary. He lived near the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, so ably represented by Bro. Terry, and if the brethren visited that Institution frequently, as he did, they would find it admirably managed. He was permitted to associate with the toast the name of Bro. Terry.

Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in response said, that the brother who proposed the toast had paid a great compliment to Bro. Binckes in saying he had been the pioneer of the great success which had attended the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. As a colleague of Bro. Binckes, he could tell them that when he was appointed Secre-

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tary of his Institution that brother kindly gave him introductions to the Provinces, and wherever he had had the opportunity of saying anything on behalf of the Boys' or Girls' Institutions he had willingly done so. With respect to the Festivals, they knew full well that the Benevolent Institution Festival had taken place, when they succeeded in raising an amount sufficient to pay the annuities for the year. The Girls' School Festival was engrossing all attention, which he ventured to think was but right, for it was the first Centenary that had ever taken place in any Masonic Institution in the world. England was the first place that gave those Institutions their birth, and he was certain that other countries had copied their example. Fifty years before any Institution was started this Lodge was in existence; then the glove went round, and no doubt many received immediate relief. Fifty years after the Lodge was started came a most important epoch in the history of our Institutions. The brethren knew how successful that history had been, the annual incomes now being about £10,000 for the Girls' School, £11,000 for the Boys, and £15,000 for the Benevolent Institution. He had to sincerely thank the members of this Lodge for the support they had rendered to the Institutions. Doubtless, from the position occupied by Bro. Binckes, the Boys' School would receive their first sympathy, but he knew there had always been a continuous supply of Stewards for the Benevolent Institution. He hoped the Lodge would long prosper in its career of usefulness. Speaking for his colleagues and himself, he was convinced they had but one desire, and that was to leave their Institutions, when the management departed from their hands, in a far better position than they were when entrusted to them. How zealously Bro. Binckes had laboured they all knew, and it was for the world to say how far he had copied him. He again thanked Bro. Binckes for the kind assistance he had invariably rendered him.

Bro. Binckes said that under ordinary circumstances he should not add one word, but he wished to return his sincere thanks for the generous sentiments expressed by Bro. Terry, and for the graceful and undeserved eulogium made by that Brother with reference to himself. It showed there was a good spirit animating the representatives of the respective Institutions.

In giving the Officers, the W.M. said he desired to express his thanks to those who had so kindly assisted him, and who had so largely contributed to the success during the past year. He sincerely hoped that Brother Layton, the W.M. elect, would have an enjoyable year of office. He desired more especially to thank the Treasurer and Secretary for their very efficient services, and he would have felt uncomfortable if he had not made some reference to those two Officers.

Bro. Layton S.W., W.M. elect, said he cordially agreed with the W.M. that a Brother who aspired to the dignity of the chair should be prepared to fulfil the duties attached to the position. He should endeavour to do his duty in the chair, and he was sure the Lodge, being an indulgent one, would spare a Brother who was getting on in old age. He hoped they would always consider that the greatest care was necessary in the admission of members, for the social position of the members of the Lodge was on an equality, and they enjoyed each others society. He hoped that whatever initates came into the Lodge, the members who introduced them would bear in mind that they should be those whom they could introduce at their private tables and whose hearts were open to the objects of Masonry—more especially the support of charity and the maintenance of the ritual.

Bro. Young, Treasurer, on behalf of the Officers, also returned thanks. As Officers they had endeavoured to discharge their duties, and they might congratulate themselves upon the success of the endeavours of every individual member. He should like to mention that the whole of the arrangements had fallen on one fully capable member—Bro. Binckes, to whom all honour was due, and the brethren owed him a deep debt of gratitude for the immense amount of labour he had undergone in getting together the details for his historical sketch.

This concluding the set list of toasts, the Tyler was summoned and he closed the proceedings.

By request of the W.M. Bro. Dr. Lott rendered assistance during the evening as accompanyist.

EGYPTIAN LODGE, No. 27.

THE annual installation of this Lodge was celebrated on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. W. Dixon W.M., who was supported by Bros. C. B. Todd S.W., H. Matthew Hale I.P.M., T. Wallman S.D., Dr. F. Cuthbertson J.D., A. W. May Steward, and the following Past Masters:—T. J. Maidwell, C. J. Cuthbertson, John Green, F. Harris, D. H. Jacobs, G. B. Chapman, S. R. Lamble and Bentley Haynes. There was a large number of visitors present, among them being Bros. Butler 414, 2043, Brealey 1056, Hancock 1036, 2191, Rich P.M. 65, Todd 860, Doig I.G. 1539, Dix J.W. 1539, Jackson 860, Britton D.C. 860, Burn 1539, Street P.M. 1679, Dodson P.M. P.Z. 860, Roberts P.M. 65, Bond W.M. 860, Robinson 55, Paton W.M. 205, Roberts P.M. 742, Hughes W.M. 179, Lamb 860, Best 1549, Hubbard 1706, Russell 95, Norris S.D. 1997, Jacobs 1608, Stewart S.D. 1160, Preecy 861, Weston 1929, F. W. Stephens 1318, J. L. Holmes 95. The Lodge having been regularly opened, Bro. C. B. Todd was installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. T. J. Maidwell. The following were appointed as the Officers for the year:—A. T. Webster S.W., Wallman J.W., J. B. Poole P.M. Treasurer, Matthew Hale P.M. Sec., Dr. F. Cuthbertson S.D., J. Scarth, M.B., J.D., F. S. Hoskins I.G. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Hill, a candidate for initiation, and it proving unanimous in his favour, he was duly admitted to a participation in the secrets of Masonry by Bro. Todd. Some matters of routine character having been disposed of, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was well served, and ably presided over by Bro. Todd. At the conclusion of the repast the usual loyal toasts were given from the chair, and heartily received by the brethren. The Immediate Past Master submitted the health of the W.M., a toast he was convinced would that night ensure a sincere welcome from the assembled company. Their present Master was an initiate of the Lodge, and had worked his way through its several offices until he had reached his present proud position—a position he was eminently qualified to fill, as they had that day had an opportunity of judging. The way in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation was an honour to himself, and had added to the reputation of the Lodge. The members of the Egyptian Lodge well knew the qualifications of Bro. Todd, and had learned to respect him. Now that he had risen to the chair they could but hope he would have many opportunities of displaying his ability. Bro. Todd tendered his sincere thanks for the toast, and for the hearty reception he had met at the hands of his brethren. His greatest ambition had been to occupy the position he had succeeded to that day, now it would be his endeavour to discharge the duties attached to it in such a manner as to win the approval of the members, and, he hoped, add something to the reputation enjoyed by the Lodge. He well remembered the time—now eight years since—when he occupied the position of Initiate in that Lodge. Even then he had a desire to rise to the proud position he had now reached, and in which he hoped he should so act as to merit the approval of his companions. He had next to propose the toast of the Initiate, who he knew to be a brother of the kind they should endeavour to introduce into their Lodges. He had known him for some time, and had sufficient confidence in him to feel convinced he would become a good member in their midst. Bro. Hill replied: He thanked the brethren very much for having received him that day as a member, and for the kind way in which they had just drunk to the toast proposed in his honour. He had long desired to become a Freemason, for the reason that he had long learned to respect the Order and its members. Now that he had been admitted to its mysteries, he trusted they would never have cause to blush for him. He assured them it would be his constant endeavour to give them no cause to do so, but rather that he should win their approval. In conclusion he again most heartily and sincerely thanked them for what they had been good enough to do on his behalf. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Installing Master, with which he would couple the toast of the Immediate Past Master. Speaking of the former, Bro. Todd said it was to Bro. Maidwell that he owed thanks for the position he occupied in Freemasonry. But for him he should not have been introduced to the Egyptian Lodge, and he was quite sure if it had not been for his kind assistance he could not have risen to the proud office of Master. He was now still further indebted to Bro. Maidwell, who had so ably performed the ceremony of installation that day for his benefit. Bro. Todd was also gratified in having to speak of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Dixon, to whom the Lodge was much indebted. He had great pleasure in handing him the jewel which the members had voted as a memento of the year of office just completed. Bro. Dixon was the first to respond. He was exceedingly obliged for the way in which his health had been drunk, and for the high honour which had been conferred on him in the presentation of a Past Master's jewel. He could conscientiously say that so long as he had been associated with the Lodge he had experienced enjoyment at its meetings. He appreciated and fully recognised the honour which he had enjoyed during the past year in filling the chair of the Egyptian Lodge. He felt he might say the Lodge had hitherto fulfilled its duty, and he thought it had won the distinction of having a centenary jewel, although Grand Lodge refused the sanction because they could not prove a hundred years continuous existence. Some day the authorities might see fit to grant them the coveted honour, which he thought a Lodge with so early a number was justly entitled to. Bro. Maidwell described the doings of the day as one of the little events of his life, to be remembered with pleasure, and looked back upon with gratification. The Worshipful Master had given him credit for having brought him to his present position, but after all it was only his duty to do what he had done. The members of the Lodge knew sufficient of Bro. Todd to convince them he was worthy of all the honours that could be showered upon him. Bro. Todd proposed the toast of the Visitors—of whom they had both quality and quantity. The Lodge gave them a hearty welcome, and hoped they had enjoyed the meeting. Several of the guests having acknowledged this toast, the toast of the Past Masters was given, with it being associated the names of the Treasurer and Secretary. This was acknowledged, and two or three other toasts having been given, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire, Colonel Smythe, has offered the Prov. Grand Chaplaincy for the ensuing year to Bro. the Rev. E. Mitford Weigall, vicar of Fredingham, at present W. Master of St. Laurence Lodge, Scunthorpe.

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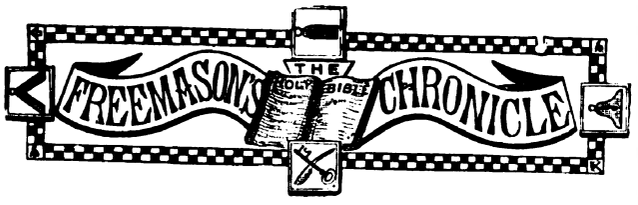
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GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A CONVOCATION of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held in St. George's Hall, Rotherham, on Wednesday, 2nd instant, by the invitation of Chapter Phœnix, No. 904. There were present the following Provincial Grand Officers:—

Comps. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Superintendent, John Wordsworth H., Frederick Laxton J., Ensor Drury Past H., Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D. Past J., Henry Smith S.E., W. Ridgard Massie S.N., James Bedford S.N., Thomas Harrison Past Treasurer, James Henry Gration Past Treasurer, John Shaw Prin. Soj., Thomas Richard Vaux 1st. Assist. Soj., Henry Joseph Garnett 2nd Assist. Soj., Robert Craig Past Soj, Robert Thompson and John William Turner Past Sword Bearers, John Gibbs Standard Bearer, Joseph W. Monckman D. of Cers., J. E. Wordsworth Assist. D. of Cers., George Carbert Organist, Herbert G. E. Green Assist. S.E., Samuel Barraud Janitor, T. Bateman Fox, James Jenkins, and W. C. Ellisdon Stewards, with Principals, Past First Principals, and Companions of the following Chapters, viz.: 61, 139, 154, 208, 242, 264, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 308, 380, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 652, 827, 904, 1019, 1042, 1214, 1513.

The apologies for inability to attend numbered 175. Comp. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent, and Officers opened Provincial Grand Chapter at 3·30, when the Grand Superintendent was saluted. The Minutes of the Meeting held at Sheffield on Wednesday, 2nd November 1887, were presented for confirmation, and Comp. John Shaw moved, seconded by Comp. J. R. Fawcett, and resolved, that the minutes be taken as read, and confirmed. The roll of Royal Arch Chapters was called. The roll of present and past Prov. G. Officers was called. The Grand Superintendent then delivered the following address:—

Companions,—When I addressed this Convocation at Sheffield last November, I had occasion to mention the work going on, by the "Revision Committee," of the Bye-laws of this Provincial Grand Chapter. I mentioned, that before the Meeting of this Grand Chapter in 1888, these Regulations would be distributed to the thirty-eight Chapters of this Province. You will remember, the draft of them was adopted at Wakefield on the 24th November 1886, and confirmed at Leeds 30th April 1887, and ordered on the 2nd November last, at Sheffield, to be printed and distributed. This work has been done. May you to-day feel satisfied with the labours of this Committee, in that every Chapter is in possession of these valuable Bye-laws, confirmed 1st July 1887, by the M.E. First Grand Principal H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., &c. They are now in perfect harmony with the Revised Regulations of Royal Arch Masons of England, as approved by Supreme Grand Chapter, 3rd February 1886. I hope, however, that all Chapters will keep their copies of the previous Bye-laws, which were approved by Companion George Fearnley, M.D., Grand Superintendent, and signed by the Earl of Zetland, Most Excellent First Grand Principal in 1858. In these present Bye-laws, Convocation is informed that, previous to 1817, Chapters were not attached to any particular Lodge, but worked quite independently, and had different numbers; but at a General Convocation held on the 8th March 1817, it was enacted "that every Chapter shall be attached to some Warranted Lodge, and the rank and precedence of the several Chapters shall be determined according to the priority of the Lodges to which they may be respectively attached." For the first time in the Chapter Bye-Laws of this Province is given a list of Grand Superintendents, from the date of Charles Lee's appointment, 31st July 1854, to the present occupant of this office—myself—2nd May 1885. Next, a List of Chapters in West Yorkshire, on the Roll of the Supreme Grand and Royal Chapter, prior to 1814, from Companion Hughan's "Origin," from which it appears there were then twenty-three Chapters, of which seven have become extinct, and one erased in 1809, therefore we still have fifteen old Chapters in West Yorkshire in operation from 1790 to 1888; and there is also given the Roll of the thirty-eight existing Chapters, with some historical information about each Chapter valuable to every one of them. These Bye-laws and Regulations of Supreme Grand Chapter are now bound up in one handsome volume, thanks to Prov. Grand Scribe E.; and he, and the Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, now present this volume to the Grand Chapter for its guidance, for long years to come. The third Bye-Law enacts "that a Provincial Grand Chapter for West Yorkshire shall be holden on the first Wednesday in the month of May," and the fifth enjoins that "the Provincial Grand Officers shall be appointed and the Treasurer elected, at the Convocation on the first Wednesday in the month of May," therefore this is the first Annual Meeting of Royal Arch Masons of this Province under the new Bye-Laws." We well remember the cordial reception the Craft received here on the 15th July 1886, when the corner-stone of the new Ward of the Hospital and Dispensary was laid, under the auspices of the "Phœnix" Lodge, and the admirable Sermon preached by the Rev. Thos. Cartwright Smyth, D.D., in the Parish Church, lent to the Craft on that occasion by the Vicar of Rotherham, the Rev. J. N. Quirk, M.A. A Petition for a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the "Druidical" Lodge, and dated 25th February 1780, and signed by Josiah Beckwith, John Hassell, and James Sims, was sent to the Grand Chapter at York, when a Warrant was issued under the seal of the "Grand Lodge of all England," dated the 6th July 1780, to members of the "Druidical" Lodge, at Rotherham, to hold a Royal Arch Chapter here. The first meeting, recorded in the Minutes of this Chapter, was held on the 21st July 1780, when Brother Thomas Chambers was admitted Tyler; and Brother Peter Burnside gratis to the Chapter. The Rev. Brother Matthew Dixon, and Brother William Eastfield Laughton, were advanced to the Degree of Royal Arch Masons. This Chapter seems to have ended its existence about 1792, when the Grand Lodge of York itself ceased to exist about this time. The next Lodge held in Rotherham was one which had been Warranted 21st March 1792, by the parent Grand Lodge of England, in London, and met at the "White Hart Inn," East Retford, under the name of the "North Nottinghamshire Lodge," No. 587. It took the name of "Phœnix" in 1804. This Lodge was removed to Rotherham, and held its first meeting here on Friday, 22nd July 1808, at the house of Brother Camelly, at the "Crown Inn." Attached to this Lodge was a Royal Arch Chapter, the Warrant being dated 7th November 1822, granted to James Bingham and others, to meet at the "College Inn," and "to be opened on Sunday, the 6th day of July, by the title of the "Phœnix Chapter." This Chapter had but a brief existence, and nothing more is known of it. An interregnum again occurs in Masonry, when, in 1861, a Petition was presented by Brethren in Rotherham to the "Britannia" Lodge, Sheffield, to found another Craft Lodge in Rotherham,—"Phœnix" Lodge, then No. 1206, was consecrated by Brother the Rev. Dr. Senior, 6th January 1864. To this Lodge was attached Chapter No. 904, consecrated by Excellent Companion Ensor Drury P.Z., 9th February 1887, and an able and eloquent address on Royal Arch Masonry was then delivered by him. Our zealous and excellent Companion J. E. Wordsworth was installed as the first Z., Companion F. Cleaves H., and Companion James Jenkin J. It has now twenty-one members. Let me urge upon our friends and Companions in Rotherham, as they want the Librarian of this Province to write a history of the Craft in this town, at the confluence of the rivers Rother and the Dann, the desirability of their making a great effort to recover from oblivion these interesting and valuable documentary records of Freemasonry in the past. We thank Companions J. E. Wordsworth, Jenkin, Roome, and Gibbs, the Committee of No. 904, for carrying out the necessary arrangements for the reception of Prov. Grand Chapter to-day. I wish to mention the progress of the Masonic Library, at Wakefield. This idea is being nobly responded to, and valuable Works on Masonic Jurisprudence are coming in daily, and are being catalogued by Companion

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William Watson, who is acting as Honorary Librarian and Curator. Brother Brooke, of Doncaster, has just given a valuable parcel containing several exceedingly rare works. I may mention one—"Entick's Constitutions, 1767," with Appendix attached. We thank him heartily for this present to the Library and Museum at Wakefield. Supreme Grand Chapter has likewise contributed a most valuable set of its old and original Minutes and Transactions of its Quarterly Convocations. To bind these into book form a small contribution will be asked from the Chapter Funds. I think our Charity Committee can be heartily congratulated on the election of two girls into the "Royal Masonic Institution," on the 14th April; and two boys into the analagous Institution, at Wood Green, on the 16th April. The West Yorkshire Girls' Centenary list now amounts to £1860. The Chairman of the Charity Committee will move a resolution thereon, for a donation from the Chapter in augmentation of it. Supreme Grand Chapter has granted One hundred guineas from its funds, as a donation to the same Institution and Festival. My annual difficulty confronts me—to appoint Officers for the coming year. I can only, by the General Regulations of Supreme Grand Chapter, select 19 out of 38 Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter—18 Chapters are left out. Would I could confer office upon all. I have done my best, and regret I have no power to do more to recognise deserving merit everywhere. Royal Arch Masons in Rotherham have the example of the life of a famous ecclesiastic to follow in noble and generous deeds. Thomas Scott, alias Rotherham, Bishop of Lincoln, Lord Chancellor of England, and Archbishop of York from 1480 to 1500. He founded in this town, in the year 1483, Jesus College. He lived in exciting and troublous times (Edward IV., Richard III., and Henry VII.) By his life and good works he showed the influence of the principles which adorned his character,—the principles of this beautiful degree. I commend his history to your attention. It has this grand moral, which ought to be cultivated by every Companion amongst us, viz.:—"To do unto others as we would wish to be done by," which is the ultimatum of all terrestrial happiness, imitating in itself every virtue a Royal Arch Mason can possess. May we then, as Companions, so study virtue, like this great Archbishop, as to hand down to posterity names like his own, unpolluted by vice, and worthy of imitation. Companions, I thank you for your salutation and reception in No. 904, and may health, peace and goodwill be to all of you.

Comp. William Harrison P.G. Treasurer, presented his balance-sheet, which showed the balance in the W.R.U. Bank, Dewsbury, on 30th April, to be £215 13s 5d. It was moved by Comp. Eusor Drury, seconded by Comp. Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth, and resolved, "That the balance-sheet be adopted." Moved by Comp. Thomas Harrison, seconded by Comp. Dr. T. C. Smyth, and resolved, "That Comp. George Henry Locking be elected Treasurer for the ensuing year."

The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—

E. Cp. Hy. Joseph Garnett P.Z. 296	-	H.
T. Bateman Fox P.Z. 208	-	J.
Henry Smith P.Z. 302	-	Scribe E.
W. Ridgard Massie P.Z. 1513	-	Scribe N.
George H. Locking (elected) Z. 495	-	Treasurer
Capt. E. T. Clarke P.Z. 458	-	Registrar
Hugh S. Holdsworth P.Z. 448	-	Prin. Soj.
Wm. Chas. Ellisdon P.Z. 306.	-	1st Asst. Soj.
John Shaw P.Z. 139	-	2nd Asst. Soj.
Jessie Arthur Thornton P.Z. 1019		Sword Bearer
Fred Smart P.Z. 302	-	Standard Bearer
Thomas Barber P.Z. 652	-	Director of Ceremonies
Sidney Thomas Steele, M.D., P.Z. 380	-	Assistant D. of C.
Joshua Paget Priestley J. 600	-	Organist
Herbert G. E. Green P.Z. 154	-	Asst. Scribe E.
Samuel Barraud Janitor 304	-	Janitor
Richard Carter, J.P., P.Z. 1001-		Stewards
George Brooke P.Z. 242	-	
John Wm. Bailey P.Z. 304	-	
Frederick Cleeves Z. 904.	-	

Comp. John Wordsworth moved, and Comp. J. E. Wordsworth seconded, and it was resolved, that £10 10s be contributed to the Centenary Fund of the R. M. Institution for Girls. It was moved by Comp. T. B. Fox, seconded by Comp. W. C. Ellisdon, and resolved, "That £2 2s be granted for Library expenses." Comp. Capt. Clarke called attention to Bye-law 6, which reads as follows:—"Any Provincial Grand Officer not attending Provincial Grand Chapter, after having been duly summoned—unless a sufficient reason in writing be assigned for such absence—shall be fined five shillings." Moved by Comp. T. B. Fox, seconded by Comp. Frederick Laxton, and resolved, "That a vote of thanks be accorded to the Z. and Companions of Chapter 904, for their kind invitation and excellent arrangements." The Scribe E. read a letter from Comp. H. C. Pickersgill Z. 837, inviting the Grand Superintendent to hold the November meeting in Ripon, whereupon the Grand Superintendent said he would shortly decide where the next meeting should be held. Tea was provided at the Ship Hotel, of which 54 Companions partook, the Grand Superintendent presiding.

LAMBTON CHAPTER, No. 94.

THE annual convocation was held on Tuesday, 24th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Sunderland, for the installation of Principals for the ensuing year. Comps. J. C. Moor Z., E. Sutherst H., and J. G. Garrick J., were the presiding Principals. The Principals were installed as follows—Ephraim Suthers Z., J. G. Garrick H., Dawson J.; Henderson S.E., Cohen S.N., Scarborough P.S., Hudson Treasurer, Craven 1st A.S., Bolko Smeicheu 2nd A.S., Clay D.C. After other business the Chapter was closed in due form.

REVIEWS.

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

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Ars Quatuor Coronatorum. Being the Transactions of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, London. Volume I., Part iii.

THE proceedings of this Lodge tell their own tale, and a very interesting one it will be found to be, by the privileged readers of the latest number of Ars Quatuor Coronatorum. To begin with, the Papers, or Lectures, actually read before the Lodge are three in number, and we shall assign them a priority of description in our remarks, because it is only by a critical appraisement of the quality of what may be termed the special work of the members, that any conclusion can be arrived at with regard to the continuance of the degree of favour with which so bold an innovation upon established usage has already been received. The first of the series, "The Three-fold Division of Temples," was read by the S.W., Bro. William Simpson, and embodies the results of his actual personal observations in Egypt, India, China, Abyssinia, Rome, Turkey and Salt Lake City. After a brief exordium our author thus expresses himself:—

"We find in the Masonic Lodge, with its Three-fold division and its rites, the most complete symbolical development; we have the Universe and its deepest mystery represented to us in the form of a temple with its ceremonies."

After this he alludes to a curious oriental tradition that there was a dead body in the Ark, to which Noah and his family directed their prayers, and the subject was further elucidated at a later stage by the I.G., Bro. Westcott, who cites, on the authority of D'Ohsson, a legend that Noah after leaving the Ark restored the body of Adam to the cave he had taken it from. But to return to the Lecture—Bro. Simpson observes:—

"I believe that the Ark of the Covenant was a symbolical coffin. I hope at another time to lay before you the evidence on this head; it is an important point in relation to Masonry, the derivation of the Lodge from the Temple is sufficiently recognized, but if it be accepted that the Ark had a reference to death, then the identity becomes much more complete."

We should like to reproduce the whole of this most interesting Paper, but as this would be exceeding the licence of the reviewer, we refrain even from further clippings lest we might be carried too far. But we have no hesitation in recording our opinion, that in "The Three-fold Division of Temples," the Lodge of the Quatuor Coronati has sensibly improved upon all previous efforts of a similar kind, and that for the present, at all events, in this particular department of labour, the Senior Warden "wears the belt," and we need entertain very little doubt of his making a stout fight to retain it, on the occasion of his reading a second or complemental Paper, to be entitled "The Worship of Death," which Bro. Simpson informs us in a supplementary note "will be in a sense a continuation of 'The Three-fold Division of Temples,' and will be devoted to the consideration of the Temple as a Tomb." Bro. Simpson's lecture was succeeded by a very full discussion, in which Bros. Cama, Castle, Woodman, Westcott, Speth, Hayter Lewis, and Rylands took part; some of the observations, on account of the lateness of the hour, being communicated in writing to the Secretary.

The Paper at the next meeting—"A Word on the Legends of the Compagnonnage"—was read by Bro. W. H. Rylands, and throws some additional gleams of light on a subject of equal interest and obscurity. Observations upon it were made by the W.M. and Secretary, and following the example of his immediate predecessor the S.W., Bro. Rylands will contribute at an early date a supplementary, or concluding lecture, on the same subject.

The last of the series—"Two New Versions of the Old Charges"—was read by the Secretary, Bro. Speth, and is chiefly remarkable for an analytical inquiry—after the manner of Edgar Allen Poe—pursued by that indefatigable brother, in what we deem to be a successful attempt to wrest from the context the date of some doggrel rhymes, written on one of the MSS. by a later hand. The verses have the following termination:—

"ffree Masons beware Brother Bacon advises
Interlopers break In & Spoil Your Devices
Your Globe & Squares are all Out of Door
And Jachin and Boaz shall bee Secretts no more."

Bro. Speth claims to have demonstrated that the fourteen lines of doggrel, of which the last four are given above, were written between April 11, 1713, and August 12, 1714, and remarks:—

"As a consequence we are bound to admit that previous to 1717, the date of the Grand Lodge of England, there existed an ampler ritual than certain amongst us have been willing to concede, and from the passage 'interlopers break in,'—mark the significance of *break*, not creep, or glide, or any analogous word, but *break*, signifying strength, number,—we may further assume that a large influx of gentlemen was already beginning to swamp the old operative element."

The articles or contributions of members (of the Outer as well as of

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the Inner Circles) of the Lodge, comprise "INDIAN RELICS," a singular narrative, relating the discovery, in North Carolina, of "a grave of Masons" situated due east and west, with an altar in the centre—which it has been (somewhat freely) assumed, was that of "the three highest officers in a Masonic Lodge;" THE UNRECOGNIZED LODGES AND DEGREES OF FREEMASONRY BEFORE AND AFTER 1717, an essay of striking merit, though weakened in part, as we venture to think, by too great a reliance on some authorities of doubtful value, by Bro. Yarker; "SHALL I BE A MASON?" an apparently playful, but really earnest and instructive monologue, translated from the French of Bro. Tempels, by the Secretary; and "IGNATIUS AURELIUS FESSLER," also a translation, though from the German, by the same hand.

In addition there are reviews and current notes, and a short, but expressive "In Memoriam," from the pen of the W.M., which will be read with great interest by all who knew our late Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, either personally or by his writings.

Four authors, we learn from these *Transactions*, and the report of the last meeting of the Lodge, have been added to the Inner Circle, while the Outer or Correspondence Circle now numbers more than 300 members.

Altogether, the material prosperity of the Lodge, seems to advance *pari passu* with its claims upon the respectful homage of brethren of intelligence, wheresoever dispersed, and in concluding our notice we heartily wish the members of both Circles a continuance of the good fortune which has already crowned their exertions, together with a still wider field for their operations.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Ninetieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, the 7th instant, when the Officers of the Board were unanimously elected. Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Edward C. Malet de Carteret being chosen as President, W. Bro. Robert Berridge Treasurer, and W. Bro. Frederick Binckes Hon. Secretary. It was resolved that the Festival be held at the Freemasons' Tavern under similar arrangements to those of recent years, Ladies and Brethren dining at the same tables, and that the usual sum of two guineas be deposited by each Steward to the Fund for defraying the expenses of the Festival. A Sub-Committee, in addition to the ex officio members of the Board, was appointed, to consider the musical arrangements, and to report to the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, 29th instant, at five o'clock. We may add that the price of Dinner Tickets has been fixed at 10s 6d for ladies and 21s for brethren.

The Finsbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 861, has removed from 42 Threadneedle Street, to the London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, E.C., where future meetings will be held, every Tuesday evening, from 7 to 9 o'clock.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Globe.—With material like that supplied by John Strange Winter's popular story "Bootle's Baby," it is surprising that Hugh Moss has not written a stronger play than the one presented last Tuesday. The original book is so interesting, and the characters are so natural and loveable that it was almost impossible to make the play uninteresting, still the compiler has spread the piece over four long acts, and has imported incidents that are unnecessary, with a result that the piece drags frightfully. This was most prevalent in the first and last acts. For instance, Gilchrist's will might be entirely dispensed with; it only prolongs the ending, and to no purpose. The second act is far and away the best; what more natural could be desired than the finding of a baby in an officer's bed, his calling his comrades in, and their final determination to adopt the child. How the charming little Minnie Terry portrays this "mite," who goes by the name of Mignon, will have to be seen to be realised; nothing half so sweet and simple has before been seen on the stage. Never forced, but always natural, this child actress is the life and soul of the piece. The scene where she makes one officer go on his knees to her is charming, while the love shown by the whole of the regiment, if we except the villain, is such that it will long be remembered by those that see her. We may say if it were not for Mignon the piece would not be worth seeing, out of this delineation proceeds all the enjoyment. Not that we wish it to be understood the other parts are uninteresting, far from this; Captain Algernon Ferrers, or as he is better known Booby Bootles, is a character that must command respect from the audience. His manly style and gentle behaviour to Mignon is cleverly and well displayed by Mr. Edmund Maurice, who works hard and successfully in the part. The victim of Mignon's little games is Captain Lucy, a part in which Mr. C. W. Garthorne seems to revel. As the villain Gilchrist Mr. Charles Sugden seems to delight in the contempt in which he is held by his comrades. Highly polished as it is, the part stands out prominently, and with a little more study Mr. Sugden will score well. The greatest success, with the exception of Mignon, is that gained by Mr. Charles Collette, as a servant-private; he was thoroughly amusing throughout. He was ably supported by Miss Rose Evelyn as Mignon's nurse. Mr. Gilbert Farquhar was an excellent doctor, while Miss Henrietta Lindley, as a match-making widow, and Miss Webster, as Lieutenant Gray's wife, were admirable. Miss Woodworth, as Mignon's mother, won the sympathy of her audience by careful acting. Although the author has not supplied the part with anything like points, Miss Woodworth managed to score on several occasions, and will, we feel sure, add greatly to her already acquired reputation. Mr. Forbes Dawson was excellent as a young Irish officer, while Mr. C. Montague was all that could be wished for as Lieut. Gray. Notwithstanding the weakness of the play, we feel sure, after careful overhauling, "Bootle's Baby" will be made a success.

Strand.—"Katti, the family help," is nightly gaining friends by her crude and amusing behaviour, for although the piece is weak and thin in construction, Miss Alice Atherton and Mr. Willie Edouin, with their clever company, make it run merrily from beginning to end. Still the best work of the evening is Mr. Burnand's burlesque "Airey Annie." We can truthfully say that this skit is one of the most amusing and inoffensive of its kind we ever remember seeing. What with the marvellous "makes-up," and the happy way in which the whole is acted, it cannot fail to cause laughter and amusement.

Avenue.—With some new songs and fresh business "The Old Guard" has celebrated its 200th performance, and still continues its happy course of amusing lovers of comic opera. Miss Violet Cameron now takes the part of Fraisette, and with her singing and blythe ways, wins her way into the good graces of her audience. The part of Murielle is now taken by Miss Aonie Halford, who displays some good points. What with the drolleries of Mr. Arthur Roberts, the dancing of Miss Phyllis Broughton, and the sterling acting of the whole company, we fell sure that "The Old Guard" will continue in the bills for some time yet to come.

Opera Comique.—Notwithstanding what was said about "Ariane" when it was first produced, Mrs. Bernard Beere has held bravely to it, and has been amply rewarded. The adverse criticism seems to have made playgoers inquisitive, with result that the piece has turned out successful, and is nightly drawing good houses, notwithstanding the hundredth performance is fast approaching. We should not be surprised if "Ariane" were to run until the end of the season.

On Thursday, 24th instant, Mr. Eugène C. Stafford will give a matinée at the Princess's theatre, when he will produce, for the first time on any stage, a new romantic play in four acts and eleven tableaux [illegible], or the Woodcarver of Bruges," by Mr. James W. Furrell, adapted for the stage in conjunction with Mr. Stafford. The action of the play takes place in Bruges, A.D. 1477.

The fiftieth performance of "Sweet Lavender" was given on Tuesday last, at Terry's Theatre. A matinée of the same play was given on Thursday, at the Brighton Theatre, by Mr. Edward Terry and his able company.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.

THE London and North Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad Street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, 14th May, to Monday, 21st May, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North Western System and its connections can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the Town Receiving Offices of the Company. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from either Euston or Kensington (Addison Road), and will be issued at the same fares as are charged at those stations. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets can also be obtained at Gaze and Son's Tourist Office, 142 Strand, at the same fares as at Euston Staion. On Saturday, 19th May, a special express train will leave London (Euston) for Birmingham (New Street) at 10 15 a.m., calling at Willesden 10.25, Bletchley 11.19, Northampton 11.45, and Rugby 12·15 noon. A special express train for Birmingham (New Street) will also leave London (Euston) at 4·20 p.m., calling at Willesden, Rugby, Coventry, and Stechford only, arriving at Birmingham (New Street) at 7·0 p.m. Special express trains will leave Birmingham (New Street) at 2·5 and 4·5 p.m. for Northampton (Castle), calling at Stechford, Coventry, and Rugby. On this date the 2 0 p.m. and 4·0 p.m. express trains from Birmingham (New Street) will not convey passengers for Stechford, Coventry, Rugby, and Northampton. On Bank Holiday, Whit Monday, 21st May, the express trains to and from the City, St. Albans, Watford, and Kensington, will not be run. The through carriage to London on the 1·0 p.m. train from Leamington, and the through carriage to Leamington on the 4·30 p.m. train from London, will be discontinued. Numerous residential trains will be discontinued on Bank Holiday, Monday, 21st May. The Company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London and Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Burton, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Derby, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, and other places.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. SUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 12th MAY.

173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Cavesc, 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)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
2029—King Solomon, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

1990—Hampshire L. of Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, Landport, Portsmouth
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
2095—Caterham, Drill Hall, Caterham, Surrey
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
R.A. 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
R.A. 1453—Era, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

MONDAY, 14th 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.
648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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.)
1671—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1685—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1908—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, S. (Inst)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
189—St. Ambrose, Bavon'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—The Abbey, Westminster Town Hall, Westminster
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 1178—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 Shie
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
297—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
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1502—Abbey, St. Mark 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. 69—Royal Cheshire, Asnic's Arms, Macclesfield
R.A. 147—Lions Ashlade, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 279—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kirkall-street, Leeds
R.A. 379—Tyntc, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 125—Kennard, Masonic Hall, George Street, Pontypool
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 15th MAY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Confidence, Red Lion Hotel, Hammersmith, 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)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
788—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.
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Brownhill-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)
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
1995—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1989—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon 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)
R.A. 1641—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, 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.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
969—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
1573—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
1634—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1651—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1670—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1688—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1784—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
2045—Wharton, Willesden
2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 105—Fortitude, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 349—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
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. 106—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 16th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
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)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
224—United Strength, The Hop, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
618—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
534—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
725—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
741—Merchant Navy, Silver Vaults Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
962—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruction)
965—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
902—Burgoyne, Grand Connaught, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 311 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruct)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney at 8. (Inst)
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8 (Instruction)
1604—Waterlow, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1681—Londesborough, Bonny Anne, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1808—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1822—East Surrey, Station Hotel, Chatham Hill New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1861—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Gough and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1305—Ley Springs, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Faith, 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, Star Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, Joan-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, Bridge-street-row, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Portsmouth
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Barnsley
681—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw

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591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
603—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
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1128—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, 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. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Taunton
R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 663—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
R.A. 1080—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 17th MAY.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
979—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Ches er St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
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)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Winnoleton, at 7.30. (In.)
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)
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, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldchurch 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, 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. 109—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Bursdem
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, Hilton-terrace, Lancaster
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
606—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Stockton-on-Tees
1380—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
R.A. 97—Street 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. 263—Wisdom, Swan Inn, Hastings
R.A. 295—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 18th MAY.

Annual General Meeting Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons Hall, at 12.
House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Princes 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)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1148—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaucontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1294—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Ledbourne Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2090—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Loraton Street, Greenwich. (Inst).
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 44—Kemeys Tynte, 33 Golden Street, W.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
454—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
616—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
641—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1086—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, Penrhyn
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
2005—Brooke, Forest Hotel, Chingford
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 31—Bertha, Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury
R.A. 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Greyfriars Road, Reading
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 19th 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
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

304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington
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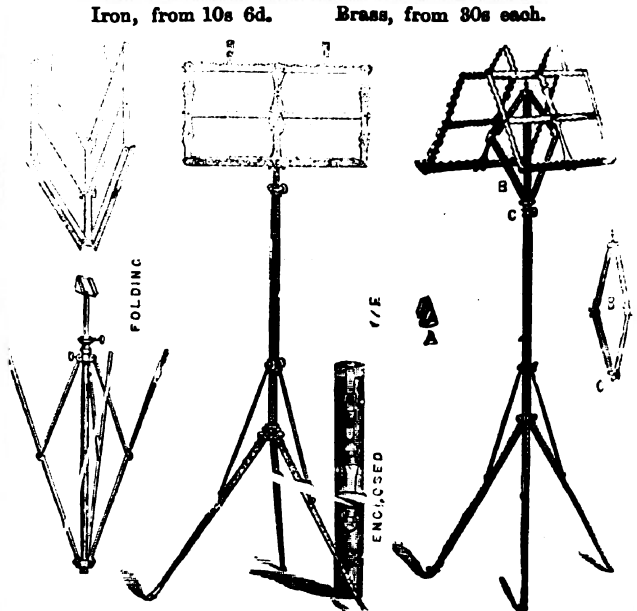
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IT is not often the Masonic world is called upon to celebrate, within a few days of each other, two such events as will occur during the month of June next, when the Anniversary Festivals of the two Educational Institutions will take place, that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the 7th of the month, and that on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the 27th. It does not require any strong argument on our part to convince our readers that it would be injudicious to allow these celebrations to regularly occur at such short intervals as will happen next month, as the one which came last would stand a poor chance of securing its share of patronage; but there are exceptional considerations which have this year brought about a special state of affairs, and have created no small amount of anxiety in the minds of those particularly interested. In face of them there is nothing to be done but to make the best of the short time which is left to us before the days of celebration arrive, for, as usual, the success or failure of those events will in a great measure depend on the amount of preparation made beforehand. We have already referred at some length to the arrangements which have so far been completed in connection with the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; to-day we direct attention to the gathering to be held on behalf of the companion Charity—the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which will celebrate its Ninetieth Anniversary Festival on Wednesday, the 27th June next, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire.

Our remarks so far will explain our reason for departing from a long established rule, and will be sufficient excuse for our speaking of the Festival of one Masonic Institution before the completion of its predecessor. In previous years there has been sufficient time after one celebration to direct attention to the next, but the short interval of twenty days which will this time elapse is certainly not enough for the purpose; and as it is the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls which may be said to be encroaching—through no fault of its own, we admit—its warmest supporters will not blame us for an innovation, or for saying a few words on behalf of the Boys' School, even though we have not yet been able to proclaim the result of the annual gathering on behalf of the sister Charity.

The special features surrounding this year's Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will undoubtedly secure for it a most unqualified success, but the question arises, how far the good fortune of this one Institution has, or will affect, the contributions to the other two, and particulary that one whose celebration follows so close on what we may term the grand event of the year—the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School. It has been urged that it made no difference in the total contributed to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that the Craft is quite capable of making a special effort on behalf of one Fund without neglecting the others; but we consider it yet early to give such a decision, as we should not be surprised if the effect of the special efforts which are being exercised on behalf of the Girls' School is not made much more apparent during the next few months than has been the case in connection with the Festival which has passed.

There can, however, be no question that the Festival of the 27th June, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will be most seriously affected by the exceptionally strong counter attractions of its immediate predecessor, and we again express our regret that the Executive of the School does not see the desirability of permanently altering the time of their Festival, so as to make it fall more in the height of the Masonic season, which cannot be said to extend to the latter part of June. But it is no use speaking on that point now, the date of this year's celebration has been decided upon, and whether it be for better or for worse it will take place—in accordance with the custom of years gone by—as a summer gathering, on the result of which the future of the Institution will in a great measure depend.

No doubt many who read these lines are as fully acquainted with the work which is being carried on by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys as we; but there are some not so well posted, and others who require to be reminded of what is going on and what is needed year by year to ensure the success of the undertaking. It is our desire to address all these classes, and to each we appeal for such assistance in the good cause as it is possible for them to bestow. In doing so we can vouch for the genuineness of the help afforded to the scholars, and the urgent need there is for continued and ever increased sympathy from the Craft, more especially when we consider the other attractions which are being put before its members this year.

At the present time the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is maintaining, clothing and educating two hundred and fifty-eight sons of Freemasons, and the sum annually required to meet the charges in connection with this family is little short of thirteen thousand pounds, the ordinary expenditure showing an average outlay on behalf of each boy of £35 18s 3d in connection with the School establishment, and of £5 15s 7d as his share of the general office expenses—a total of £41 13s 10d per head, without taking into consideration the various items included under the head of Special Expenditure. For this outlay the 258 lads on the books of the Institution receive a sound education, and what is of greater moment, good food, clothing and attention, until they reach the age of fifteen years, when they leave the School well prepared to battle with the world on their

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own behalf, and are not unfrequently helped towards securing their first situation by a grant of money or something else equally necessary. To meet these heavy charges the Institution has virtually nothing in the way of permanent income—we can hardly consider the interest on its £17,000 invested Funds as any set-off against the outlay of which we have just spoken, and which last year amounted to £12,873 12s 9d,—for the dividends only reached a total of £622 10s 5d, showing a difference of upwards of £12,250 to be raised from the free-will offerings of the Craft.

The year 1887, to which we have just referred, presented no special features in connection with the expenditure of this Institution, and unfortunately there has been no chance of adding to the amount of the invested funds, so that we may take the figures of the past year as a fair criterion of what will be required during the current twelve months. Such being the case we have a sum of £12,250 which the members of the Craft are asked to subscribe, in order to maintain the Institution for the present year. From the accounts of 1887 we learn that a total of £1,287 18s was received in the form of annual subscriptions, while the United Grand Lodge of England made its annual grant of £150, and Grand Chapter its periodical contribution of ten guineas. Now, even supposing that all these annual subscriptions and grants will be repeated during the current year—and although there is no reason to expect they will be discontinued there is no knowing what may happen—we yet have a deficiency of nearly eleven thousand pounds, which sum is absolutely required to pay the expenses of the Charity up to the close of the present year—1888. It is to meet this £11,000 that the executive of the Institution makes its annual appeal to the Craft, and it is with the hope of securing it that the Anniversary Festival is arranged. Who shall predict the result of the meeting?

We have already said enough to explain the object for which this annual appeal is made, but we must once more impress on the Craft that the figures we have given only show the amount actually required for current expenditure. There is no provision in them for increase or exceptional outlay, nor do we know of any suggestion under those heads, but the absence of such proposals must not be accepted as evidence that there is no need for extension, or that the Craft can afford to rest on the reputation of past achievements on behalf of the Boys' Institution. We should be the last to advocate any additional responsibility in this quarter at the present time, but a few moments consideration of the state of affairs will add additional weight to our appeal, and will, we trust, open the heart of more than one reader, to the claims of this Institution. For the last election there were sixty-five approved candidates, and the vacancies at the School only allowed of fifteen of that number being elected. There were, therefore, fifty lads sent away for whom nothing could be done, and although, as we have already said, we do not advise any immediate extension of the School, we cannot omit a consideration of those who are eligible: worthy to receive benefits similar to those enjoyed by the two hundred and fifty-eight lads at present on the Funds of the Institution. It is for those at present elected to the School, for the fifty sent away from the last election unsuccessful, and for the ever increasing number of claimants that the appeal of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is now addressed to the Craft. Similar appeals have been nobly responded to in years past, and we have little fear that this year's will be disregarded, although we are told that the outlook is more gloomy than has been known for many a long day, and it is next to impossible now to anticipate anything like as large a result as is desired—in short, a total of not less than eleven thousand pounds, which, with annual subscriptions, grants, dividends, &c., will be about sufficient to meet the calls of the year.

We have stated above that the Festival will be held on Wednesday, the 27th June, under the presidency of Viscount Ebrington, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Devon. We may add that the Board of Stewards for the meeting already numbers one hundred and seventy-three brethren, and that it has been decided to hold the Festival in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, London; the custom which has so long been observed in connection with this Festival—of Ladies and Brethren dining together—being observed on this occasion. The Stewards have chosen R.W. Bro. Colonel Edward C. Malet de Carteret, Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, Vice-President of the Institution, as President of the Board; while the following other officers were unanimously elected on the occasion of the first meeting of the Stewards, on the 7th inst.:—Honorary Presidents: Bros. Asher Barfield, Grand Treasurer, V. Pat. of Inst.; the Baron de Ferrieres P.G.D., P.Prov.G.Reg. Gloucestershire, V.-Pat. of Inst.; Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., P.G.Treas., Patron of Inst.; Robert Grey, P.G.D., Pres. Lodge of Benevolence, V.-Pat. of Inst.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., V.-Pres. and Trustee of Inst.; Acting-Presidents: Bros. J. A. Farnfield, P. Assist.G.D.C., V.-Pat. of Inst.; A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Worcester, Patron of Inst.; Major George Lambert P.G.Swd.B., Patron of Inst.; John L. Mather P.A.G.D.C., P.Pr.G.D.C. Herts, V.-Pat. of Inst.; Hon. Treasurer: Bro. Robert Berridge J.G.D., V.-Pat. of Inst.; Hon. Secretary: Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G.Std., P.G. Swd.B., Sec., and V.-Pat. of Inst. In addition to these a sub-committee was appointed to arrange the music for the Festival, and special Stewards have been chosen to attend to other matters of exceptional interest.

It will thus be seen that every preparation has been made to secure a grand gathering, and a successful result. It only remains for the Craft to respond, as we hope its members will do, to render the approaching Festival everything that is desired, and if all who read these lines will consider for a few moments the claims of the Institution, and think what would be the result of a serious falling off in the receipts, we are sanguine enough to believe a very large addition will be made to the roll of Stewards ere the date of the Festival comes round—a result we fervently hope to see achieved, as we know it is essentially needed.

RECKLESS MASONIC ASSERTORS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

EVER since 1874 Bro. MacCalla has asserted and re-asserted that there was a Chartered Lodge in Philadelphia in 1732, hence Philadelphia was the mother of American Masonry. In 1876, Bro. Tisdale, of New York, asserted that a Lodge in Quebec (Canada) had a charter dated 1721. Not many weeks ago a friend of mine in Baltimore was informed by somebody that he found in a history of Masonry, printed in 1785, that in 1723 or 1725 the Grand Lodge of England sent £200 to a Lodge located somewhere in Maryland, hence Maryland is the mother of American Masonry. Within a month a manuscript history of Freemasonry, covering about 1130 folio pages, was sold at auction in Boston, which was described on the catalogue as follows:—

Manuscript Universal History of all forms of Association on the Secret Principle, Ancient and Modern, especially the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. Compiled and prepared by Rev. James D. McCabe, D.D., in two parts, Ancient and Modern, covering 1131 foolscap pages, complete and ready for printing. * * * Dr. McCabe was engaged many years in its preparation, and scoured both Europe and America in his researches for material. Nothing of the kind has ever been published in America.*

* Dr. McCabe was citizen of Deleware. There is no date on his MSS., but as he referred to C. W. Moore as still living, also to

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Well! Brother McCabe discovered another mother of American Masonry. He is very sure that Lord Weymouth granted a deputation, in 1730, to Bro. Lacy, as Provincial Grand Master of Georgia. Now, I must say briefly, that all the above assertions about American Masonic Mothership are simply groundless. Bro. McCabe made, however, other curious assertions; a couple of his assertions will serve as fair specimens of our great Masonic searcher and scourer's recklessness; he says:—

Among the social innovations sought to be introduced by modern reformers, and godless blind demagogues, is the elevation of the African Race to equality, Political and Social, with the Superior and Ruling Races. Some have been found to advocate amalgamation of races, by intermarriage of the African with the other races. But the effort to force the African descendants of Canaan, by affiliation, upon the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Freemasons is the plan of reform to which we direct attention. There has been for some years a body of free Negroes in the United States, chiefly existing in the northern portion of the country, previously to the Civil War; but since the restoration of Peace it extended into the Southern States, assuming the badges and claiming to be free and accepted Masons, appearing in the streets in public processions, and in some States (as we have been informed) asking recognition and affiliation of the Grand Lodges. They designate themselves African Freemasons, and claim to have been legally chartered by the Grand Lodge of England.

This body of Negroes, in part and in whole, is spurious, irregular and clandestine. The Grand Lodge of England never did grant a charter for an African Lodge, on the continent of America. The pretence is false, it has no foundation in fact. Some years ago, the Grand Lodge of England granted a charter to a Sea Captain from Boston (we think). They ascertained that this Captain had established a Negro Grand Lodge in the City of Boston. As soon as this fact was ascertained, the Grand Lodge of England re-called the charter and struck the Lodge from her rolls. This was substantially the origin of Negro Masonry in the United States.

This Lodge, thus illegally constituted, chartered several Lodges, and especially in the State of New York these spurious Lodges sought recognition; their claims were examined, and they were by the M.W. Grand Lodge of the States of Massachusetts pronounced illegal and clandestine. This body, calling themselves a Grand Lodge of Masons, and located in the City of Boston, is not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. That erudite Mason, M.Wor. C. W. Moore, editor of the *Freemason's Monthly Magazine*, in a reply to inquiries in relation to a Negro Grand Lodge in Boston, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, says, there is no such a Lodge in Boston. There is a body of black persons in the City, which assumes to be a Grand Lodge, and having under its authority one or two subordinate Lodges, but they are not recognized by the Grand Lodge of this State; no communication whatever is held with them, nor are black persons received into our Lodges. There is not a regular Lodge of Black Masons in the United States. There are many coloured persons who claim to be Masons, and from what we learn, from distant correspondents, they sometimes succeed in gaining admission into Lodges; but they are not lawfully entitled to the privilege of sitting in any Masonic body of competent authority. So much for Buckingham! All Lodges styling themselves Lodges of Freemasons and conducted by Negroes are spurious and clandestine. This appears from their own showing, and secondly from the facts of the case. The descendants of Canaan are not a free race, they cannot be said to be free born in the technical sense of the Masonic term. This fact excludes the Negroes and establishes their so-called Lodges as spurious and clandestine.

2nd.—The Grand Lodge of England never did charter an African Lodge on the continent of North America. The pretence therefore to chartered existence is false and unfounded in fact. Therefore the whole concern is rotten, from turret to foundation stone. We refer the reader to the *Freemason's Magazine*, 1st March 1847, pages 139-42.

I shall here add, that Bro. C. W. Moore himself told me, 1842, that he saw the African Lodge Charter, and that it was genuine, and I saw it in 1868, and what is more, the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in 1868, pronounced the said charter genuine in 1869. The Grand Orient of France, as well as the United Grand Lodges of Germany, have respectively acknowledged the colored Masons in America as legitimate, and I hope that the Grand Lodge of England will at some near future do the same.

Bro. McCabe is of opinion that Henry Price received his authority in 1733 from a schismatic Grand Lodge, so, after giving about half a score names of the York Grand Masters from 1705, he goes on with Buckingham No. 2, he says:—

During all this period (1705-24) named, the Craft in the North of England enjoyed great prosperity; these facts are extracted from the old records of the Grand Lodge. There is during the years following, and previously for some time, no evidence of unpleasant, unfraternal feeling or unkindness on the part of the Masons of York towards the other Grand Lodge. They had not been satisfied with the breach of comity of fraternal courtesy and absolute infraction of Masonic usage practised by that [the London] body in the beginning, and simply desired for safety [of the] institution, acknowledgment of error; not in terms, but in corrected procedure. It is probable this lenient and fraternal feeling would have grown into intimacy had the London Grand Lodge confined itself to a strict observance of the ancient landmarks and issued charters for institution of Lodges within its own proper jurisdiction only, but, no doubt with sentiments of contempt for the rights of York, and provincial Masonry, in violation of ancient landmarks, they invaded the jurisdiction of York, introduced innovations into the body of Masonry, and assumed superior wisdom. The testimony of the three oldest Lodges in London is, on this subject, clear, positive and conclusive. Had not her jurisdiction been wantonly violated? Such was the desire of the Grand Lodge of York to preserve the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace and harmony that it would have overlooked all these other departures from Masonic propriety, and sought by mild and fraternal kindness to correct the evils, but the London Grand Lodge of England seemed determined to provoke a breach by actual insult, and continued an insolent encroachment.

The lines of conduct pursued by the London Grand Lodge was inexplicable on any other ground than desire and purpose of provoking, by unmasonic conduct, a breach, while both bodies were enjoying unbounded prosperity. A few discontented and unworthy bad Masons of York, moved by lust of power, with undeserving deeds, in utter disregard of law, and wickedness of heart, applied to the Grand Lodge at London for a charter to form a new lodge in the City of York, and in utter violation of all law, usage, landmarks, ignoring the spirit of Masonry. The petition was granted and the Lodge chartered.

This was indeed bearding the lion in his den. The Douglas in his halls.

The Masonic world launched their censures against the London body, and forbade all Masonic association with them, placing them beyond the pale of recognition. The Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland were prompt and decided in their action, sustaining the Grand Lodge of York, and prohibiting intercourse with the Masons or Lodges affiliating with the London body. Lodges chartered by it, and Masons made under its authority. The London body, however, had wondrous local prosperity and strengthened influence, verifying the adage, evil weeds grow apace.

The Grand Lodge of York was entitled to receive the sympathy and support of the entire legitimate Masonic family. It was the oldest organised body of Masons that ever issued charters for constitution of subordinate Lodges. It had ever held sacred the original tenets of Masonry, and the proudest boast of Lodges, of members of the fraternity, throughout the Masonic world was,—I am an Ancient York Mason. It is so to this day. The Grand Lodge at London has time and again trampled under foot and disregarded the ancient usage of the Craft. It assumed (at the time) the doubtful right of publishing its proceedings, it removed an ancient landmark by throwing off all connection with operative masonry; it chartered a Lodge or Lodges in the very City in which the old Grand Lodge held its assemblies; it innovated upon speculative work; it added to the number of those who had ever constituted the Grand Lodge. No one pretends to deny that, up to the period here alluded to, the Master and Wardens of the particular Lodges alone constituted the Grand Lodge; but the Grand Lodge at London added thereto, first, Past Grand Masters, then the Past Deputy Grand Masters, then the Past Senior Wardens, and not only the Masters and Wardens of Stewards Lodges, but fifteen of the members also. Nor was this all; at a later period, viz., A.D. 1813, even Past Masters of particular Lodges were made members of the Grand Lodge. Who then will wonder that, with the sober and discreet Masons, the Grand Lodge at London was looked upon with distrust. But such is the power and influence of money and birth; for it was composed principally of nobles, wealthy commoners, men of the Army and the Robe (who, ignorant of the issues and the principles involved, innovated boldly. Such persons once initiated and not troubling themselves about controversies(used their great wealth and influence to advance the cause with which they were identified. The very Grand Lodge who committed the first and only violations of Masonic usage and Masonic law, trampled under foot the ancient landmarks, and introduced novelties unknown to the fraternity, was ere long destined to triumph, over all opposition, and stand forth before the world as the only Grand Lodge in England with the assumed title of the Grand Lodge of all Masons.

Our readers need not start at this declaration, for it is true; look to their proclamation of the election of Grand Master, and it will be seen that they always declared him to be, not Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, but the Grand Master of all Masons. The Grand Lodge of York styled itself the Grand Lodge of all England; while that of London was styled the Grand Lodge of England; The Grand Lodge of York declined as operative Masonry declined, and from the period just named it preferred death to breach of faith, and sacrifice of Masonic consistency. Early in the nineteenth century, it was dissolved, and the Grand Lodge at London, alias the Grand Lodge of England, has since enjoyed undivided authority over the entire Island. The Grand Lodge of York still lives in her descendents. In the United States, the York Rite is the only legitimate Masonry acknowledged. In the test applied to all strangers seeking to visit a Lodge, they must show that they have been regularly initiated, passed and raised in a legally constituted Lodge of Ancient York Masons.

I shall only add, that if Bro. McCabe's history had been printed thirty years ago, his nonsense about the Grand Lodges of England, and of York, would have been believed by the then best informed American Masons, just as they believed that the African Lodge in Boston was never chartered by the Grand Lodge of England.

BOSTON, U.S., 3rd May 1888.

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the restoration of peace, which brought Negro Masonry into the Southern States, I therefore infer that the MSS. was written between 1868 and the end of 1872.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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PALLADIAN LODGE, No. 120.

THE members held their last Lodge of this session on Tuesday 1st inst., at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, under the Mastership of Bro. G. J. Caldwell. In the course of the proceedings, Bro. T. Smith P.G.S.W. delivered a Masonic lecture, for which he received a vote of thanks. On the Lodge being closed, about two dozen of the brethren stayed to supper, at which they honoured the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 164.

AN incident almost unique in the Masonic annals of the Province —the completion by Bro. Wm. Pile (on whom the Prov. Grand Master has been pleased to confer, as a Jubilee honour, the rank of P.P.G. St. B.) of a period of 50 years' membership of the Lodge Perseverance, during which time he has filled the various offices, and been most punctual in his attendance—was celebrated at Sidmouth, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when this much respected brother was presented with a collar and apron and P.M. jewel, subscribed for by members of the Lodge, who also unveiled his portrait, which now hangs on the walls of the Lodge. The Lodge was opened at 5 p.m., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Pile, at the request of Bro. Berwick, the W.M. of the Lodge, occupied the chair during a portion of the evening, and performed certain portions of the ceremony with great clearness and precision. Bro. J. A. Orchard P.P.G.D.C. read the minutes of Wednesday, 2nd May 1838, the night on which Bro. Pile was initiated, and after referring to his zeal and punctual attendance throughout the intervening period of 50 years, Bro. Orchard, in the name of the members of the Lodge, presented Bro. Pile with the Provincial Officer's collar and apron and Past Master's jewel, and later on in the evening the W.M. Bro. Berwick unveiled the beautiful enlarged chromo portrait of Bro. Pile. At the conclusion of the business the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, supplied by Bro. H. T. Bolt in his accustomed satisfactory style.

LODGE OF AMITY, No. 171.

THE members met at The Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. A ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, and was declared unanimous in favour of Bro. H. Dipple S.W. Bro. J. Clever P.M. was also unanimously elected as Treasurer. At the banquet, the W.M. (Bro. J. Van Essen) proposed the usual toasts which were duly honoured. The musical arrangements were efficiently carried out under the direction of the Organist, Bro. Frederick Perkins, R.A. Mus.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

BRO. G. M. Lion W.M. presided over the regular meeting on Monday, the 7th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. The W.M. was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Botibol S.W., Garner J.W., T. Meyers S.D., H. Lazarus J.D., L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, Rev. S. J. Rocq Chap.; P.M.'s Spiegel, L. and M. Alexander, Obed Roberts, Abrahams, Dewsnap, L. Meyers, Dodson; Bros. Van Stavern, Van Volen, Weigel, Hunt, Ansell, C. H. Wallis, Ernest Smith, Rozenberg, Cohen, Saqui, Chamberlain, W. Thomas, Barnes, Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), &c. Visitors—Thomas Berg W.M. 1613, J. S. Taverner 1044, Montague Smith 253, Nightingale W.M. 193, &c. Lodge was regularly opened and the minutes confirmed. The W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. Ernest Smith. Bro. L. W. Kershaw, of St. Ann's Lodge, No. 593, who is about to proceed to Ceylon, was, by kind permission of the W.M., also raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. A ballot was taken to initiate Mr. Paul Francz, of the United Dramatic Club, 133 Upper-street, Islington. The ceremonies of the day were most ably performed by the W.M. Bro. Wall I.P.M. proposed that the sum of two guineas be subscribed from the Lodge, to form a nucleus to present Bro. Dodson P.M. D.C. with a testimonial for services rendered as D.C. This was seconded and carried unanimously. After other important business had been disposed of, the Lodge was closed in due form. Between fifty and sixty brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served in admirable style under the superintendence of Bro. Silver; the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were eloquently given by the W.M., and received with enthusiasm. Bro. Wall proposed the health of the W.M., which was warmly honoured and replied to. The W.M. next proposed the toasts of the P.M.'s, Officers, and Visitors. Appropriate replies were made. The health of the Initiate was proposed and suitably responded to. The proceedings were enlivened with a most enjoyable musical programme, under the direction of Bro. Frank Isaacson. The entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

ST. GEORGE LODGE, No. 242.

THE annual meeting of the brethren was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic-rooms, Nether Hall Road, Doncaster. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting having been confirmed, and some other business transacted, Bro. G. G. Wilkie, who had been duly elected, was installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being well and ably rendered by Bro. F. D. Walker, who acted in the capacity of Installing Master. During the proceedings some music was performed by Bro. Pawson, and an anthem was sung in excellent style by Bro. F. Webb. The W.M. having been placed in the chair, proceeded at once to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow, viz.:—Bros. Goldthorpe I.P.M., Fretwell S.W., Forth J.W., Ross Chaplain, Hartley Treasurer, Pawson Org., Athron S.D., Webb J.D., Dalanoy Secretary, and Hurst Tyler. At the close of the proceedings the brethren partook of an elegant banquet, provided by Mrs. Grant, at the Reindeer Hotel, consisting of an abundance of every delicacy which the season can produce, and in which no pains had been spared to give satisfaction. Several visitors were present from Rotherham, Grimsby, Thorne, Goole, &c. The chair was occupied by the newly installed W.M., and the vice-chair by the S.W. Bro. Fretwell.

LILY LODGE OF RICHMOND, No. 820.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th instant, in the Masonic Hall, Richmond, Surrey. Among the large attendance of visitors present were—Bros. J. L. Dale W.M. 948, C. P. Langford W.M. 21, B. B. Joy W.M. 715, J. J. Jewitson W.M. 857, T. J. Cusworth P.M. 813, J. Cockburn P.M. 209, W. Pierpoint P.M. 813, B. E. Blasby P.M. 2032, J. A. Robson P.M. 1445, G. T. Holdom P.M. 1306, J. G. Twinn P.M. 1306, R. P. Forge P.M. 1693, J. Hobbs P.M. 749, J. L. Cogan P.M. 1365, and 22 other visiting brethren of various ranks, in addition to the Past Masters and Members of the Lodge. The Lodge being opened, the minutes of last regular Lodge and of the Lodge of Emergency were confirmed. After the election of three lay members on the Committee of the Benevolent Fund, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M., Bro. Pye, retired from the chair in favour of Bro. W. H. Myers P.M., who having previously opened and constituted a Board of Installed Masters in due form, installed Bro. Charles Robson, the Master Elect. The Officers appointed were as follows:—Bros. R. Pye I.P.M., A. Combes S.W., G. Cook J.W., W. H. Myers Treasurer, J. Heath Secretary, W. T. Laws S.D., A. Oliver J.D., A. Copping I.G., G. C. Young P.M. Musical Director, R. E. W. Marsden D.C., W. F. Reynolds P.M. Steward, C. E. Osman Assistant Steward. The usual addresses were then effectively rendered by the Installing Master Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. All business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed and adjourned. The brethren proceeded to the Banquet room in the large hall, and after the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were given and responded to. The proposal of those of the W.M. Bro. Robson and the I.P.M. Bro. Pye being received with enthusiasm by the Visitors and Brethren of the Lodge. The musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. Charles Townley, of the Savage Club, who rendered the "Song without words" in an effective manner. He was assisted by Bros. Combes, R. E W. Marsden, and Percy Phillips. Miss Thomas presided at the pianoforte. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

ROYAL GLOUCESTERSHIRE LODGE. No. 839.

THE annual installation festival took place on Friday, the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall at the Bell Hotel, Gloucester. Bro. Dr. Needham was installed as W.M. for the year ensuing, the ceremony being performed by the I.P.M. Bro. J. L. Bretherton. The Officers for the year are Bros. Dr. Campbell S.W., Sumner J.W., the Very Rev. Dr. Spence Chaplain, Bruton Treasurer, Mayer Secretary, Summers S.D., Wood J.D., John Bryan Director of Ceremonies, Hill I.G., and Pike Steward.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

THE last meeting of the present session of this spirited Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, 9th instant, when there were present Bros. Creed W.M., Ravenscroft I.P.M., Slaughter S.W., Greenaway J.W., Ridley Secretary, Hukins S.D., Sparrow J.D., Pulley P.M. Dir. of Cers., Sherwin Organist, Brown I.G., Smallwood and Stewart Stewards, Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Ferguson, Margrett, Blackwell; Brothers T. C. Margrett, Loam, Treverton, Reed, Hodder, Brown jun., Long, Biddles, Salmon, Hickie, Silver. Visitors—Houghton 153, Hawkes W.M. 414, Scrivener 1490, Bonny 414. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Daniel Norton Heron, proposed and seconded as a candidate for initiation at the last regular Lodge, and he was declared to be elected. Bro. Lewis, a candidate for the third degree, having replied to the usual questions in a satisfactory manner, was entrusted, and retired. Later on the candidate was re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony was ably performed by the W.M., who gave the traditional history and lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Ravenscroft gave the charge. Lodge was closed to the first degree, when Bro. Margrett P.M. proposed the resolution of which he had given due notice, viz., that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of this Lodge to the list of Bro. Creed on the occasion of his Stewardship for the Masonic Institution for Girls at its Centenary Celebration. Bro. Ferguson seconded, and the motion was carried. A candidate was regularly proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, after which the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where a récherché supper was provided by Bro. Flanagan P.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, a very agreeable evening being the result.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

THE installation meeting was held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on 2nd May. Bros. Collings P.M. D.C. in the chair, Williams S.W., Wing J.W., Watkins Treasurer, Robinson P.M. Secretary, Harding S.D., Sandalls J.D., Oliver I.G., Coombes Steward, Stacey P.M. Organist, Walkley Tyler; P.M.'s Pardo, Boehr, A. Mansell, and about thirty-six other brethren; also some seventeen visitors, among whom were Bros. Cause P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Canon Floyd P.G. Chaplain Ireland, the Masters of several Lodges and other distinguished Craftsmen. After Lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. G. A. Knight was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., in Bro. Collings' best and most impressive manner. Lodge having been resumed to the second

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degree, Bro. Secretary read the dispensation of Grand Lodge, permitting Bro. Williams to be installed W.M. of this Lodge, although his term of office as W.M. of the Dalhousie Lodge had not expired. Bro. Williams was then installed into the chair of K.S. with all due formality and solemnity by Bro. Collings. The W.M. having been duly proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner, and the Antient Charges given to Master, Wardens, &c., the W.M. was pleased to appoint his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Wing S.W., Harding J.W., Watkins Treasurer, Robinson P.M. Secretary, Collings P.M. D.C., Sandalls S.D., Oliver J.D., Coombes I.G., Page P.M. Steward, Stacey P.M. Organist, Gordon Assistant Organist, and Walkley P.M. Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee having been read by Bro. Grundy, and supported by Bros. Gordon and Stern, and some other formal business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed according to ancient custom. At the banquet which ensued about fifty-eight sat down, and after doing excellent service on the good things provided by the worthy host, Bro. Page, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with enthusiasm, and accorded musical honours. Bro. Robinson proposed the health of the W.M., and congratulated the Lodge on having such a thoroughly good Mason as its Master. Bro. Boehr gave a well-executed solo on the zither, and the W.M. responded in a very short but pithy speech. Apologising for having to be short, on account of the lateness of the hour, Bro. Williams proceeded to propose the Visitors. Bro. Higham gave a brilliant pianoforte solo, "La petite Reine," and Bros. Cause, Canon Floyd, Morrow, and others responded, all of them speaking in flattering terms of the reception they had met with, and of the excellent working of the Lodge. The next toast was the Installing Master, proposed by the W.M. Bro. Morrow sang "Good night, beloved," and Bro. Collings responded. The Past Masters came next. After a cornet solo by Bro. Heath, Bro. Boehr responded. The Treasurer and Secretary was the next toast, and then a song, "Give me the man of honest heart," by Bro. Gordon. Bro. Watkins replied. The Officers were next complimented. Song, the "Lads in red," Bros. Page, and then the S.W. replied. The Tyler's toast concluded a most successful and interesting evening. The musical arrangements of the banquet were under the direction of Bro. Gordon.

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their annual meeting on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent Street, under the presidency of Bro. J. S. Miller W.M. Bro. B. Füld was installed as Worshipful Master, and the following were appointed as the Officers for the year: Bros. J. S. Miller I.P.M., S. Lancaster S.W., H. Moss J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treasurer, Baron D. Barnett P.M. Sec., J. Van Praagh S.D., A. F. Casperd J.D., J. Segenburg I.G., E. Hahn D.C., J. Nash Steward, and Oberdoerffer Tyler. The other business of the meeting comprised the balloting for three candidates and the initiation of two of them, Messrs. N. Nersessian and Thomas Mudge Lamble. At the conclusion of the proceedings the brethren dined together, under the presidency of Bro. Füld, the newly installed Master, and in due course the usual toast list was honoured. Bro. Miller I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, a toast always welcome in every Lodge. The present ruler of the Samson Lodge was one of the oldest members, and had served through the several offices. He felt convinced Bro. Füld would conduct the affairs of the Lodge in such a manner as to give entire satisfaction. In reply the Worshipful Master tendered his hearty thanks for the toast and trusted he might always deserve so pleasing a welcome. He then proposed the health of the Initiates, giving the newly admitted brethren a hearty welcome, in the name of the Lodge. The Initiates having replied, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Miller. In the course of his remarks Bro. Füld referred to the way in which his predecessor had conducted the affairs of the Lodge, and hoped he would long be among them as a Past Master. He had great pleasure in presenting to Bro. Miller the handsome jewel the members had prepared for him, and he trusted he would long have good health to wear it. The jewel bore the following inscription:

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668, W.M. 1887-88.
Presented by the members of the Samson Lodge, No. 1668,
To Bro. J. S. MILLER P.M.
As a mark of their respect and esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. during his year of office.
8th May 1888.

Bro. Miller replied. He thanked the brethren very much for the presentation which had just been made to him, and considered they had given him a very beautiful jewel: but what he prized more than all was the secret which attached to it—the secret that it was proof he had given them satisfaction and had won their approval. The jewel would really have no value in his eyes if he did not feel that it carried with it the approbation of the members of the Lodge. As it was, he should value it as a memento of the very pleasant duties he had fulfilled in the Samson Lodge. He assured them he did not that day give up his interest in the affairs of the Lodge simply because he had retired from the chair, for he should continue to do all that lay in his power for its benefit, and in doing so he hoped he should merit the approval of the members. The toast of the Past Masters was next given, there being present, in addition to those already named, Bros. I. Quincey, C. Hochse, and R. S. Kingsbury. Without the services of the Past Masters the W.M. felt the Lodge would make but poor progress. Bro. Loewenstark replied. He hardly knew how to thank them for the kind reception he had ever received in the Lodge. He was very proud of his position, and hoped the Lodge would have the help of many more Past Masters in years to come. Bro. Barnett also acknowledged the toast, and then the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Visitors. He hoped he and the other members of the Lodge had given their guests such a welcome as would induce them to desire to again visit the Samson. Bro. Marks W.M. 185 and others acknowledged the toast, which was followed by that of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Barnett replied to this, and said both he and Bro. Loewenstark tried to do their best, and were always pleased when their efforts called forth a word of commendation from the Lodge. The toast of the Press was given, and acknowledged by Bro. Morgan jun., after which the meeting was brought to a conclusion. Among the visitors were Bros. S. J. Heilborn 463, A. R. Marks W.M. 185, J. G. Albert J.D. 227, J. Füld 917, G. B. Yepp 21, B. Hergels 188, Turle Lee 1922, H. Yates 2182, F. H. Cozens Org. 907, J. Stroud S.W. 1227, C. J. Smith 1658. During the evening some excellent songs were given, the following programme being carried out, under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee:—"National Anthem"; piano solo, Bro. Turle Lee; song, "When other lips," Balfe, Bro. Henry Yates; humorous song, Bro. Fred Cozens; song, "The Bugler," Pinsuti, Bro. Kingsbury; song, "I'll sing thee songs," Clay, Bro. Henry Yates; humorous song, Bro. Fred. Cozens (with, during the evening, obligato accompaniment of bones and banjo by serenaders outside).

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE, No. 1922.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 14th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, when the chair of K.S. was (in the absence of Bro. Cannon W.M.) occupied by Bro. C. R. J. Evans I.P.M. Amongst the brethren present, and who signed the attendance book, were Bros. C. Sims S.W., J. M. Spencer J.W., A. Runacres P.M. Treasurer, R. J. Taylor P.M. Secretary, J. W. S. Chapman P.M. Dir. of Cers., J. G. Albert S.D., L. C. Shipton J.D., Wm. Burridge I.G., R. Clare and W. C. Codman Stewards, Albert J. Clarke Asst. Dir. of Cers., P.M.'s E. Witts and G. W. Evans, Bros. O. Lemere, R. Peachey, G. Helyer, R. R. Willson, A. Blenkarn, R. M. Gatliff, J. A. Gaze, Francis Moss, Francis Moss jun., J. K. Boddy, T. Bowler. Visitors—J. D. E. Tarr W.M. 1293, Jas. Stevens P.M. 1216, 1246, &c., C. B. Cutler 1949, H. Windlatt 1793, T. B. Bonjour 2060, R. J. Vincent P.M. 1641, 1963, &c. The business comprised the raising of Bros. Helyer and Peachey and the passing of Bros. F. Moss and F. Moss jun. (father and son), the ceremonies were most admirably conducted by the acting W.M. Bro. Evans. After closing of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to a capitally served dinner, and toasts, recitations, songs and bright speeches occupied the remainder of a most agreeable Masonic reunion. We specially noted the efforts of Bros. Boddy, J. W. S. Chapman ("Bill Adams") and James Stevens to add to the interest of the gathering by their excellent recitations.

PRUDENCE AND INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 1953.

THE annual meeting took place at the Masonic-hall, George Hotel, Chard, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when Bro. F. H. Warren was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. R. C. Else. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Toms I.P.M., Lodge S.W., Mitchell J.W., Dominy S.W., Norrington J.D., England Treasurer, Derrick Sec., Plank D.C., Gawler and Symes Stewards, Drower Org., and White Tyler. The banquet took place at the George Hotel, at which a goodly number sat down, including visiting brethren from Nyanza Lodge, Ilminster, and also from Lodge Virtue and Honour, Axminster. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

THIS Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at the Town Hall Buildings, King-street, Manchester, on Saturday, the 28th ult., when Bro. L. J. Griffiths was installed as Worshipful Master, and the following invested as the Officers for the year. Bros. Robt. Beresford I.P.M., C. Crowther S.W., J. McCallum J.W., J. W. Rattray Chap., D. Edwards P.M. Treas., J. Hatton P.M. Sec., Henry Darbyshire P.M. D.C., J. W. Wilcock S.D., N. Holycake J.D., W. W. Siddell Org., G. Redfern jun. I.G., J. Dean, E. P. Ridgeway, Jno. Wilson, J. Crampton, W. Holland, G. S. Smeeth Stewards, and J. Forrest Tyler. The addresses following the installation were given by Bros. Walker, Harris, Edwards and Darbyshire respectively. A banquet followed the Lodge meeting, the usual toasts being honoured.

THE PRIORY LODGE OF ACTON, No. 1996.

THE Installation meeting was held in the old and historic building known as the Berrymead Priory, situated near the High Street, Acton, on Monday, the 7th instant. There were present Bros. J. A. Cammell W.M., E. Monson jun. S.W., J. Ward J.W., C. W. Francis S.D., A. B. Phillips I.G., E. H. Sugg Sec., F. Botley I.P.M., P.M.'s C. E. Botley and G. Wright; C. Pearce, Owen, P. Cheek J. Adams, Braden, E. J. Acworth, S. Parkhouse, P. Monson, W. J. Marlis, W. Regester, H. W. Blake, Capt. R. Grey, Major Michod, Rev. A. H. Dicker, Fountaine, Danvers, W. Eydmann, J. A. Craven, E. E. Geflowski, Sutton, W. M. Shirreff, H. R. Heasman, W. Hurst, Raynham Stewart P.G.D., F. Binckes P.G.S.B., Norton, S. J. Longton, Williams. The W.M. elect received letters of regret at their inability to be present from Bros. Lord George Hamilton, Frank Richardson P.G.D., J. M. Case P.G.D., T. J. Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C., &c., &c. The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, was advanced to the 2nd degree, when Bro. E. Monson was presented as W.M. elect, and with all formalities duly observed installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. A. Cammell. The Installing Master presented and explained the working tools of the various degrees. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. Ward S.W., C. W. Francis J.W., W. Roebuck P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer, E. H. Sugg Secretary, C. E. Botley D.C. F. A. Russell S.D., A. T. Phillips J.D., Gissing Skelton I.G., W. Hurst Steward, and Harrison Tyler. After the investiture, the Installing Master gave the usual addresses. Later

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on, it was proposed and seconded that a Lodge of Instruction be formed and held in the Lodge-room at the Berrymead Priory. Bro. C. E. Botley P.M. proposed that a vote of condolence be offered by the Lodge to Bro. W. Roebuck P.M. P.G.S.B., sympathising with him in his recent bereavement; this was seconded by Bro. G. Wright and carried unanimously. Lodge was closed in ancient form with solemn prayer. The brethren then adjourned to the Grand Banqueting Hall where a very récherché banquet was provided by the Steward of the Priory Constitutional Club, the tables being prettily decorated with flowers and ferns supplied by the W.M. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal toasts were duly proposed by the W.M. For Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and rest of Grand Officers, Bros. Raynham Stewart P.G.D. and F. Binckes P.G.S.B. responded. Bro. Raynham Stewart was pleased to come to the Priory Lodge once more, he had officiated at the consecration of the Lodge and was gratified by the progress which had been made. Bro. F. Binckes said he was not able to be present at the working of the Lodge; having to attend a Board of Stewards, he was unable to get away in time. He expressed a hope that the Charity which he had the honour to represent might receive their support; as the Centenary of the Girls' School was the only topic just now on the tapis, he was afraid the Boys' Institution would be in a fair way of running short of funds. The I.P.M. now took the gavel; the brethren knew for what purpose; we have come to the toast of the evening, the health of your W.M. He Bro. Cammell was proud in having installed so worthy and distinguished a brother, and all the Brethren who had seen the working of the W.M. must admit he comes fully prepared for all duties he may have to carry out. He has always taken a great interest in the Lodge, and boasts of being one of its founders; he is also I.P.M. of his Mother Lodge, and stands a high chance of office in the Provincial Grand Lodge. He would now ask the brethren to drink a right good bumper, wishing their W.M. health and every prosperity during his year of office. Bro. Monson thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received; he had looked forward to this evening for a long time, it was one of the happiest moments of his life; he felt proud at being their W.M. He had always taken great interest in the Lodge, and now it had reached its natural home (the Lodge being named after the Berrymead Priory), he trusted it would thrive and prosper. The W.M. in giving the toast of the I.P.M. thanked Bro. J. A. Cammell for the assistance he had rendered him. The I.P.M. had taken a great deal of trouble in getting the Lodge removed to its present quarters, and this the members were to be congratulated on. He concluded by pinning on Bro. Cammell's breast the 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 expressed a wish that he might long be spared to wear it. Bro. Cammell thanked the W.M. and brethren for the very kind way in which the toast had been given and received; he had always taken (and he hoped to continue to take) great interest in the Lodge. He had intended saying a good deal, but the kindly remarks of the W.M. had completely taken the wind out of his sails; he thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel they had presented him; he need hardly say he should look upon it as a great treasure, at the same time it would not need a jewel to remind him of the very pleasant and enjoyable year he had spent with the brethren of the Priory Lodge. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the names of Bros. Danvers W.M. West Middlesex Lodge, J. Adams W.M. Villiers Lodge, H. W. Blake I.P.M. Ranelagh Lodge, Fountaine and W. J. Murlis, who suitably responded. With the toast of the P.M.'s reference was made to our absent Bro. W. Roebuck P.G.S.B. Bro. G. Wright P.M. responded; he was pleased to fill the office of Treasurer that evening for so worthy a brother. He trusted that before their next meeting Bro. Roebuck would be with them. Bro. E. H. Sugg Secretary trusted he should carry out the duties better in the ensuing year than in the past. Bro. Francis J.W. responded for the Officers, and then the Tyler brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. E. H. Sugg P.M. 452 P.P.G.O. Surrey.

TILBURY LODGE, No. 2006.

THE annual festival was held at the Tilbury Hotel, Tilbury, on Saturday, 9th May. Bro. C. R. Walker W.M. was in the chair. Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. T. F. E. Ayles was passed, and Bros. A. Maxwell Todd, Geo. Brooke, and F. H. Davies were raised. The accounts, showing the Lodge to be in a satisfactory financial condition, were approved; and a discussion on proposed rules for a Benevolent Fund was again adjourned. The W.M. then proposed that some mark of appreciation be offered to Bro. W. H. Lockey for his efficient services to the Lodge from its foundation. The motion was seconded, and unanimously carried; a Committee was appointed to consider and recommend the form which the mark of appreciation should take. The ceremony of installing the W.M. Elect (Bro. E. H. Bailey) was then performed most impressively by Bro. Crump, and at its conclusion the W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Kirby S.W., Barber J.W., Rev. Canon Whittington Chaplain, A. J. Dudgeon Treas., W. I. Dudgeon Sec., Bradshaw Brown D.C., Crump S.D., Johnson J.D., Lockley Steward, and Martin Tyler. The W.M. was appointed the representative of the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee; and a candidate for initiation having been proposed, the Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. As the greater part of the Tilbury Hotel is closed, the brethren afterwards crossed the water to Gravesend, where, at the New Falcon, the annual banquet was served, under the presidency of the W.M. The *menu* sustained in every way the reputation which Mr. Hubbard's Hotel enjoys; whilst the wines, which were selected by Bro. Steward, a well-known *connoisseur*, were of choice brands. After dinner, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly proposed from the chair, and heartily drunk, with Masonic fire. In responding for the Grand Officers of England, Bro. Albert Lucking said that, standing there, he was reminded of the cheerless day when they trudged across the marshes to consecrate the Lodge, at a spot, now covered by the Docks. But although it was cheerless outside, everything was most cheerful within, and he ventured to say that the hospitality of the Tilbury Lodge upon that occasion would never be forgotten in the Province of Essex. The Provincial Grand Officers found an excellent sponsor in Bro. Barrett, who, in the course of a neat little speech, expressed the pleasure they felt at finding the Lodge in such a prosperous condition. In a flattering speech the I.P.M. then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, whose popularity among the brethren was conclusively demonstrated by the warmth with which the toast was received. In replying, Bro. Bailey (who was only initiated four years ago) said he felt it to be a very great honour to have been placed in the chair that day. He would do all he could to prove himself worthy of the distinction they had conferred upon him, and he hoped he should have the support of all in any efforts he might make to improve their work. Bros. Walker and Noad responded for the Visitors; and the W.M. then proposed the Installing Master. It was, he said, always a pleasure to see work done in the way Bro. Crump performed the ceremony that afternoon. Personally he thanked Bro. Crump most heartily; and, in concluding, expressed the wish—which was emphatically endorsed by the brethren—that they might have Bro. Crump long with them. The Installing Master, in acknowledging the compliment, tendered a little practical advice to the brethren upon working the ceremonies. They should always be ready, he remarked, to do their duty in any office to which the W.M. might appoint them. He felt sure the Lodge would go through the year with the utmost possible credit, and that the Officers would show to the other members of the Lodge who are coming on the way in which the work of Masonry really could be done. The W.M., in giving the Past Masters, said they only numbered four, but four better and cheerier men could not be found in a day's march. Bro. Walker, whose name was coupled with the toast, modestly remarked that he was not a very good specimen of their Past Masters, and then proceeded to allude to the necessity of the members attending the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Donald Baynes (who rose in response to the unanimous wish of the brethren) happily remarked that there were four old chickens in the Past Masters' nest, and he congratulated Bro. Bailey upon being cock of the walk. Bro. A. J. Dudgeon, another popular Past Master, also replied, and expressed himself as confident that the Tilbury Lodge must succeed. Their W.M. was the second initiate of the Lodge, and the Inner Guard he himself initiated during his year of office. The W.M. proposed the Officers, and spoke in favour of the Lodge of Instruction being held every fortnight. Bro. Kirby, the S.W., assured the W.M. that the Officers would help him in every possible way; he thanked him most heartily for the kind way in which he had proposed their health. The Tyler's toast was then given by Bro. Martin, and brought to a close a most enjoyable evening, the pleasures of which were greatly facilitated by the arrangements made by Bro. Bradshaw Brown, the Director of Ceremonies.

QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

AT the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, the 4th inst., there were present Bros. R. F. Gould P.G.D., W. M. Bywater P.G. Sword Bearer S.D., Professor T. Hayter Lewis J.D., Dr. W. W. Westcott I.G., W. H. Rylands P.G. Steward, Rev. C. J. Ball, F. H. Goldney P.G.D., and Edward Macbean; Correspondence Circle—Richard Eve P.G.T., C. F. Hogard P.G. Standard Bearer, Rev. T. W. Lemon, Stephen Richardson, F. A. Powell, Rev. O. C. Cockrem, J. W. H. Thompson, Rev. W. W. Lemon, Colonel J. Read, J. Barber Glen, C. Kufferschmidt, S. Martin, Rev. J. F. Downes, R. A. Gowan, and B. A. Smith; and the following Visitors:—Bros. J. K. R. Cama, and R. Langley. Brothers Edward Jas Castle, Q.C., P.M. 143, author of "The Origin of Parochial Relief, the Law of Rating," and other works. Edward Macbean, Glasgow, St. John's Lodge, No. 3 *bis*, author of "Symbolism," and numerous addresses in Lodge, and F. H. Goldney P.G.D., author of "The History of Freemasonry in Wiltshire," were unanimously elected members of the Lodge. The London Library, St. James's-square; the Supreme Council, A. and A. S. Rite 33°, 33 Golden-square; the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab; five Lodges, one Masonic journal (New Zealand), and 38 brethren, were admitted members of the Correspondence Circle, which it was stated had reached a grand total of 308. It was moved by Bro. Westcott I.G., and seconded by Bro. Bywater S.D., "That no lecture on Masonic History, nor any lecture, nor discussion on Masonic Degrees, their origin and secrets be given or permitted in the Lodge, except when it is opened in the 3rd Degree, and that the summons for the Lodge shall specify the delivery and discussion of Lectures in a Master Mason's Lodge," to which the following amendment was proposed by Bro. G. W. Speth Secretary, and seconded by Bro. F. H. Goldney P.G.D.—"That it be left to the discretion of the W.M. to require Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts to retire from the Lodge whenever there shall appear to him, to the lecturer, or to any brother, the least chance of Masonic secrets being improperly divulged." After an animated discussion, which was well sustained by the four brethren named, and enlivened by a speech of great power from Bro. Eve, who pointed out that if no lecture or Masonic History could be delivered in the Lodge, except before Master Masons, any future essays or papers dealing specifically with either the first or second degrees would have to be read before an audience from which was excluded the class of brethren whom it chiefly concerned. The W.M. said he was personally very much in favour of continuing to transact all the business of the Lodge, except the actual ceremonies, in the first degree. In the United States, since the Baltimore Convention of 1843, the practice had been different. Business was there transacted in the third degree, and brethren only became members of their Lodges on attaining the rank of Master Mason. But to him (the W.M.) there was something very repugnant in the idea of excluding any Mason in good standing from

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a full participation in the special labours of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. In the Grand Lodge itself, to refer to the earliest precedent, there was in ancient times an express proviso that even the work of legislation could not proceed without all the brethren, including "The youngest enter'd Prentice," being taken into Council. He would, however, admit freely, that much might be said on both sides of the question, and as several of the members, absent that evening (including Bro. Hughan, whose opinion he felt sure they would like to hear), were expected to be present at the June meeting, he thought the best course they could adopt would be to adjourn the discussion until that date. This suggestion having been accepted by the movers of the resolution and amendment, the Secretary, Bro. Speth, proceeded to read a paper on "Scottish Masonry before the Era of Grand Lodges." This was followed by a discussion, in which Bros. Rylands, Goldney, Macbean and the W.M. took part, and written contributions from Bros. Hughan and Ramsden Riley were read from the chair. Some further presents to the library—Bro. Cama P.G.T. again figuring as a liberable donor—were announced by the Secretary, who also exhibited a photographed facsimile of the Scorborough MS., kindly procured for the Lodge by Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary Canada. The proceedings were brought to a close about half-past seven, when the brethren adjourned to refreshment and the remainder of the evening was given up to social enjoyment.

EARL OF SUSSEX LODGE, No. 2201.

THE brethren closed their first Masonic year with a meeting on Saturday, 28th ult., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, who is the W.M., presided. In the unavoidable absence of Bros. the Right Honourable W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., and R. Clowes, the Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. C. W. Hudson and Dr. H. E. Price. The principal business of the meeting was the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Prov. G. Steward, was unanimously elected W.M., while Bro. W. Hallett was re-elected Treasurer. The first lecture on the Tracing Board was given in an admirable manner by the Rev. E. R. Currie. The Lodge having been formally closed the brethren adjourned to the saloon, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. D. Mutton, and duly appreciated. The usual loyal toasts having been proposed by the W.M., the Officers of Grand Lodge, also given from the Chair, received an acknowledgment from Bro. J. Terry. The Rev. E. R. Currie next proposed conjointly the toast of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Prov. Grand Officers, and the W.M. of the Lodge. The Duke of Connaught would, he hoped, be soon amongst the brethren of the Province again, for he had won the golden opinions of all Masons and the esteem of all ranks of society. He trusted Bro. Ford would long be spared to occupy the high position of Deputy Prov. G. Master, which he so worthily and satisfactorily held. In speaking of the Officers of the Province he passed a high eulogium on the Prov. G. Secretary. The Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, in responding, said he felt grateful for the kind words which had been said about him. He would endeavour, as long as his strength lasted, to merit the approbation of the brethren. With their kind indulgence, and with increased experience, he hoped, in his arduous position, to merit their approval. He was surrounded by excellent Officers, and he wished particularly to bear testimony to the inventive mind, sources of knowledge, and nimble fingers of the Prov. G. Secretary, whose assistance to him had been invaluable. The toast of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bro. Rowland Plumbe, and that of the Officers of the Lodge by Bro. C. W. Hudson, acting S.W. The Tyler's toast terminated the list. During the evening songs and duets were contributed by Bros. Slingsby Roberts, Major Mortimer Hancock, Cole, and King, the last named ably carrying out the duties of accompanist.

LODGE OF ST. JOHN, No. 1343.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, at the Kings Arms Hotel, Grays, when the following Officers were appointed for the ensuing twelve months:—Bros. George R. Cobham W.M., James Howell I.P.M., W. B. Heagerty S.W., W. H. Rowleston J.W., T. S. Taylor P.M. Treasurer, H. C. Borradaile Secretary, J. H. Potter S.D., M. T. Tuck J.D., W. J. Godwin I.G., W. J. Mott Organist, E. S. Flinn D.C., A. J. Thompson and J. H. Sims Stewards.

MASONIC SERVICE AT SWINTON.

A SPECIAL Masonic service was held on the afternoon of Sunday last, at St. Peter's Church, Swinton, under the auspices of the Egerton Lodge. There was a large gathering of the brethren from Manchester and district, including several Provincial Officers. A dispensation was granted by the Earl of Lathom Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, for the wearing of Craft and Royal Arch clothing. The brethren, upwards of 200 in number, met in St. Peter's Schools, from whence they marched in procession to church, large crowds lining the streets. The Freemasons occupied the seats in the body of the church, and in the remaining portions there was a large congregation. The Rev. H. R. Heywood, vicar, read the prayers, the Rev. F. P. Nash the lesson, and the sermon was preached by Bro. the Earl of Mulgrave, vicar of Worsley, and Chaplain of the Worsley Lodge, No. 1814. Appropriate hymns were sung, an excellent choir leading the service. The sermon was from the words "Am I my brother's keeper." The speaker spoke in eloquent terms of Freemasonry as embracing every rank and condition of respectable men. A moral institution, promulgating fraternal charity, mitigating suffering, and advancing the moral and best interests of mankind. A collection was taken in aid of the Masonic Charities.

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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL CENTENARY AND THE ANGLO-DANISH EXHIBITION.

The following circular has just been issued:—

5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.
17th May 1888.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the pleasure to inform you that the Executive Committee have acquired the sole use of the Anglo-Danish Exhibition and Grounds for the night of the 7th June, between the hours of 5 and 10 p.m.

The brethren and ladies holding tickets for the Albert Hall will be admitted free, and will have the opportunity of seeing the Exhibition and hearing two military bands, in addition to the one in the Hall; the theatre, switchback railway, &c., will be open at the usual prices. All refreshments partaken of in the Exhibition must be *paid for*; in the Albert Hall they will be provided *free*, as already announced.

This arrangement places a much greater space at the disposal of the Committee, and enables them to offer more tickets to the Stewards. I shall be glad, therefore, if you will let me know, at your earliest convenience, how many (if any) more you require, by filling in the annexed form, and remitting the amount as before.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Hon. Secretary Board of Stewards.

N.B.—The tickets of admission for the 7th June, and the Stewards' dinner tickets will be issued very shortly.

HOLIDAY HAUNTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—As on two or three occasions previously you have been kind enough to insert my letters, and I have been enabled by that means to assist and give pleasure to many seeking healthful recreation during short summer holidays,—inexpensively and *out of the beaten tracts*,—I shall be happy to again assist any hard-worked denizens of London or elsewhere who may be desirous of making a pleasant tour through South Wales if they will write me, enclosing stamped envelope for reply, simply giving number of party, kind of scenery desired—whether sea-coast or valley—and length of holiday and starting point.

Yours truly,
HENRY BARHAM.

4 High Street, Haverfordwest, 16th May 1888.

TRADE AND MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Dear Sir and Brother,—The following advertisement appeared in a recent issue of the *Daily Telegraph*.

MASONIC.—WANTED, to BORROW, £250, to buy back a business. Amount of stock cost over £400. No loan office. Address for particulars, Brother, &c.

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Yours fraternally,

INQUIRER.

Comp. H. Sadler P.Z. 169, Grand Janitor, has kindly consented to deliver a lecture on the "Banners and Ensigns of the Royal Arch," at the Industry Chapter of Instruction, No. 186, held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, on Saturday, 26th inst., at 7:30 p.m. The attendance of Royal Arch Masons is cordially invited.

We understand it has been arranged that, on 29th inst., the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart., M.P., will make a grand visitation to the Province of Aberdeen, accompanied by a deputation of officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

At a meeting of St. Maurice Lodge, No. 1855, held on the 9th instant, at Plympton, Bro. John Martin was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. R. Hambly was elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Gidley re-elected Tyler.

The design by Mr. H. A. Reid, architect, Port Elizabeth, S.A., has been selected in the competition for a proposed new Masonic temple for Kimberley. There were nine competitors.

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THE

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WILL BE CELEBRATED

ON THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE 1888,

(The day after the meeting of United Grand Lodge),

At the ROYAL ALBERT HALL,

ON WHICH OCCASION

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WILL PRESIDE.

President of the Board of Stewards:
The Right Hon. the EARL OF LATHOM Deputy G.M.,
Prov. G.M. Lancashire Western Division.

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It is most important that Brethren desiring to act as Stewards on this unique occasion should communicate their intention to the Secretary with as little delay as possible, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Office—5 Freemasons' Hall,
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WILL BE HELD AT

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ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 1888,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P.

R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Devon.

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Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
May 1888.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are most urgently needed this year, as, owing to the confidently anticipated and naturally to be expected exceptional support assured to the Centenary Celebration of the sister Institution, the gravest apprehensions are excited as to the realisation of the amount absolutely required to meet the ordinary annual expenditure.

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FOR

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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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At the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, London, on Friday, 18th May 1888,

W. Bro. J. L. MATHER, P.A.G.D.C.

Vice-President of the Institution,

in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 23 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 67 Candidates, and 15 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 61 Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

No. on Poll		Votes	No. on Poll		Votes
1	Wharton, Henry	2408	13	Somerton, William	2049
2	Middleton, Thomas James ...	2306	*14	Luff, Henry	2036
3	Wallace, William Samuel ...	2288	*15	Whitehouse, Samuel ...	1939
4	Codd, Frederic	2244	*16	Seagrave, Isaac	1931
5	Haxthausen, Oluf	2241	*17	Hoile, James Stokes	1928
6	Smith, John (No. 9 on list)	2214	*18	Ingram, William	1923
7	Hyde, John	2148	*19	Homewood, Spencer ...	1881
8	Hogg, Henry Leggott ...	2145	*20	Currie, John	1813
9	Garland, Joshua	2116	21	Holdsworth, Joseph	1788
10	Bennett, William	2098	22	Bray, Samuel	1733
11	Vass, John	2080	23	Laskey, Joseph John ...	1715
12	Jobling, Matthias	2079			

WIDOWS.

1	Pullen, Mary Anne ...	2958	*9	Moss, Susan	2172
2	Cooley, Elizabeth L. ...	2797	*10	Ford, Mary Ann	2158
3	Read, Emma	2505	*11	Yeoman, Esther	2132
4	Harding, Selina	2196	*12	Somers, Elizabeth	1784
*5	Harrison, Mary Ann ...	2434	13	Griffiths, Anna Maria ...	1755
*6	Vasey, Alice	2351	14	Worley, Georgiana Sophia ..	1720
*7	Hartley, Isabella	2333	15	Themans, Minca Amelia .	1604
*8	Wright, Mary Ellen	2193			

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. Duffield, John	7 10 0	Mrs. F. E. Warren	7 10 0
Fry, Robert Henry ...	7 1 3	M. E. Franklyn ...	7 1 3

Emulation Lodge of Improvement Fund.

Bro. Smith, Thomas ...	5 0 0	Mrs. A. M. Mahomed ...	5 0 0

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

Those marked * are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the proxies were issued.

The three lowest on the Poll both (Male and Female) will be placed on the list of annuitants as vacancies occur.

By order,
JAMES TERRY, P.G.Sword B., P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Secretary.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, in Christ Church School, Heaton Norris. Upwards of 400 brethren attended, only two Lodges being unrepresented out of the long roll of 97 within the Province. Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, the R.W. Prov. G.M., was unable to attend, and his place was taken by Bro. George Mellor the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. C. R. N. Beswick-Royds, Past G.D. and P. Prov. G.W., acted as Deputy Prov. G.M. Nearly the whole of the Provincial Officers answered to the call of their names, and the attendance of Past Provincial Officers was exceptionally numerous. Customary form having been observed in opening the Lodge, the report of the Charity Committee was read by Bro. J. Chadwick, Prov. Grand Secretary. This stated that two boys, three widows of Freemasons, and two aged Freemasons had been placed in the Masonic Charitable Institutions. In proposing the adoption of the report, Bro. J. A. Birch P. Prov. G.J.W. said the committee had also succeeded in electing two girls to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. As many more votes were required for this than East Lancashire possessed, the committee had had to put forth great efforts, and they had had much assistance from the adjoining Province of West Yorkshire. The Jubilee contributions from the Province to the Masonic Benevolent Institution amounted to about £2,860. In addition to the adoption of the report he proposed that the lists of these contributions be recorded on the minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. G.D. seconded both these propositions, and they were carried unanimously. On the motion of Bro. J. Heelis, it was resolved that £50 be contributed out of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. A report was submitted from the Bye-laws Committee, recommending various amendments of the Bye-laws. A discussion arose thereon, and in the end it was, on the motion of Bro. Colonel Aspland P. Prov. G. Registrar, seconded by Bro. Nicholl Prov. G. Treasurer, decided that the report be referred back to the committee to make a general revision, and that copies of the old Bye-laws and the proposed alterations be sent to every Lodge in the Province before the November meeting. Bro. Mellor, on behalf of the Prov. Grand Master, proposed that 100 guineas be contributed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and it was agreed to. Bro. Birch explained that this would make the Provincial Grand Master a patron in perpetuity of the Institution named.

The Treasurer's accounts showed receipts amounting to £968, and a balance in the bank after meeting expenses of £279. There had been a slight increase in the income and a slight decrease in the ordinary expenditure, apart from a special donation of 200 guineas to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. A resolution was passed adopting the financial statement, and the retiring treasurer (Bro. Nicholl) and the auditors were thanked for their services. For the office of Treasurer there were three nominations. On a ballot being taken Bro. Col. Allison, Alexandra, Levenshulme, was elected by 150 votes; Bro. J. W. Edwards, Affability, Manchester, receiving 90 votes; and Bro. Alfred H. Williams, Arthur Sullivan Lodge, Manchester, 45 votes.

Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested, in the following order:—

Bro. James Heelis 62	Senior Warden
J. J. Meakin 992	Junior Warden
Rev. A. Parkinson 999	Chaplains
Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot 62	Chaplains
Col. J. W. Allison 993	Treasurer
Walter H. Vaughan 1030	Registrar
John Chadwick 44	Secretary
William Bagnall 204	Senior Deacons
Nathaniel Nicholson 1723	Senior Deacons
George Board 1798	Junior Deacons
C. D. Cheetham jun. 993	Junior Deacons
John Holroyd 1134	Superintendent of Works
A. Pemberton 1030	Director of Ceremonies
Thomas Parkinson 269	Deputy D.C.
Thomas Woodcock 191	Assistant D.C.
Joseph Mellor 1392	Sword Bearer
Samuel Warburton 1052	Standard Bearers
William Cooper 146	Standard Bearers
W. Tattersall 345	Organist
James Nowton 37	Assistant Secretary
Joseph Harling 1948	Pursuivant
J. Heap 344	Assistant Pursuivant
R. R. Lissenden 317	Stewards
W. Cartwright 633	Stewards
E. W. Irving 1170	Stewards
Kenneth Maclean 1030	Stewards
E. G. Lingard 1030	Stewards
J. Cookson 1030	Stewards
Thomas Higson 348	Tyler

After further formal business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. In the evening there was a banquet at the Pendlebury Institute.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Meeting, held yesterday, the 18th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., was presided over by Bro. J. L. Mather, Past Grand Assistant D.C., Vice President of the Institution. The following is the Report, which was presented and adopted:—

The Committee of Management has much pleasure in submitting a report of its proceedings during the past year to the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution.

The Annual Festival was held, by direction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Grand Patron and President, on Wednesday, the 29th February last, Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of South Wales (Eastern Division) presided, and the Board of 276 Stewards, who gave him their services, were successful in raising amongst them the very handsome total of £15,296 7s 6d. This sum, though nearly £4,000 less than the result of last year's Festival, is considerably more than even the most sanguine friends of the Institution had anticipated, indeed it has been surpassed at only two previous Anniversaries of the Institution, and the Committee therefore is most anxious to place on record its heartfelt thanks to the Chairman, who so ably presided, the Stewards who so energetically and successfully supported him, and the brethren and others who contributed with such conspicuous generosity.

The Committee has likewise to express its deep sense of indebtedness to United Grand Lodge for the sum of £2,107, being one-third part of the proceeds of the fees for admission into the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on the 13th June 1887, on the occasion of the great gathering of English Freemasons to congratulate Her Majesty the Queen on the Jubilee Anniversary of her accession to the throne; as well as for a grant in commemoration of the same joyous event of £2,000, payment of part of which, however, has been deferred in consequence of the prolonged absence from England on foreign tour of the M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master and one of the Trustees of United Grand Lodge.

The Committee has much pleasure in announcing further that the undertaking entered into last year by the Province of West Yorkshire to purchase the right of two Perpetual Presentations to the Widows' Fund, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, has been completed by the payment of £2,100. That the Province has already exercised its right of nominating two Widows, who were candidates on the list for this election, and that in accordance with the rules of the Institution, the said Widows have been paid in advance the first quarterly instalment of their annuities of £32 each, from the 1st March last.

At the election in May 1887, there were upon the funds of the Institution 405 Annuitants, namely, 178 Men and 227 Widows, and to-day there are 129 approved candidates, of whom 67 are Men and 62 Women—the original number of 64 Widows having been reduced by the nomination of the two West Yorkshire candidates already referred to. But having regard to the very large increase in the number of annuitants last year, when 5 additional Male Annuities and 25 additional Female Annuities were created, and also to the fact this year's Festival returns are only slightly in excess of the total sum required to provide the existing Annuities, the Committee has not felt itself justified in recommending any further increase on either Fund. Seeing how large is the number of candidates, this decision will no doubt be the subject of very general regret, but as the permanent income of the Institution, when compared with its fixed expenditure is small, the Committee is unanimously of opinion that it would be both unwise and inexpedient to enlarge responsibilities which, notwithstanding the generous support of the Craft, it already taxes all their energies and resources to satisfy. Thus the number of vacancies as declared in February, namely, 16 men (13 immediate and 3 deferred) and 7 women (4 immediate and 3 deferred) will remain unaltered so far as the creation of any new annuities is concerned; but in the interval that has elapsed since then, there have died 7 Men and 8 Widows, so that the number to be elected to-day will be 23 Men and 15 Widows. There will consequently be during the current year, 178 Annuitants each receiving £40 per annum on the Male Fund, and 229 Annuitants each receiving £32 per annum on the Widows' fund, the total sum distributable annually amongst these 407 annuitants being £14,416. To this must be added a further sum of £340 divisible, under Law 9 of the Male Fund, among 17 widows of recently deceased male annuitants, so that the expenditure for the present year in respect of annuities alone will amount to £14,786.

The Committee begs to express its thanks to the United Grand Lodge for the renewal of its annual contribution of £70 towards pro-

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viding the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon with coal during the winter months.

It is also desirous of thanking, as it does most cordially, the honorary surgeons of the Institution, Henry John Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their kind and unremitting attention to those of the annuitants, whether residents or non-residents, who have been unfortunately compelled to seek their medical advice and assistance.

It is with the deepest regret that the Committee draws attention to the great loss sustained by the Institution through the unexpected death in March last of Edgar Bowyer, Esq., Past Grand Standard Bearer of England, and Patron, Treasurer and Trustee of this Institution. He was one of its most generous benefactors, besides being a most efficient Officer, and the Governors and Subscribers, like the Committee of Management, will probably derive some consolation in the midst of their sorrow from the knowledge that his last official Masonic act was to preside at the final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival.

The Committee has to report that the building at Croydon will need this year the usual cleansing and reparation, which all such buildings require, in order to preserve it in a sound condition.

The audited Statement of Account for the year ended 31st March 1888 is appended. It has been compiled with the utmost care, and has undergone a rigorous examination by the Audit Committee before being finally approved and passed, and the Committee of Management is confident the Governors and Subscribers, on inspecting it, will find the funds of the Institution have been administered with a due regard to economy.

In conclusion, the Committee desires to express its earnest hope that the efforts of the general body of English Freemasons in supporting this valuable Institution will be as successful in the future as they have been in the past. As was remarked in the Report of last year, it is inevitable there should be at all times a considerable number of brethren and widows of brethren in a condition of distress, more or less serious, which it is not in their own power to alleviate, and the Committee is firmly persuaded that there is no existing Masonic organisation which is able to cope so readily and efficaciously with all such cases as the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. For this reason the Committee has every confidence that the earnest appeals which it is compelled to renew annually for the means to fulfil its work will always be responded to with a generous hand.

The ballot for annuitants was then proceeded with. A list of those who were successful will be found on page 312 of our present issue. We shall give further particulars of the day's proceedings next week.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STIRLINGSHIRE.

THE quarterly communication was held on Tuesday, 24th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Falkirk. In the absence of Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Bro. George Christie P.G.D.M. occupied the chair. There was a fairly good attendance of brethren from neighbouring Lodges. The minutes of last quarterly communication were read and approved of. The treasurer's abstract statement of income and expenditure for past year was submitted. There being a few suggestions made as to arrears in dues, consideration of the statement was deferred until next quarterly communication. Lodge Carron, 139, applied for permission to alter their place of meeting from Grahamston to Lorne Hall, Falkirk, but the majority of the brethren disapproved of the application. It was ultimately agreed that the matter lie over until next meeting, a recommendation at the same time being made that Lodge 139 in the interval look out for suitable premises in Carron or the neighbourhood. The preponderance of opinion, freely expressed, seemed to be that Lodge 139 could not be allowed to come to Falkirk, as their charter, granted in 1881, authorised their working in Grahamston until suitable premises could be procured in Carron district. The P.G. Lodge was duly closed after a sitting of an hour.

THE GREAT PYRAMID AND FREEMASONRY.

IN 1886 Mr. John Chapman P.P.G.D. (of Devonshire) delivered a lecture on this subject in the Grand Lodge Room, Philadelphia, U.S.A. It has been admirably printed, in pamphlet form, and published, by request, copies being now on sale at 4 Bank Building Hastings, for the benefit of "The De Masonic Educational Fund.' The lecture, illustrated with coloured plates, by the kind permissio of the Astronomer-Royal for Scotland, is evidently the product o laborious study, and although it is specially addressed to members o the Masonic Order it has points of general interest to scientific students at large, and, indeed, to all who are interested in the facts connected with one of the wonders of the world. As an indication of the line of thought taken by the author we cannot do better than quote his own words. In his introductory remarks he says:—"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, under whose "benign influence" we are so happily met. In dealing, therefore, with the deductions that may be drawn from the proportions of this huge pile 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 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 existe between the two."—*Hastings Times.*

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Chapter and general communication of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire was held on Wednesday, 9th inst. (on the invitation of the Old Globe and Denison Chapters, Nos. 200 and 1248), in the Masonic Hall, Scarborough. Companion the Earl of Zetland was present, and there was a large attendance. A draft of the revised bye-laws for the Provincial Grand Chapter was adopted, after which officers were appointed and elected for the ensuing year, and other business transacted. The Companions afterwards lunched at the Royal Hotel.

HOPE AND UNITY CHAPTER, No. 214.

THE installation meeting was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Friday, 4th inst. It was resolved that the sincere sympathy of the Companions be given to Comp. Adlard, on the irreparable loss he had sustained on the death of his wife. The sum of five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Comps. then proceeded to elect the Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Comps. Imbert Terry M.E.Z., Page H., Dr. Wiles J., Cooper P.A.G.S. S.E. (19th year), Rev. N. Bromley S.N., Baron P.G.S.B. Treasurer (22nd year), Quennell P.S., Hobson 1st Asst. Soj., Dr. Gayton 2nd Asst. Soj., Very Janitor. The Principals having been installed, the M.E.Z. invested the Officers. The Companions then adjourned.

MARK MASONRY.

ST. ANNE'S LODGE, No. 357.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday, 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, East Looe, to instal Bro. John Hill S.W. as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The ceremony was impressively rendered by Bro. J. Doney the retiring W.M. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. Doney I.P.M., Shapcott S.W., Cook J.W., Hunter M.O., Lillicrapp S.O., Maddock J.O., Olver Treasurer, Trehane Reg. of Marks, Henwood P.M. Secretary, Shapcott S.D., Congdon J.D., Cook I.G., Walters Dir. of Cers., Hocken Asst. Dir. of Cers., Edgcumbe S.Stwd., Streather J.Stwd., Oliver Tyler. At the close of the meeting the brethren adjourned to Bro. Cook's, Ship Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided.

BRENTWOOD LODGE, No. 377.

THIS Lodge held its installation meeting at the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, on Thursday, 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Philbrick, Q.C., W.M., Cooper S.W., Imbert Terry J.W., Binckes G. Secretary. Visitors—Bros. Ramsay, Page, Landon, Earle, Quennell, Cowell, Missen, Wille, Meggy, Baston (Bon Accord Lodge). Bro. Binckes took the chair, and in his usual faultless manner installed Bro. Cooper as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following were appointed Officers:—Imbert Terry S.W., Ramsay J.W., Graves M.O., Page S.O., Earle J.O., Landon Secretary, Quennell Reg. of Marks, Goode S.D., Morant J.D., Wallis Organist and D. of C., Cowell I.G., Mallett Tyler. The brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

Obituary.

BRO. ARTHUR F. ROBERTS P.M.
P. Prov. G.A.D.C. Middlesex.

WE regret to have to record the death of the above well-known brother, after a brief but severe illness, on the 10th inst., at the age of 49. Bro. Roberts was initiated in The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, in January 1876, and subsequently joined the Suburban Lodge, No. 1702, in which he obtained the rank of Past Master, and was honoured by appointment as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Province of Middlesex. His interment took place at Lee Cemetery, on the 16th inst., and was attended by numerous brethren, amongst whom were Bros. J. Stevens P.M. representing The Great City Lodge, W. T. Buck P.M. 1792, P. Prov. G. Supt. Works., representing his Lodge and Province, R. W. Bilby, P.M. 615, Nelson Reid P.M., G.W. Strawson P.M., and members of sundry other Lodges.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Health's Fountain.—It cannot surely be necessary to remind any intelligent reader that the purity of the blood determines every person's health and vigour. Holloway's medicine searches out the slightest taint in the vital fluid, and neutralises or expels it, so that the circulation supports the system in place of sowing the seeds of decay. When epidemics are advancing, and disease is steadily on the increase, it behoves every one to have a restorative, like these Pills, ready to set right any irregularity in the stomach, liver, bowels, or kidneys. Holloway's treatment is especially suitable for the young, delicate and nervous, who are most susceptible of any prevailing sickness, and whom violent measures would endanger little less than the epidemic.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Terry's.—The advisability of an author dramatising her own work was clearly evidenced on Monday afternoon, when Mrs. Hodgson-Burnett produced her version of "Little Lord Fauntleroy." It was manifest to all who had witnessed Mr. Seebohm's effort how superior was that under notice to the one written by that gentleman. This may be accounted for in many ways. Mrs. Burnett invented the part of Little Lord Fauntleroy, and knew how to work to make it as acceptable on the stage as it is in her novel; and in this she has been most successful. The frank, innocent boy that made the proud Duke love him, is so natural, yet so original, that it is sure to win the favour of every theatre-goer, while the loveable nature and tender heartedness of this little fellow is most happily conceived. Mrs. Burnett, thoroughly understanding her characters, has managed to transform them to the stage in a most happy fashion, and was amply rewarded in the way all authors love—that of success. The company thoroughly realised their parts, acted up to them, and helped might and main to achieve this result. A more surprising performance than that of little Miss Véra Beringer we do not remember ever witnessing. Her Little Lord Fauntleroy was in every way a great and triumphant success. Young as she is, this child managed to grasp the subject thoroughly, and without a slip of any sort went through the long part allotted her in a way that would do credit to many of her elders. Her every action was what it should be, her child-like ways going straight to the sympathies of the audience. No amount of training could possibly have made the child more natural, her every action and word was delivered in as unconventional a style as the most ardent of her admirers could have desired. Another natural character was Mrs. Errol, charmingly portrayed by Miss Winifred Emery. Loveable and devoted to her child, the sacrifice she makes in giving him up was capitally conceived. The Earl of Dorincourt was another painstaking portrait. Always a careful and sound actor, Mr. Alfred Bishop added another to his already long list of successes. His love for the boy was admirably portrayed, while in every action Mr. Bishop did not fail to remember what kind of character he was enacting. Mr. Brandon Thomas showed a careful study of the solicitor, while Mr. Albert Chevalier cleverly caught the ways of Mr. Silas Hobbs. Miss Fanny Brough acted well as Mrs. Errol's helpmate; she alternately caused laughter and tears. Miss Helen Leigh scored a distinct success as the American adventuress, Minna. This lady attacks this disagreeable part in a way that should make managers wishful to keep her in view. Miss Esmé Beringer was excellent as Dick Tipton, the shoeblack; still the part was rather too much for her. It now remains to be said that the piece was produced under the direction of Mrs. Kendal, whose masterly handiwork was to be seen everywhere.

A complimentary benefit is to be given to Mr. T. E. Smale, on Tuesday afternoon, the 22nd instant, at the Savoy theatre, which has kindly been lent by Mr. R. D'Oyley Carte. A most liberal and amusing programme has been provided, including "London Assurance," compressed into three acts, and "High Life below Stairs." Numerous favourites are down for songs, recitations and sketches, so that a pleasant afternoon is sure to be spent.

The Grosvenor Gallery.—Although the visitor to the Grosvenor will miss some old faces, some very quaint and eccentric faces in such work as Mr. Burne Jones', there is much to admire in this exhibition of 356 pictures. There are several large ones hung to advantage, as indeed are all the pictures, good hanging being one of the charms in these admirably constructed galleries. The quality of the works may be said to be a representative quality; and, so far, the exhibition will hold its own with any previous one. It cannot be otherwise, in so far, as in portraiture Mr. Frank Holl and Mr. Gregory are at their best, and Mr. John R. Reid, Mr. G. P. Jacomb Hood and Mr. Arthur Hacker have contributed large and ambitious work. Mr. John R. Reid's picture in the West Gallery (59), "Smugglers—Cornwall sixty years ago," depicts a very miscellaneous gathering of rugged people in the form of captured smugglers, coast guards, and villagers, closely grouped in a very dramatic situation. Whatever faults may be found with this work as to its colour and overcrowding, it is altogether sufficiently powerful to engross attention and take its place as one of the most notable works of the year. In the same gallery with this is Mr. Arthur Hacker's (93), "By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered thee, O Sion;" it is luminous, full of dignity in conception, and although somewhat deficient in drawing, is essentially a bold and pleasing picture. Mr. Jacomb Hood's "The triumph of Spring" (170), is an idyll full of fine and fresh colour. Nude and semi-nude figures of all ages are gambolling amidst verdant surroundings. But whilst most of the figures are somewhat realistic, the landscape is too decorative. There is scarcely any need to criticise Mr. Frank Holl's portraits, his style is so well known, and the frame rarely encloses anything besides the faithful presentment of the sitter. But in the portrait of Miss Mabel Galloway (9), by E. J. Gregory, A.R.A., there is as much to admire in the exquisite treatment of the handsome surroundings as in the charming quality of the painting of a lovely child. The pose is not altogether happy; but although some critics have treated this fact as a great fault, and complained of bad drawing, it is not so; the drawing is correct, but the legs are not happily placed. There are a good many portraits, some very feeble; but Mr. W. B. Richmond, A.R.A., makes a goodly show of most refined and accomplished work in three of them; and we must not forget to draw attention to Mr. T. Graham's portrait of W. Q. Orchardson, Esq., R.A. If a little sketchy, it is yet delightfully and freely treated. Amongst many other notable figure subjects are Mr. C. N. Kennedy's "The Mermaid" (20), for good flesh painting and unpoetical realism; Mr. W. H. Bartlett's "Returning from the Fair" (21), for its vigour and admirable composition; Mr. W. E. F. Britten's "Huguenot Refugees," for its unpleasantness both as to subject and colour; Mr. Yeend King's "Sentiment and Interest" (100), for its delightful humour and quality of work; and Mr. John Burr's "Consulting the Oracle" (54), as a real gem of colour. Mr. Mac Whirter's two pictures of Venice (66 and 277) are full of his well-known atmospheric qualities. Space will not allow us to notice all the sea pieces and landscapes; but this same charm of atmosphere will be found in Mr. J. Aumonier's "Silver Night" (6); Mr. Arthur Severn's "Signs of Clearing after Storm—Coast of Devon" (26); and Mr. Henry Moore, A.R.A.'s, "Frost in the Air" (39). The three most striking landscapes are Mr. Ernest Parton's "St. Martins—Summer" (176), almost more beautiful than nature, if that were possible, but of course no more beautiful than this poetical painter conceived it. To say that Mr. Keeley Haswell's work, as seen in "October Woodlands" (133), and "The Rainbow" (157), is of the highest quality, will be no suprise; but the visitor will do well to know that "October Woodlands" was rejected by the Royal Academy, and will congratulate Sir Coutts Lindsay on having secured it for the gratification of his patrons. And the visitor already acquainted with the secession from the spirited Sir Coutts Lindsay's enterprise of several eminent men, will note that Sir Coutts is loyally supported by Mr. David Murray with *seventeen* pictures.

IRISH EXHIBITION IN LONDON.—The design and plan of the Irish village to be erected in the garden of the forthcoming Exhibition at Olympia are now complete. The village, which will no doubt prove of remarkable interest to Londoners, is being organised by the Earl of Leitrim and Mrs. Ernest Hart, and will consist of a dozen cottages, built and thatched by native workmen in the true Donegal fashion. They will be arranged so as to form a picturesque village street, irregular in plan. In the centre of the street will be seen the "Holy Well" and a veritable cross, brought over from Ireland. At the western part of the village, facing the visitor on entering, will be the ruins of a low Irish tower. The cottages themselves will be occupied by native Irish workers, men, women, and children, who will pass in them their daily routine of life, and, of course, the familiar pig will be seen. The processes to be illustrated will be dyeing, carding, spinning and weaving by hand of homespuns and of linens; the weaving of damasks, lace making, sprigging, knitting, hemstitching, and the kells embroidery. The fires will be lighted with peat brought from Ireland, and the iron potato kettle, with the usual furniture of an Irish cottage, will give their characteristic features to the interior. Monday, the 4th June, is fixed for the opening ceremony.

By permission of Lord and Lady Arthur Hervey a sale of work and useful articles was held in the Palace at Wells last week in aid of the Bath and Bristol Colonial Emigration Society. Tables were furnished and presided over by the following ladies:—Lady Arthur Hervey and the Hon. Miss Hervey, Mrs. and the Misses Bernard, the Misses Jones, Mrs. and the Misses Meade King, Mrs. D'Aguilar and Mrs. Kirkman, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Manby and Mr. Harland Manby. The Committee table was furnished by Mrs. Eardley Wilmot, Miss Rideout, Captain Fownes, Captain Franklin, Mr. Robert Porter, Misses Plowman, Barbage (Rectory, Marlborough), and Mr. T. G. Stockwell, and was presided over by Mrs. C. N. H. Manby (hon. sec. for Bath). Several other ladies kindly assisted. Lord Bath, Right Rev. Bishop Hobhouse, and Sir Edmund Elton wrote, expressing their regret at their inability to be present, each enclosing a donation towards the expenses.

REVIEWS.

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

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Who is Sylvia? By A. PRICE. The Aldine Publishing Company, 9 Red Lion-court, Fleet-street, E.C.

THE above is the rather attractive title of a novel that has recently come under our notice. In it the plot turns chiefly upon a display of cowardice by a father, evidenced by his unwillingness to disclose to society at large certain particulars respecting his early career. These particulars, even had they been published, would have been regarded by the world as merely an act of indiscretion, not deserving of censure. The plot is one that will rank high amongst works of this class, not only for its striking originality, but also for the praiseworthy manner in which its most interesting points are brought out. Each chapter lends an interest to the story; the characters are portrayed in a manner faithful to nature, and it needs but slight effort of imagination to fancy the subjects of them are actually before us. There are a few weak points perhaps, but they are not of importance, and do not appreciably detract from the general merits of the book. The work is written in excellent style, and will be found very pleasant reading.

Messrs. Dean and Son have just purchased the copyright of Dr. Karl Russ' book on "Foreign Aviary Birds," which will form one of their Shilling Series of "Practical Guide Books."

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 19th MAY.

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)
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

309—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
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. 2048—Henry Levander, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 21st MAY.

1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2060—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.

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
825—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Driffield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 324—Hunter, Masonic Hall, Sussex Street, Rhyl
K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 22nd MAY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 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.)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8, (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richm d, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-r , Dalston at, 8 (Instructio
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle ect, E.C., at 7. (Instructio
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma R , Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St amos's Square, S.W., at 8 (I:)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Tow: t 7.30. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwel ew Road
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lamb Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Stree 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1550—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough Hig Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Ta ern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2104—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
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. 255—Iris, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 704—Camden, the Mooregate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Barnby
169—True Friendship, Old ship Inn, Rochford
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
634—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Barton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Malton
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1280—Walden, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Walden
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1799—Arnold, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
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. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd MAY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall at 6
3—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.
224—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
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
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 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1632—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)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent street, at 8. (Inst.)
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86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
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1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1967—Beacon Court, Gluzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
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R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

THURSDAY, 24th MAY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
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
111—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
185—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruc.)
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)
1154—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruc.)
1536—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1439—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instructio)
1560—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Winchelsea, at 7.30. (Inst)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
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, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.15. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Sterling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Charlton, (Instruction)
1625—Tregegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1658—Skeimersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, White Hart, Aldwych Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)

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1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1974—St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington
R.A. 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
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
276—Good Fellowship, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Glitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
544—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, Salford
1000—Priory, Middleton Hotel, Southend on Sea
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
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
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1692—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. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
M.M. 21—Howe, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 25th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
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.)
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
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1238—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1295—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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)
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

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Longton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
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 8
R.A. 153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 342—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 26th MAY.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
193—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 Standard, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Bury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, 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

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
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
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
R.A. 176—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

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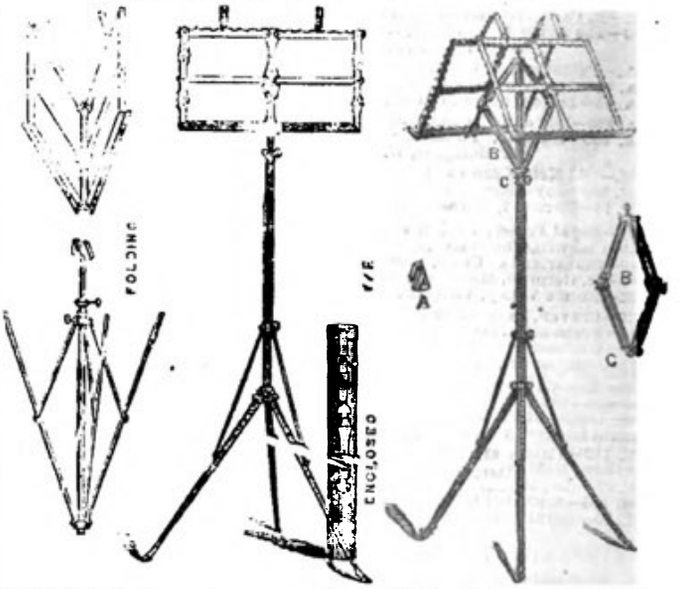
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THE WOOD GREEN PROPERTY OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

IT will be remembered that a few weeks since—on the occasion of the Quarterly General Court in April last—the supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys were asked to contribute a sum, not exceeding £100, towards a Guarantee Fund then being raised for the purpose of promoting a Bill in Parliament for the separation of Wood Green from the existing Tottenham Local Board, the proposed separation affecting the land, buildings, &c. of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which is situated in the district referred to. Previous to the meeting we expressed our views in regard to the proposal—we could not see that fair value was being offered for the £100 applied for, and we considered it unfair the Institution should be asked to guarantee so large a sum, which was out of all character, when the value of the property possessed by the Charity was compared with the total value affected by the proposed separation. We were, therefore, fully prepared for the manner in which the proposition was dismissed by those assembled at the Court—it was rejected in the most forcible manner—but we were surprised that a better case was not made out by those advocating the grant. In our remarks on the proposal we said it might be unwise for the Institution to stand out of any feasible organisation common among its neighbours, and had a reasonable sum been asked for we should have felt disposed to advise its being granted. We now know such a view would have received support, and believe it was the excessive amount of the proposal which led to its rejection, coupled with the insufficiency of the facts brought forward in its support. Perhaps at some future time—should it be necessary—a different decision would be arrived at, and with the view of preparing the way for further discussion on the subject, and with the object of keeping the Craft informed, we devote a portion of our present issue to details of what has so far been accomplished, and to consider to what extent it may be said to affect the property owned by the Institution, which throughout the controversy has been referred to in a prominent and not always complimentary manner.

It appears there has long been a grievance as to the work performed by the Tottenham Local Board in Wood Green, the two being justly described by the promoters of the Bill as entirely distinct neighbourhoods. It has been urged that Wood Green has not had a fair return for the rates it contributed, its share often being expended on other parts of the large parish. This is accounted for by the "separators" on the ground that Wood Green, although including one-third of the total rateable value, and consequently contributing one-third of the total rates collected by the Tottenham Local Board, had the right to elect only three members to the Board, which consists of eighteen members. In consequence the three were always outvoted when any proposition was submitted particularly affecting the property they represented. This unsatisfactory state of affairs led to a proposal for separation, and this, to all intents and purposes, is now secured, for the only opposition to the Bill came from the Tottenham Local Board, who, after three days proceedings before a Committee of the House of Commons decided that, as it was desirable to get rid of a dissatisfied constituency, they would be willing to let Wood Green go in peace provided some minor points could be arranged. There is no doubt these matters will be adjusted, and that before many months have elapsed Wood Green will be a distinct district and its more prominent inhabitants will have ample opportunity of proving the truth of their recent promises.

The question may naturally be asked, how far does this affect the property of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys? and for answer we shall give our own opinion—that it affects it to a great extent; and next explain our reasons for arriving at that decision. It appears the total rateable value of the property in Wood Green is estimated at £109,000, and that the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is rated at about £1,200, so that this Charity of the Craft is really one-ninetieth part of the whole district, and as such may be excused if it takes a prominent part in local affairs. That, however, it is not likely to do; but we have already said it would be unwise for the Institution to stand out of any feasible organisation common among its neighbours, and now that we see so much unanimity and apparent co-operation over this scheme, we certainly think it would be unwise to stand aloof. Our opposition of last month was conscientious, and it is only in consequence of our having gone fully into the subject since that we are now disposed to advise different tactics. Of course very heavy expenses have been entailed in connection with this separation scheme, and as the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is interested to the extent of one-ninetieth share, it would not be unreasonable to bring the matter again before the Subscribers who, doubtless, would listen to a fair proposal. However, as we said before, the matter should be first submitted to one of the Committees of the Institution, with the request that they would lay it before the general body of Subscribers.

We have touched thus fully on this subject because we believe the members of the Craft are desirous of acting fairly in all their dealings, both with each other and the world at large, and because we do not like to see the Institution particularly interested, together with its managers, held up to public ridicule, as they have been. On the other hand we think the promoters of the scheme have dealt too severely with the decision of the April Quarterly Court, which might have been far different if a reasonable proposal had been submitted, and fair arguments adduced to support it. Of course we cannot promise them any greater success in the future, should they decide to make another application, but we are convinced that if they put their case properly before the Craft they will receive much stronger support than was the case a few weeks since, when their claims were not understood, and they did not seem to think it necessary they should be fully explained.

THE SCOPE AND PHILOSOPHY OF FREEMASONRY.

WHAT is it, and why do we concern ourselves about it, and seek to build it? Whence does it come, and what is it that called it into being? What is it that maintains it, and what important purpose does it promote among mankind? These queries present themselves to the mind, in all their varied forms, and are by no means easy to answer.

The Institution of Freemasonry is speculative, and hence symbolical, to be considered and studied irrespective of the

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material and physical wants and needs of humanity; it rears no buildings, employs neither brick nor stone in the construction of its edifice, nor mortar in its operations, and fashions no abiding habitations, as does its prototype, Operative Masonry. But, however employed, it is a speculative science, which, under the name of Freemasonry, has become a wide-spread and far-reaching organisation, bearing within itself the most convincing evidence that it was formed for worthy purposes and to promote among men peace, harmony, good will, mutual sympathy, relief and brotherly love; to inculcate love of country and respect for its rulers and laws, and to discountenance rebellion against its constituted authorities or becoming social enjoyments.

To comprehend the real philosophy of Freemasonry we must turn from the outer, the material Man, to the interior invisible nature which forms the superstructure upon which rest Man's spiritual and intellectual being.

Freemasonry is the product of civilisation, refinement and knowledge, and while based on the spiritual, and interwoven in its structure with the social and sentient nature of man, it is only developed as the mind expands, strengthens and becomes fully ripe for new and enlarged enjoyments, to be found in its hidden recesses and the intricacies of thought. It appeals to and captivates the inner man, furnishes food for reflection and study, charms and entices men to attach themselves to it in all climes and countries, and among the people of all nations where there exists that advanced sentiment which we term civilisation, hence the conclusion that it has in its organism, character, modes of procedure and work that which pleases Man, wins the regard of his higher and better nature, satisfies the craving of his mind and the higher aspirations of his soul.

The strongest intellects have studied the scope and character of the teachings of Freemasonry, admitted their force and power for good, and lent their willing efforts to perpetuate the institution; the purest minds, in recognition of the morality and virtue of its inculcations, have yielded to its influence, and sought to propagate it as a thing that is good and true and lofty, and thus, "through a great many years, it has been transmitted from generation to generation," until it has spread to all parts of the habitable globe, where intelligence prevails.

Freemasonry has withstood the fierce assaults of religious bigotry and the vindictive hate of political denunciation. It has been calm and silent, amid the unprovoked assaults of either priests, demagogues, or the vile creatures animated by partizan fury and filled with envy and innate wickedness which pertain to "men of the baser sort;" great men, wise and renowned statesmen, devout and Christian divines and teachers, have stood firm in its defence, and without fear or misgiving avowed their love for, and confidence in it.

There must then, in the nature of the case, be something peculiar, something extraordinary in its nature and character, which adapts it to all classes and conditions of good men, and which for long years have given it strength, power and influence among the best and most enlightened of mankind. It must strike a chord in human nature, well nigh universal, which causes a quick response, and which was implanted in the heart by the All Wise for a good and beneficent purpose.

It is this mental machinery, this unseen reasoning force that comes into action and binds men, strong in every faculty, cultured to the highest point, to Masonry, and gives them enjoyment and satisfaction in a participation in its ceremonies, in loving, teaching and expounding its nature and principles, and perhaps while they may not tell how or why it is so, nevertheless they feel the inspiration and are neither ashamed of it nor willing to ignore it. The profane may assure the initiate that its ceremonies are frivolous, and without practical benefit, yet he who has knelt at its altars and penetrated its mysteries is at once impressed with the solemnity of its ritualistic observance, and the utility of its lessons of wisdom and virtue, tending to smooth the rough pathway of life and pointing to that unending bliss of the higher and real life reserved for the just and good.

And thus, as we mused and felt that Freemasonry is an institution designed to meet a need of human nature, of society, of civilisation, and to be cherished as one of the lifting forces to make men better, wiser and happier, and although our labour may be comparatively feeble, yet perchance some heart may be cheered, some brother or companion made happier and better by it, and with God's blessing we will do what we can "to promote so noble and glorious an undertaking." —*Liberal Freemason.*

CONDITIONS OF FUTURE PROSPERITY FOR OUR INSTITUTION.

FREEMASONRY has a bright and attractive record. We read its history to note the wonderful progress it has made, its attainment of great influence, and the large and varied services it has rendered; not only within the lines of its own membership, but in wider regions where its benign power has been exerted for the good of man. It has been a productive institution, fruitful in ministries that adorn and bless the related life of the world, and it has prospered according to its deservings. Its past, all so luminous and inspiring, in our inheritance. Well may we rejoice in its prestige and in its accomplishments. The fathers established Freemasonry on a firm foundation; they wrought worthily in building and adorning the structure they have left for our use; and with an equal sense of gratitude and responsibility should the Craft of to-day receive the gift thus transmitted.

Freemasonry, however, cannot live and thrive on this glory of the past alone. We may cherish a glad, exultant feeling as we connect our Fraternity with the great names that adorn its history and hold prominent place among its traditions, but however strong and abiding this feeling may be it will not ensure future prosperity. We may call over the noble and pure teachings of the Masonic system, as it has made expression of itself in the past, and the blessed work it has done in the name of truth and humanity, but we cannot secure a desired progress by dwelling on the merits of the fathers and magnifying their labours. They have sent down to us a precious heritage, an organisation of large resources and possibilities for good, well equipped for social and moral helpfulness, and our obligations to preserve the institution and make it of more use among men are correspondingly increased. It is our duty—the duty of the latest generation into whose hands this heritage comes—to make a bold, clear, practical expression of the power of Freemasonry, and so transmit it with new and brighter lustre to coming generations, that it may remain to cheer and bless the world to the latest period of time. Is this obligation sufficiently realised? Is there felt broadly and deeply, as there should be, the need of studying the signs of the times, and of adapting the Masonic system and organisation to the movements in social and public life that call for increased effort in certain directions, and a possible modification of methods in some particulars? All this may be done without disturbing essential landmarks, and without doing injury to the fundamental principles and purposes of Freemasonry. We are conservative as any, and we should feel called upon to resist strenuously any attempt to reorganise or greatly change the character and objects which are distinctive in the Masonic system. We believe, however, that Freemasonry is a progressive institution; and consequently we hold that it may adapt itself to the movements and needs of society, as these are constantly presenting themselves in varied forms, add to its rules, improve its methods, and broaden its lines of operations. The zealous Craftsman should remember, as much as the faithful worker in any other worthy association, that—

> "New occasions teach new duties,
> Time makes ancient good uncouth;
> They must upward still and onward
> Who would keep abreast of truth."

If asked to specify some of the conditions on which the future prosperity of the Masonic Institution largely depends, we should name the following:

1. More insistance upon the intellectual features of the system. There need be no innovations upon the ancient landmarks, or changes in the accepted ritual in an endeavour to make the intellectual side of Freemasonry more prominent. Philosophy and science, art and literature, are recommended to the attention of every brother at a very early stage in the ceremony of his induction into the Order. His attention is called to natural science, to the profound themes of philosophical inquiry, to the importance of logic and intelligent reasoning in passing upon great subjects put before the mind, and to architecture, painting, music, with other branches of learning and accomplishment that

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appeal specially to the mind and the imagination. But these primary suggestions are not followed out in any subsequent lessons to the young Craftsman; nor is he much appealed to after he has entered upon his Masonic career to use his mental powers in the way of study on any of the grand themes named. Freemasonry as a system, and under the forms and practices of its present organisation, does not greatly stimulate its members to investigate truth, to acquire knowledge, or become specially interested in the arts and sciences. Might it not properly attempt something more of suggestion and influence, perhaps of practical teaching in this direction? Might it not become more of a school of intelligence than now? What harm would come if lectures and discussions pertaining to the subjects named were arranged for in the Lodge—if papers were read before the members by eminent specialists in Science—and considerable more attention given to awakening and quickening the intellectual nature? Freemasonry can hardly hope to live and thrive in the twentieth century merely as a club; it must have, as justly belongs to its character—the expression of its true genius—more abundant ministries; those that provide for the mind as well as the body. "If I had but two loaves of bread, I would sell one of them and buy hyacinths to feed my soul," was the declaration of one whom the world has pronounced exceeding wise, and his declaration is at least suggestive of the proposition affirmed that Freemasonry can flourish most efficiently only as it emphasises and presses into use its intellectual ministries.

2. It must do more and better benevolent work. This is not saying that Freemasonry has not rendered a grand service in the way of enlightened philanthrophy in the past. Its works of practical charity, in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, burying the dead, educating orphans and relieving distress, go far beyond any computation that may be made of its expenditure of means. There has been personal help as well as institutional, according to what are the teachings with which every intelligent Craftsman is familiar. But with all that has been done for charity's sake there is still a demand for increased service. Freemasonry must go well to the front as a working force in the relief of human suffering, or it will not prosper according to what are its possibilities. Within every Grand Lodge jurisdiction there ought to be an Asylum, a home for aged brethren who may be reduced to poverty, and for the wives or widows of such; and there ought also to be a school for children left in destitution, where they may be cared for and trained in the things that make for worthy living. If in any jurisdiction there are happily so few indigent brethren, or those belonging to the families of such a class, that there seems no special call for the home and school, still let these ministries be provided, and, so far as possible, given to the public, in accordance with the prompting of that universal benevolence which every Mason is taught to respect.

3. The most vital essential of Masonic prosperity is that the Institution shall stand for the law of practical righteousness. Freemasonry rests upon a moral basis. It inculcates moral obligations; it imposes moral restraints; it places full in view before its members and before the world a high standard of moral excellence. Its decadence will come only when these principles and rules are forgotten or ignored. Just now, with the tides of intemperance, licentiousness, and selfishness, running with so much force in society, there is a special call that Freemasonry in its organic life should adhere to the law of practical righteousness, and count no man a true Mason, or worthy of its honours, who does not rigidly observe the moral law. It must make the binding force of its great principles to be felt by all who bear its name or represent its powers and interests. Selfish and base men, the indolent, undeserving, sensual and vile, must be kept without its lines; or, if perchance any of this class gain admission, they must be quickly reformed or sent to the rear. Only thus will Freemasonry become in practice what it is in name—a great moral institution—only thus will it observe one of the most important conditions on which its future prosperity depends.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

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The National Sin of Literary Piracy. A Sermon, preached by Henry Van Dyke, D.D., Pastor of the Brick Church in New York. New York: Scribners. 1888.

THE Text of this discourse is the following:

> Righteousness exalteth a nation:
> But Sin is a reproach to any people.
> PROV. xiv. 34.

"The central idea of it," to quote the opening words of the preacher, "is the moral accountability of nations. Men are responsible for their collective conduct, as well as for their separate action. Governments, states, laws, organized societies, are to be tried by ethical standards. The ultimate question in regard to them is not, what is actual, nor what is expedient, but what is right?"

One of the stock arguments relied upon by those who differ in opinion from Dr. Dyke is thus disposed of by him:—"It is altogether idle and irrelevant to talk of the lonely rancher in Dakota and the humble freedman in the South, and their consuming desire to obtain cheap literature. The question is, how do they propose to gratify that desire, fairly or feloniously? My neighbour's passionate love of light has nothing to do with his right to carry off my candles." Many of the points are extremely well put, for example—"If the man who prints and binds the book which you wish to possess has a right to be paid for his labour, has not the man who writes that book a right to be paid for his labour?" Also, the following: "The facts of American history belong to you and me and every man. There they are, recorded in documents, and preserved in traditions. You may go and dig them out, and make what use of them you please. But suppose you say, 'That is impossible. I am too busy in making shoes or hats, in building railroads, or in keeping a bank. I have neither the time nor the skill for historical research. If I should undertake it, my business would suffer and my children starve?' Well, then, here is a man who takes the time and cultivates the skill. He gives up other occupations, and exhumes the story of your country, and sets it in order, and writes it in a book. Are you so mean that you will take that book from him without paying him for it?"

With one further quotation, we shall terminate our review of this powerful address: "Our country professes to be founded upon justice, upon the desire to secure to every man his natural rights; and yet it refuses to recognize the rights of intellectual property within its borders, if the owner is a citizen of another country. What must be the effect upon the moral sense of the nation? It will not differ one whit from the effect which will be produced upon the moral sense of your boy, if you tell him, 'My son, it is a sin to steal a pin, but it is not a sin to steal a book from an Englishman.'"

The Board of Benevolence held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D., President of the Board, presided. Bro. James Brett P.G.P., and Bro. W. H. Perryman P.G.P., Vice-Presidents. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Sec., Pendlebury Asst. G. Sec., Dodd, Neville Green, and Lee attended from Grand Secretary's department, and among other brethren present were Bros. Mathews, Brown, Read, Dairy, Spaull, Mercer, Garrod, Whitmarsh, Cull, Hogard, Gieve, Bywater, Woodward, Binckes, Murton, Dr. Hogg, Adams, Davis, Taylor, Cundy, Britten, Dale, Linscott, Baskett, Cash, Richardson, Webb, Room, Payne, Noyes, Simmons, Wright, Johnson, Coombs, Gladwell, Spurgin, Walfentadt, Johnson, Watts, Massey, Welch, Dawson, Lemon, Bunker, Goodall, Edmonston, Porter, Weston, Wyon, Westley, Lane, Todd, Bullock, Chamberlain, Wilson, Frewon, Holah, Parkhouse, Fisher, Haslett, Hislop, Darby, Burgess, Perceval, Escott, Pinchin, Ball, Tongue, Wicks, Bridges, King, Lewis Thomas, Snow, Holcroft, Spiegel, Graham, Langley, and Sadler G. Tyler. The agenda paper for G. Lodge of 6th June was laid before the Board of Masters. The President, after the agenda had been read, informed the brethren that since the last meeting it had been found necessary to sell out £3,000 of invested funds to meet the calls made. At the Board of Benevolence the brethren confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the April meeting of the Board to the amount of £320. The new list contained the names of 52 petitioners. Four of these cases were dismissed, and six were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1,015, which was composed of the following sums: Two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each, six to the Grand Master of £40 each, and eleven of £30 each; thirteen grants of £20 each, seven of £10 each, and three of £5 each.

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In Memoriam.

BROTHER THE REV. A. F. A. WOODFORD, M.A.

Past Grand Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons, England.

Born 9th July 1821.

Called to the Grand Lodge above 23rd December 1887.

Reprinted from Vol. I., Part III., of the Transactions of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, 2076, London.

SINCE the publication of part II. of these *Transactions* Death has again been busy with his sickle, and to the name of Bro. Budden must now be added that of Bro. Woodford, as having passed away from us, and being numbered with our Fraternal Dead.

The Rev. Adolphus Frederick Alexander Woodford—born 9th July 1821—was the eldest son of the late Field Marshal Sir Alexander Woodford, and was gazetted to a lieutenancy in the Coldstream Guards in 1838. Three years later, however, he retired from the army, and matriculated at Durham University in 1842, was ordained Deacon in 1846, and Priest in 1847, being also presented in the latter year to the rectory of Swillington, Leeds, which he held until 1872.

Our brother first saw the light of Masonry in 1842, while on a visit to his father, at that time Governor of Gibraltar, in the Lodge of Friendship, then No. 345, and on his return to England joined in succession a variety of Lodges, the names of which have been already given on the second page of these *Transactions*. The highest office held by him in the Craft, was that of Grand Chaplain, to which he was appointed by the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, in 1863. In the following year, 27th April 1864, the foundation stone of the new buildings at Freemasons' Hall was laid with Masonic honours, by the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, and in the official proceedings of that occurrence it is recorded "that the Junior Grand Chaplain delivered an Oration on the Dignity of the Order and the Principles of Freemasonry."

This is again referred to in the printed "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England" for 1st June 1864, from which the following is an extract:—

"Bro. McIntyre said he had a Third Resolution to propose, and hardly knew how to find words adequate to express the gratitude which he personally felt towards the excellent Brother Woodford, whom he might designate as the *Vates Sacer*, and who delivered the Oration on that occasion [27th April]. All were delighted with the excellence of that Oration, and its applicability to the circumstances under which they were assembled. It was with great pleasure he moved—

"That this Grand Lodge desires to record its hearty and grateful thanks to the V.W. Brother the Rev. Adolphus F. A. Woodford, Grand Chaplain, for the eloquent and instructive Oration delivered by him on the occasion of laying the Foundation Stone of the New Buildings."

"The motion was seconded, and carried unanimously."

In the same month and year as those in which the Oration last referred to was delivered, a most instructive article from the pen of Bro. Woodford was printed in the *Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror*. This was entitled "The Archives of the York Union Lodge," and though long since superseded by the more elaborate investigation of the same documents by Brother Hughan, it gave an excellent inventory of the old records of York, while the value of the article as a contribution to Masonic research, was enhanced to students of those days from the circumstance that the writer, in his examination of the ancient writings he described, had been assisted by the late Bro. E. W. Shaw, one of our most diligent antiquaries, and who in some special studies may be said to have neither rival nor successor.

Our brother was a frequent contributor to the *Freemasons' Magazine*, while that periodical continued to exist, and on taking up his residence in London, after the resignation of his clerical preferment in Yorkshire, became editor of the *Freemason*, which together with the *Masonic* [latterly the *Monthly*] *Magazine* he continued to conduct, the former from 1873 until 1885, and the latter from its first establishment in July 1873, until its dissolution in December 1882. During these periods a memoir of the editor is inseparably interwoven with the literary merits of the two publications under his control, and of the latter it would be difficult to speak too highly. But the labour he imposed upon himself was too great. Articles, essays, reviews, notes, queries, and even a large number of poetical effusions flowed from his facile pen. Nothing came amiss to him, and in the *Magazine* especially, his singular versatility, wide learning, and graceful diction, combined with an appetite for work which no amount of literary labour could appease, enabled him to present month by month, with but little aid from contributors, and uncheered by an adequate list of subscribers, as choice and instructive a Masonic Serial as can be paralleled in the annals of the Craft.

His chief recreation appears to have consisted in a change of employment, for we find him, in the midst of such arduous and unceasing duties, assisting our Bro. Hughan in his "Masonic Sketches and Reprints" (1871), by writing an excellent essay on "the Connection of York with the History of Freemasonry in England," also the same brother in his "old Charges of British Freemasons" (1872), by contributing a masterly Preface, of which it is not too much to say that it was absolutely exhaustive, so far as research had then extended, as well as a monument of orderly classification and literary execution. In the same year he edited Sloane MS. 3329, and in 1874 there appeared his "Defence of Masonry." Some years then passed without the publication of any separate work, but our brother was diligently engaged in the preparation of his *magnum opus*, the "Masonic Cyclopædia," which saw the light in 1878, and was followed within the year by Volume I. of Kenning's Archæological Library, also edited by Bro. Woodford.

During all this time, and indeed, until the very year of his death, our brother figured very frequently as Grand Chaplain at the Consecration of Lodges, and his Orations on such occasions—upon which the readers of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum" are enabled to pass their own judgment by referring to an earlier page—were always deemed models of grace and lucidity.

Besides the occasional verses which Bro. Woodford wrote from time to time in the *Masonic Magazine*, many of which were of rare elegance, he published at some period of his life an entire volume of poems, but the date of its appearance I am unable to supply, neither have I seen the book, and the same remark holds good with regard to a selection of Sermons printed by him during his incumbency of Swillington. We are, indeed, concerned very little with his attainments either as a poet or theologian, though if in the one instance his capacity be tested by the glimpse afforded us in the *Masonic Magazine* of his proficiency in more than a single form of metrical composition, and in the other by the loftiness of thought and vigour of diction which pervade his prose works, there can be no room for doubt that he acquitted himself in both *rôles* with an equal degree of ability to that which has always characterized his writings as a great teacher in the Craft. Of bigotry or sectarian prejudice there was not a trace in his composition, and the following lines, which occur in Pope's Essay on Man, were strictly applicable to his turn of thought:—

> "Slave to no sect, he takes no private road,
> But looks through nature, up to nature's God."

One of his most remarkable characteristics was the tenacity of his memory. Nothing he ever read seemed to have been forgotten by him, and when appealed to, as he constantly was, to earmark a passage or reference, the exact *locale* of which had faded from the recollection of some one of our number—the information sought, was invariably given without a moment's hesitation, and could always be relied upon.

It has been well observed, "that after all other difficulties are removed we still want some one to bear with our infirmities, to impart our confidence to, to encourage us in our *hobbies* (nay, to get up and ride behind us), and to like us with our faults."

Whatever faults, indeed, may have been chargeable to our dear brother, were not easily discernible, and of his particular idiosyncrasies, it may be safely affirmed that he was beloved by us all, not in spite of, but rather on account of their existence.

Like the other members of the Lodge he had his hobbies, but they were never ridden too hard, and it was a pleasure at any time, on his fraternal invitation, to get up behind him, and be carried gently along throughout the whole course of his peregrination.

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Hermeticism, and the antiquity of Masonic degrees, were, perhaps, the two subjects that occupied the fullest share of his thoughts, and on both he has expressed himself very felicitously in the current volume of our Transactions. Bro. Woodford was, also, a most accomplished ritualist, and a lecturer of great power.

The institution of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge gratified a wish that he had expressed many years previously, and happily he was not summoned to his final rest without being afforded the intense satisfaction of seeing crowned with perfect success the daring experiment of founding a Lodge on the joint basis of Masonry and intellectuality—in which, beyond the shadow of a doubt, there belonged to himself a priority of conception, over and above all the other charter members of No. 2076.

In the Lodge, each one of us looked up to him as an elder brother. He presided over us with dignity, and no subject was ever discussed at those meetings which he was able to attend without there falling from his lips a weighty contribution to the general fund of debate. Nature had been bountiful to him. He was endowed with a fine presence, a graceful delivery, and a rare eloquence. Indeed, whether regarded as a speaker or a writer, it may be said of him with equal truth :—"*Nihil erat quod non tetigit nihil quod tetigit non ornavit.*"

Bro. Woodford died—23rd December—after a brief illness, and may indeed be said to have literally thrown away his life, as the immediate cause of death, an attack of blood-poisoning, was occasioned by a slight injury to his foot, altogether uncared for and neglected, which by a few days perfect rest, or even a moderately early appeal to medical science, would have resulted in the preliminary ailment being now long since forgotten, our brother enjoying his usual health, and the Lodge still having on its roll one of its chief ornaments.

How deeply he is lamented by his brethren of the Quatuor Coronati I shall not attempt to portray, though I must not fail to place on record that the loss we have sustained is regarded with nearly as much sorrow by the Outer as by the Inner Circle of the Lodge. His genial manners and kindly disposition were of course only fully understood by those who had the privilege of actually knowing him in the flesh, but his name and fame were "household words" among the Craft at large, and as such will long remain enshrined in the memories of those for whom he laboured so diligently, and whose appreciation of his own arduous exertions in their behalf, would have so delighted him, could he have lived to know of it—I allude to the ever-increasing band of readers and supporters of ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.

R. F. GOULD, W.M.

In Thursday's issue of the *Daily Telegraph*, our contemporary's Paris correspondent writes as follows :—

Freemasonry is so important a factor in the politics of this country that the step which some of its leading members have just taken is deserving of particular notice. M. Colfravn, late President of the Council of the Order, and several other Masters of Lodges, or "Vénérables," as they are called in France, have issued invitations to their colleagues in all the Lodges to assemble on the afternoon of Sunday, June 3, at the Cirque d'Hiver, for the purpose of discussing the dangers with which France and the Republic are menaced by the "plebiscitary and Cæsarian movement." Ordinary members of Lodges in Paris and its environs are to be allowed to attend, but extraordinary measures will be taken to guard against the intrusion of any alien to the Craft. Outside the building "free and accepted Masons" will be stationed to distinguish the wheat from the chaff, and within its walls the proceedings will be conducted on the "close-tiled" principle. I may remark that General Boulanger is not a Freemason, though a few weeks ago it was reported that he was in *pour-parlers* with a view to entering a Parisian Lodge. As, however, this very Lodge almost immediately adopted a resolution condemning his agitation, the idea was abandoned. I need hardly remind you that the attitude just assumed by the Masonic leaders is in strict accordance with the principles of all their Lodges. The Empire had no more bitter foes.

The Lodge Celtic, Edinburgh, and Leith, No. 291, held a funeral Lodge in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, last week in memory of the late Brother Alexander Hay, a Past Master of that Lodge, who had for a long period of years held office as Treasurer, and been one of the most active members of the Celtic.

Messrs. Dean and Son (160A Fleet-street, E.C.) have in the press a new work entitled "England's Battles in the Peninsula." It forms one of the "Deeds of Daring Library," and is from the pen of Mr. Roscoe Morgan, B.A., author of "Our Warrior Princes."

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE UNANIMITY AND SINCERITY, No. 261.

THE celebration of the Centenary of Lodge Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, took place at Taunton, on the 16th instant. The Lodge was established in May 1757, at Ilminster, under the name of Lodge Unanimity, and was held at the Swan Inn in that town. It migrated to Taunton in the latter part of 1797. The hundredth year of its existence was accomplished on the 6th of the present month, but it was not found practicable to hold the celebration on that day, owing to the presence in the town of the Yeomanry, &c., and it was therefore postponed until the ordinary Lodge meeting, which fell due on the 6th inst. The records have been uninterruptedly kept since the first meeting, and on application to the Grand Lodge there was no difficulty in obtaining the Centenary Warrant. The brethren met at two o'clock at the Central Schools; and, having formed in the usual Masonic processional order, entered the church of St. Mary Magdalene by the west door, where they were met by the vicar and choir. They occupied seats in the nave of the church. A shortened form of service having been gone through, including an appropriate anthem by the choir, a sermon was preached by the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, Grand Chaplain of England, and one of the P.G. Chaplains of Somerset. The brethren then reformed the procession, and having disrobed proceeded to the Masonic Hall, where the Worshipful Master, Col. A. W. Adair, who is also Past Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, was presented with the first Centenary Jewel of the Lodge. Certain routine Masonic duties were gone through, and then a brief history of the Lodge since its foundation was given by Bro. S. G. Williams, Past Master. Afterwards the brethren dined together in the hall, under the presidency of the W.M., and there was a very large gathering of brethren from all parts of the province.

ST. AUBIN'S LODGE, No. 958.

THE installation meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, St. Heliers, Jersey, Channel Islands, on Tuesday, 15th instant. The Lodge was opened in due form at 4·30, by Bro. Osborne Le Gallais. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and a brother raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Past Master Pallot, who gave in a most eloquent and masterly manner the traditional history. The W.M. elect Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret Prov. Grand Master was announced; he was received with full honours by the brethren. The Installing Master Dr. J. Le Cronier, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was now announced, and he was conducted to the chair of K.S., and commenced the installation proceedings, which were carried through with great ability and to the great satisfaction of the newly-installed Master and a large gathering of Provincial Officers. The Master then invested his Officers, as follow :—Bros. Le Bas S.W., Sergt. Major Priestwood J.W., W. H. Chapman P.G.S.W. as Treasurer, Walden P.P.G. Reg. was again invested as Secretary—this was a very popular appointment, Bro. Walden being a very old and active Mason, one who ever remembers the significance of the cross pens, and always ready to do his best for the good of Freemasonry. Bro. Binet was next invested as S.D.; Bro. J. Ford was appointed J.D., but owing to his absence the investiture was deferred; Bro. H. Becker I.G., and the Stewards appointed were Bros. De La Porte and Maguire, but for some reason the latter was not invested. Bro. Rogers was again appointed, and invested for the twenty-second year as Tyler. He is a worthy Mason, held in the highest esteem by the members of the Lodges meeting in the Temple, who during the last twelve months have given him their sympathy during his sad family bereavements,—the loss of a most amiable wife, and the further loss of a young member of his family. Bro. Rogers is Hall Keeper, and on every occasion is ready and willing to conduct Masons, their wives, families or friends, over the Masonic Temple at Jersey. This is a sight well worth seeing; the building is truly Masonic in architecture, contains splendid rooms, and is kept in cleanly condition; in short, it will compare with any Temple in Great Britain. The banquet was laid in the large dining-room of the Temple, and catered for by Bro. Rogers. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M. in few but appropriate remarks; it was received by acclamation, as it might well be by so many visitors from the sister Lodges in the Island; and more especially so by the brethren of the Lodge, who cannot but appreciate the high honour done them by the acceptance of office by a brother holding the distinguished rank of Provincial Grand Master. Moreover Bro. de Carteret holds the office of Jurat at the Royal Courts, the senior Magistrate of the Island. The W.M. responded, and assured the brethren that he esteemed the further honour he had acquired that day; he should always do his best for the St. Aubin's Lodge; it was his mother Lodge, and twenty years ago he had been its W.M. Other toasts were honoured, but our reporter, owing to engagements with the ladies visiting the Island with him, could not remain. We learn, however, that the evening passed off most harmoniously. A vote of thanks was deservedly passed to Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier Deputy Prov. Grand Master for his services as Installing Master, and the compliment was gracefully acknowledged by the Doctor. Bro. Campbell, the well-known and highly respected guide entertained the brethren with a selection on the concertina. Brother Campbell is a perfect master of this instrument, and also an accomplished singer.

MERLIN LODGE, No. 1578.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master of the Merlin Lodge, was held on 11th inst. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Marmaduke Tennant) conducted the ceremony throughout, and

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installed Bro. W. R. Perrott, of Tylorstown, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The following Officers were appointed :— Bros. W. R. Davies S.W., Joseph Davies J.W., D. Francis Chaplain, A. S. Cobb Treasurer, J. W. John Organist, J. F. M'Clune Secretary, John Evans Director of Ceremonies, John Davies S.D., D. Phillips J.D., W. Davies Treherbert I.G., T. R. Phillips Senior Steward, W. T. Davies Junior ditto. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Captain Williams for his valuable gift to the Lodge of a chair for the Worshipful Master, and to Mrs. Matthew Wayne Morgan for the portrait of her late husband—one of the first Masters of the Lodge. The annual festival was held in the evening, when the usual toasts were honoured.

SALOPIAN LODGE, No. 262.

A VERY interesting event took place at the Music Hall, Shrewsbury, on Monday, the 14th inst., when this Lodge celebrated its Centenary. The Lodge was formed on the 13th day of May 1788, and has been in continuous working since that date. The original founders were William Neale, Thomas Barkley, William Cottom, John Beck, John Brackley Pritchard, John Hall, and Edward Innys, and the roll of the Lodge contains the names of most of our distinguished townsmen and many men of distinction in the county. The Centenary was celebrated by an initiation, when a newly-elected member was initiated by the W.M., Bro. John Avery, assisted by the R.W. P.G.M. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., and by Bro. W. E. Harding P.M. P.P.G.W. Afterwards, an interesting history of the Lodge, from its foundation to the present day, compiled from the old minute-books of the Lodge, was read by the Secretary, Bro. A. R. Craig P.M. P.P.G.R. The Centenary Warrant granted by the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was then presented to the Lodge by the R.W. P.G.M. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., in suitable terms. The brethren afterwards dined together. There were present on the occasion: Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., P.G.M., John Avery W.M. in the chair, Berkeley S.W., Lloyd Oswell J.W., Deedes S.D., Smith J.D., Harding Treasurer, Craig Secretary, Gray I.G., Ashdown Chaplain, Lascelles Southwell D.C., Bratton Organist, John Pee Tyler, Clarke P.M., Arthur Lowcock I.P.M., White P.M., Stooke P.M., Peele P.M., Ponting Cox, Thomas, Minor Kilvert P.M., Southam, Dovaston, Hickman, Clement Southam, James, Slaney Eyton, Graham, Patchett P.M., Eddowes P.M. *Visitors*: Richard Evans D.P.G.M. Hereford, Spaull P.G. Sec., Rowland G. Venables D.P.G.M., Crump 117, Cooksey 1621, Roff King P.P.G.S. of W., Lewis 117, Chas. Drew 1124, Deedes 1479, James Vine 117, Hicks 601, Townsend 117, Akeroyd 1432, Major 117, Deakin 117, Darlington 117, Westcott 1621, Baxter 117, Newman 117, Cox 611, Calwell, Boulton Cote 1121, Chubb 1120, T. P. Deakin 117, Belton 117, Roberts 611.

WILLIAMSON LODGE, No. 949.

ON Monday, the 14th inst., the annual meeting was held in the Lodge-room, Monkwearmouth, for the installation of the W.M and the investiture of the Officers for the ensuing year. The W.M. Bro. Fred Maddison presided. Bro. George Porteous P.M. officiated as Installing Master, and the W.M.-elect, Bro. George Washington Bain, was presented by Bro. F. Maddison. Bro. Bain having been duly installed by Bro. Porteous, in a very able manner, the following Officers were invested: Bros. Maddison I.P.M., Hewson S.W., Baker J.W., Kirtley Treasurer, Chatt Secretary, Remigius Blake S.D., George Hudson J.D., Lemuel Davies I.G., George Porteous D. of C., Simpson S., Swain Tyler.

LEIGH LODGE, No. 957.

A MEETING was held on the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. Bros. P. J. George W.M., R. W. Moffrey S.W., Fredk. Klein J.W., J. Diprose Treasurer, C. Cottebrune P.G.P. Secretary, W. Hewitt S.D., W. Densham J.D., F. P. Marx P.M. Dir. of Cers., T. C. Pratt P.M. Steward, H. Bridges I.G., J. T. Woodstock Tyler; P.M.'s Woodroffe, Corby, Von Joel, Bramley, and a good muster of brethren. Visitors—Bros. Major Lambert Past Grand Sword Bearer; P.M.'s Scarrab, Vincent, G. Dunkley, Walter Dunkley, Coleman, Tovell, and many others, with W.M.'s Stockall of the Crusaders, H. Diprose of the Caxton, and a large number of others. The business comprised the raising of Bro. Hamblyn, and the installation of Bro. R. W. Moffrey as W.M. The latter ceremony was performed in an impressive manner, after which the following Officers were invested :—Bros. P. J. George I.P.M., Frederick Klein S.W., W. Hewitt J.W., John Diprose P.M. Treasurer, C. Cottebrune P.M. Secretary, W. Densham S.D., G. C. Hughes I.G., T. C. Pratt Stwd., J. T. Robins Asst. Steward, F. P. Marx Dir. of Cers., Walter Blunt Asst. Dir. of Cers., J. T. Woodstock P.M. Tyler. The installation banquet followed, and was voted an absolute success.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE members celebrated their tenth anniversary on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at Bro. Dorling's, the Clifton Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, and the result was a very successful meeting. The ceremonial business on the agenda was a passing and a raising; the former ceremony was performed by the W.M. Bro. W. Finer, in his usual correct style, after which the W.M. elect Bro. G. Candler was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Welch, of Colchester, P.P.J.G.W. for Essex, who performed the ceremony much to the gratification of those present. Opportunity was taken by the new W.M., on investing his I.P.M., to present Bro. Finer with a P.M.'s collar and jewel, as a memento of the year of office he had just completed, and as a token of the esteem of the members of the Lodge. Bro. Finer has served every office in the Lodge, and initiated more candidates into Freemasonry during his year than any other Master since the establishment of the Arnold. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as Officers :— Bros. W. Finer I.P.M., J. M. Scarlett S.W., H. Wilkinson J.W., E. Osmond Treas., R. Scott P.M. Prov.G.A.Sec. Sec., R. Pollard S.D., E. Groocock J.D., A. J. Rickarby P.M. P.P.G.P. Essex Director of Ceremonies, C. P. King I.G., C. Randall Steward, J. James Tyler. Previously to the closing of the Lodge the new I.G. Bro. C. P. King presented to the Lodge a mahogany "broken column," which was mounted with a silver plate with a suitable inscription. The thanks of the Lodge was voted for this present. On the conclusion of the business the Brethren retired to a banquet, prepared by Bro. Dorling P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk, with his accustomed taste and liberality. Amongst the brethren who supported the W.M. were Bros. Ralling P.G.S.B. Prov. G.S. Essex, Welch P.P.J.G.W. Essex, Forcroft W.M. of St. Osyth Priory Lodge, C. T. Townsend P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk, and several other visiting brethren from Lodges in the Province.

HAMPSHIRE LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 1990.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge, which is composed of Past Masters of the Province, took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, on Saturday, 12th inst., when those present included Bros. Le Feuvre D.P.G.M. P.G.D. of England; the Rev. J. N. Palmer Grand Chaplain of England, Francis Newman P.P.S.G.W., Cawte P.P.G.J.W., Lancaster P.P.G.R., Williams, Gieve, Brickwood, Miles, Stobbs, Bond, Dr. Knott, Francis Powell, Wilmott, Gilbert, Buck, Mitchell, Nayler, Saunders, German, Campbell, Beria, Hewett, Scott, Groves, Laity, Kaink, Firth, Butt, and Lowe. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Worshipful Master (Bro. J. R. Hooper-Eastrick, P.G. Treasurer), Bro. G. F. Lancaster acted in his stead. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. the Rev. J. N. Palmer P.P.S.G.W. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and P.G. Chaplain England, who installed Bro. Newman P.P.S.G.W. as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then appointed his Officers, as follow :—Bros. Francis S.W., Brickwood J.W., the Rev. J. N. Palmer Chaplain, Williams Treasurer, Gieve Secretary, Holbrook S.D., Stobbs J.D., Dr. Knott D.C., Powell I.G., Miles Organist, Willmott and Nayler Stewards, Carter Tyler.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, under the presidency of Bro. Brackstone Baker P.G.D. W.M., who was supported by Bros. Major George Lambert P.G.S.B. acting I.P.M., Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. Chaplain, Adolphus Clark S.W., Frederick Kedge J.W., J. B. Cumming Treasurer, George Reynolds Sec., W. Hancock as S.D., J. J. Woolley J.D., G. H. Reynolds I.G., H. Wilkie Jones D.C., John Skinner and James Woodward Stewards, T. H. Tilton P.D.G.M. New York, Corby P.M., Dr. Zacharie, &c. Among the visitors were F. Binckes P.G. Sword Bearer, W. M. Bywater P.G. Sword Bearer, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, H. Jenkins S.W. 860, A. C. Dowding S.D. 1297, A. G. Wulff 1361, H. G. Gush P.M. 1541, W. C. Smith P.M. 1563, W. W. Lee 1897, T. C. Seary 1997, E. Solomon 1997, &c. The minutes of the April meeting having been confirmed, Bro. C. C. Burgess was passed. A Committee was appointed to audit the accounts. The report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the suggested new bye-law was considered, and on the motion of Brother Corby, adopted. This new bye-law empowers the Lodge to elect Honorary Affiliated Members, being brethren belonging to a Foreign Jurisdiction visiting this country, and not being permanent residents therein. The election of W.M. was then proceeded with, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Adolphus Clarke S.W., who said he was exceedingly obliged for the honour conferred upon him. He was not wholly unacquainted with the duties appertaining to the chair, but he was reminded that that was no ordinary Lodge, and that it required in a Worshipful Master something more than the ability to initiate, pass and raise candidates. He should have hesitated had he not known that he could rely on the forbearance of the members, and he therefore accepted the office with gratitude, and many thanks. Bro. J. B. Cumming was re-elected Treasurer, and Brother Potter Tyler. The Worshipful Master said he owed a few words of thanks to the brethren for supporting him so well during the past twelve months. He need not tell his successor that he would have his moral support; he only asked for Bro. Clark the same tolerant spirit and kindness of heart he had received. He must confess that he had felt some misgivings in accepting the office, but he did it to establish the principle—which had long been dear to him—of establishing Masonic communication between English and American brethren. Having enjoyed Masonry in the States, and being a Canadian Mason, he felt it would be desirable to form that Lodge, and therefore he hailed with delight the idea of being a petitioner on behalf of the Anglo-American Lodge. He had asked their indulgence, for it was 26 years since he took the chair in his own Lodge, and he accepted the office of first Master with reluctance, hoping he should have their kind favour, and that they would overlook his shortcomings. He now returned his hearty thanks for the kindness extended to him, and should always look back to the pleasant time he had spent in the Lodge. Bro. Cumming Treasurer said a most pleasing duty had fallen to his lot. It was to ask the brethren to vote a jewel to their Worshipful Master for the duties he had performed. Under the circumstances it was doubly his due, considering Bro. Baker had already borne the heat and burden of the day in Masonry. Every brother knew he had performed his duties worthily, and it was but an act of grace on their part to show their kindly feelings towards him. Bro. Tilton, in seconding the motion, said the members already knew how delighted the American brethren were that they had placed in the chair of the Anglo-American Lodge a brother who represented so many Grand Lodges of America, well knowing it would be the stepping stone to success. The proposition was carried unanimously, and briefly acknowledged by the W.M. Bro. Reynolds Secretary proposed that a jewel should be voted and presented to Bro. Major Geo. Lambert,

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in consideration, not only of his services as acting I.P.M., but for his kindness to the Lodge and to the members. Bro. Lambert had made the Lodge Life Governor of the Boys' School, and the members were to be congratuated on being supported by two such veterans as the Worshipful Master and Bro. Lambert. Bro. Tilton having seconded the motion, it was carried. Bro. Lambert said the brethren had paid him a compliment which he had no right to expect. His opinion was, that whatever was taken up it should be done as well as possible if one expected to receive the meed of praise. A vote of thanks would have been ample, but to crown it with the vote of a jewel was more than ample; he accepted it with pleasure. Their kindness had found him quite unprepared, but it would always be his wish to do all he could for the Lodge. They were doing a great service to this country if they could bind the bonds between it and America. They wished American brethren to know and feel that when a Mason came from the other side of the Atlantic he would be received in this Lodge, and would be as well known to them as if he were in the bosom of his family. He hoped the Lodge would prosper in endeavouring to make firmer and firmer that bond of friendship. Some other matters of business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, after which the Loyal and Masonic toasts received due honours. In proposing the toast of the Grand Officers the W.M. said it was one which the brethren never failed to honour, inasmuch as they were the rulers of the Craft. The Grand Officers were the survival of the fittest, practising those virtues which adorn Masonry and domestic life. Bro. Binckes P.G.Swd.Br. said the W.M. had taken him by surprise in asking him to respond, for amongst the Grand Officers present was one preceding him in rank, and others his senior, and he therefore did not expect he should be paid that compliment. The W.M. was nervous lest he (Bro. Binckes) should take the liberty of speaking at length, and exceed the speeches the brethren were in the habit of hearing from the chair. Every one who knew their W.M. knew the powers with which he was gifted, and how he could charm any audience he addressed; he could say everything in favour of the Grand Officers if he eliminated himself from their number. He had heard the allusions in the Lodge to Bro. Lambert, to speak of whom would be like gilding refined gold. Bro. Lambert's actions spoke for themselves better than any words that could be used by the best friend he had. He would allude to Rev. Bro. Brownrigg, whose services had been valuable, and who would continue to be an ornament to the Order; and to Bro. Bywater, who was well known to all and respected. He would say nothing for himself, for on "their own merits modest men are dumb." Bro. Major Lambert said he had the honour, which he should never have again as acting I.P.M., of proposing the toast of the Worshipful Master. If he had one regret it was that they would soon lose the services of Bro. Brackstone Baker as Master. Not that he would not be a member, and remain with them, for he was sure he would cling to the Lodge. He was a perfect Master in the art of speaking, and had given them speeches with a great deal of acumen and skill, and nothing could be more delightful than to sit under him as I.P.M. Bro. Brackstone Baker returned thanks. He had been considerably moved by the praises of the I.P.M. On that occasion he felt as if he was reciting his own funeral oration, for it was the last meeting at which he should address them from the lofty eminence of the chair. Melancholy overcame him in thinking over his greatness, for he felt more than words could express. He came into office in March, like a lion, and was going out like a lamb. They could not sing "It is our opening day," for a funeral dirge would be more appropriate. He should have a good successor in Bro. Clark, who would no doubt put him to shame in the working. The Jews have a tradition that the Rabbis are born with a perfect knowledge of the Hebrew law, and in like manner Bro. Clark must have been born with a perfect knowledge of the ritual. He had to apologise, for his Masonic working was obsolete, it being 26 years ago since he initiated a candidate. It was like Bob Acres' courage, it oozed out at his finger ends. He had to thank them for their indulgence, which had enabled him to carry out the duties with some degree of credit to the Lodge during a very eventful period. They had had an invasion of American brethren, who had fraternised with them, and had established a unanimity which was one of the glories of their Lodge. Notwithstanding many difficulties, they had made their mark in the Masonic world, and their name would be handed down. He had to thank them for the cordiality with which they had received his health, and for the various favours he had received from time to time. He should always look back with pride and satisfaction to that portion of his life when he made a resurrection into Masonic Life through the Anglo-American Lodge. The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States was the next toast. It was gratifying to know that English Freemasons were on excellent relations with nearly all the American States. Masonry was one of the universal signs that finds its place in every well intentioned mind. He hoped that the Lodge would constitute, in no small degree, a fraternity between the Lodges in America and England which could not help being solidified by its existence. Bro. Theo. H. Tilton P.D.G.M. New York City replied. According to the latest statistics he had seen, the Grand Lodges in the United States numbered 48, with 10,000 Lodges, and a membership of nearly 700,000 Masons. These figures would be presented by the Grand Master of New York City in his address to the Grand Lodge on the 7th June next, the day fixed for the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School. The Grand Secretary would receive a cablegram on that occasion from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, congratulating His Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. upon bringing together such a large number of Masons for so good an object as the Girls' School. With regard to the Grand Lodges of the United States, he could only say they had hailed with satisfaction the appointment of Bro. Baker to the chair of the Anglo-American Lodge as one of the best things that could possibly be done. Bro. Baker represented more than half those Grand Lodges, and each one felt they were personally interested in knowing the Anglo-American brethren had placed him in the chair. Now one word with reference to the Girls' School. Having accepted the office of Steward, he trusted the brethren of the Lodge would not see him go up without a substantial list, and an amount worthy of them. Brother Gen. Graves, whom they recently entertained, had been pleased to place 10 guineas on his list, and Rev. Bro. Jewel, who represented the same District, had also contributed a like sum. Bro. Graves had likewise been pleased to place at his disposal five guineas for each of the other Institutions. In conclusion, he asked the members to assist in raising his Steward's list to 100 guineas. For "The Visitors," Bros. Bywater P.G.S.B., Smith P.M., and W. W. Morgan P.M. responded. The I.P.M., Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers, were the next toasts. Their I.P.M. Bro. Lambert had lived to be a worthy and esteemed member of Grand Lodge; his voice was always heard with attention. There were also the worthy Treasurer and Secretary, who both worked hard. Bro. George Reynolds said they were now at the end of their first session; still he thought he scarcely deserved the kind words which had fallen from their W.M. However, he had worked for the success of the Lodge, and felt he had not been unsuccessful. He should ever remember his visit to Bro. Brackstone Baker, when he waited on him to sign the petition. He was also indebted to Bro. G. Lambert for recommending the petition to Grand Lodge. The brethren would agree with him the Lodge was doing good work, although it was in its infancy. His duties as Secretary had been laborious, but he had performed them with the greatest love. He was not an old Mason, but since he was introduced into the Order he had worked hard, and should continue to do so as long as he had health and strength. He had endeavoured to promote that great principle in the Lodge, of being happy himself and communicating happiness to others. Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G. Chap., J. B. Cumming Treas., and A. Clark also replied. The proceedings soon afterwards closed.

CORDWAINER LODGE, No. 2241.

THE first regular meeting since the consecration was held on Wednesday, 16th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, Bro. F. Taylor, C.C., the W.M. occupied the chair, the S.W.'s chair being, in the absence of Colonel and Alderman Cowan, taken by Bro. W. T. Back. After routine business and the election of members, the brethren adjourned, subsequently sitting down to an excellent banquet.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—At the meeting of the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Wednesday, the 16 inst., Bro. P.M. Haslip, at the unanimous desire of the brethren, accepted the office of Preceptor; Bro. C. Weeden P.M. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Chubb Secretary. This Lodge has been labouring at great disadvantage for some time past, owing to the long continued illness of its old and tried Preceptor, Bro. Cusworth P.M. Doubtless the Lodge under its new régime will become, as heretofore, one of the most popular in the North London District. We understand the re-opening of the Lodge will take place on the 30th inst., when Bro. Haslip will act as W.M. He will be well supported by the Officers and Brethren of the Mother Lodge.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Chapter and general communication of Royal Arch Masons of this Province was held at the Masonic Hall, Scarborough (on the invitation of the Old Globe and the Denison Chapters, Nos. 200 and 1248), on Wednesday, 9th May, under the presidency of Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, who was supported by the following Officers:—

Comps. J. W. Woodall P.G. Treasurer Eng. P.P.G.H. P.Z. 200 as H., John Blenkin P.Z. 1611 J., M. C. Peck Asst. G. Dir. of Cers. Eng. P.Z. 250 S.E., John Sugden P.Z. 294 S.N., Walter Reynolds P.P.G.H. P.Z. 250 Treasurer, F. W. Booty P.P.G.R. P.Z. 1248 as Registrar, J. F. Nicholson P.Z. 1010 P.S., W. H. Falkingbridge P.P.G.S. P.Z. 312 as 1st Asst., George Ayre Z. 312 2nd Asst., J. H. Hackett H. 200 Swd.Br., T. M. Goldie P.P.G.Std.Br. Z. 660 as Std.Br., John Dunn P.Z. 734 Dir. of Cers., James Bordass P.P.A.D.C. Z. 734 as Asst. Dir. of Cers., Vessey King P.P.G.O. 250 as Organist, F. J. Lambert 1010 Janitor. There were also present E. Comps. Alex. Fraser P.Z. 200 P.P.G.H., H. O. Piercy P.Z. 734 P.P.G.J., W. H. Marwood P.P.G.J., George Wilson P.Z. 57, M. Haberland P.Z. 57, James S. Moss P.Z. 312 P.P.G. Scribes N., G. Chambers P.Z. 200, Richd. Beevers P.Z. 57, H. O. Williamson P.Z. 200, Jno. Marshall P.Z. 660 P.P.G.P. Sojs., R. H. Peacock P.Z. 200 P.P.G.Swd.Br., Wm. Tesseyman P.Z. 57, W. F. W. Atkinson P.Z. 448, J. B. Nicholls H. 660 P.P.G. Std. Brs., Col. R. G. Smith P.Z. 1010 P.P.G.D.C., J. Knaggs P.Z. 200, S. Middleton P.Z. 200, Charles Travers P.Z. 200, J. C. Heselton P.Z. 294, S. Reed P.Z. 312, George Padley P.Z. 1248, W. B. Richardson Z. 200, Thos. Oates Z. 250, James Robinson Z. 1605, S. W. Fisher Z. 1248, Ed. Corris H. 57, F. Thornton H. 312, W. Ascough H. 1248, M. M. Westoby J. 294, W. Y. Lockley J. 312, and Comps. W. B. Hutton 57, J. Thyer 57, Jno. Mackail 57, J. N. Lawson 312, J. Bean 312, Thos. Atkinson 312, J. S. Stewart 312, W. H. Attley 312, J. T. Oliver 312, Thomas Dunn 200, Wm. Stockdale 660, T. Masterman 1611, W. B. Dyson 1611, R. Lancelott 1248, and others.

The Chapter having been duly opened, the minutes of the last general convocation were read and confirmed. It was moved by Comp. Walter Reynolds P.Z. 250 P.G. Treasurer, seconded by Comp. W. H. Marwood P.Z. 312 P.P.G.J., and resolved, that the Prov. Grand Lodge Bye-laws as revised by the Committee appointed for that purpose be adopted in the place of the Bye-laws in force since 1871. The P.G.S.E. then called the roll of the Royal Arch Chapters, which showed them all to be represented, they then communicated, showing there were 611 R.A. Masons in communication with the 15 Chapters of the Province. The Treasurer read his balance sheet, which had been duly examined and found correct by the Auditors, Comps. W. B. Richardson Z. 200 and Thomas Oates Z. 250, it was unanimously adopted. The finances are in a very satisfactory state. The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Comp. Col. R. G. Smith P.P.G.D.C. P.Z. 1010	H.
W. B. Richardson Z. 200 - - -	J.
M. C. Peck A.G.D.C. England P.Z. 250	S.E.
Edward Corris H. 57 - - - -	S.N.
S. W. Fisher Z. 1248 - - -	Registrar
J. C. Heselton P.Z. 294 - - -	Principal Sojourner
William Brown H. 1611 - - -	1st Asst. Sojourner
James Thyer 57 - - - -	2nd Asst. Sojourner
F. Thornton H. 312 - - - -	Sword Bearer
James Robinson Z. 1605 - - -	Standard Bearer
M. M. Westoby J. 294 - - -	Director of Cer.
John Mackail 57 - - - -	A.D.C.
Arthur Sample 236 - - - -	Organist
Thomas Oates Z. 250 - - - -	A.S.E.
F. J. Lambert 1010 - - - -	Janitor

The election of the P.G. Treasurer was then proceeded with. Comp. W. B. Richardson Z. 200 P.G.J. proposed the re-election of Comp. Walter Reynolds P.Z. 250 P.P.G.H., which was seconded by Comp. W. H. Falkingbridge P.Z. 312 P.P.G.S. and carried unanimously. The M.E. Grand Superintendent then addressed the Provincial Grand Chapter, as follows:—

Excellent Companions of the Royal Arch,—We are again met together at this our annual convocation, and I greet you with all the good wishes that a Mason can entertain for his Companions. Since we last assembled, the Jubilee of our Most Gracious Sovereign has been celebrated by the Nation, and by our Masonic body, in a worthy and befitting manner. To mark the occasion the Most Excellent First Grand Principal, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was pleased to appoint our distinguished Companion The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett to the rank of Past Scribe N. in the Supreme Grand Chapter, and last week our Scribe E., Comp. M. C. Peck, was appointed Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies for the ensuing year. We heartily congratulate those worthy Companions on their preferment, and wish them long life to enjoy the honours they have received. We have to mourn the loss of several esteemed Companions, who have gone before us to a brighter world than this, amongst whom were the Rev. Canon Kemp P.Z. of the Minerva Chapter, and Comp. George Hardy Past Provincial Grand Scribe N. Otherwise there have been but few events of moments amongst us; we have progressed slowly but steadily, no complaints have been presented before me, and I may congratulate the Province upon the continued harmony which prevails (and we trust ever will prevail) amongst the several Chapters. The Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be celebrated next month by a Grand Festival in the Royal Albert Hall, London, when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has consented to take the chair. I have undertaken a Stewardship in connection with that event, and shall be supported by the Past Grand Treasurer (Comp. J. W. Woodall), by the Prov. Grand Scribe E., by the Charity Representative of the Province (Colonel R. G. Smith), and other Companions from North and East Yorkshire, who are also acting as Stewards, and I trust the contributions from the various Lodges and Chapters will be worthy of my Province, and of this interesting occasion. I must now express my thanks, and those of the Provincial Grand Chapter, to the Principals, Officers and Companions of the Old Globe and Denison Chapters for their generous hospitality, and for the excellent arrangements made for this meeting. It is always a pleasure to visit Scarborough, the beauty, the "Queen of Watering Places." The hearty greetings we receive from the Brethren, and the accommodation afforded by the valuable and convenient Masonic Hall and Club-house, combine to render Scarborough a model Masonic centre, and one well worthy of imitation in other places. With these few observations I beg to thank all the Companions present for the agreeable character of this meeting and for the pleasure I have received on the occasion.

The closing hymn having been sung, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed in antient form, and with solemn prayer. A luncheon was subsequently held at the Royal Hotel, at which the Provincial Second Grand Principal presided, who was supported by the Provincial Grand Officers and other Companions, and a short but agreeable meal was enjoyed.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting was held at Huddersfield, on Wednesday, 9th inst., under the banner of the Lodge of Truth, No. 137. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. and Officers of the Truth Lodge, and a candidate advanced to the degree of a Mark Master Mason. The R.W. Prov. G. Mark Master and his Officers entered at 4·30, as Provincial Grand Lodge was duly opened. The following brethren were present:—

The Right Worshipful Bro. C. L. Mason Provincial Grand Master, the Very Worshipful Bro. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain of England Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bros. H. S. Holdsworth Prov. G.S.W., Jeremiah Atherton Prov. G.J.W., C. T. Rhodes P.P.G.W., John Barker Grand Inspector of Works P.P.G.W., Henry France P.P.G.W., J. W. Monckman P.G. Steward P.P.G.W., Joseph L. Pugh, M.D., P.P.G.W., W. R. Massie Prov. G.M.O., George Horsfall as Prov. G.S.O., Henry A. Styring Prov. G.J.O., Rev. William Dunn Prov. Grand Chaplain, G. H. Radcliff P.P.G.O., W. F. Tomlinson P.P.G.O., George Marshall P.P.G.O., E. J. Massie Prov. Grand Registrar, W. Cooke Past G.O. Prov. Grand Secretary, Francis Smith Prov. S.G.D., Charles Greenwood Prov. G.J.D., Charles Nicholson P.P.G.D., Henry Smith P.G.I. of W., Fred. Barber Prov. G.D.C., Thomas Howden P.G. Standard Bearer, G. F. Carr Prov. Grand Organist, Thomas Myers Prov. G.I.G., Thomas Gaukroge, Joseph P. Hewitt, John J. Green, and Edwin Billington Prov. Grand Stewards, Henry Shaw P.P.G. Standard Bearer as Prov. Grand Tyler, Robert Craig P.P.G. Sword Bearer, Rev. J. H. Evans, of Leeds; S. Barraud, of Copley, 111.

The R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M., in answer to his salutation said, I desire first to thank the brethren for their kind salutation and warm reception, and the brethren of the Lodge of Truth for the preparation they have made for our reception. The last time Prov. G.M.M. Lodge visited Huddersfield was in February 1881, since then changes have taken place. Some have been called away, yet I rejoice to find still actively supporting the Lodge of Truth such esteemed P.M.'s as Bros. Marshall and Williamson. All Lodges have their periods of vicissitude and prosperity, and "Truth" is no exception to this rule. Under the skilful Mastership of P.M. Bro. Barker (this year Grand Inspector of Works), I have no doubt it will continue

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to prosper. The R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master has kindly undertaken to give an address, so that it is not necessary for me to occupy much time, but I should, however, like to call the attention of the brethren to the installation of the Prov. G.M.M.M. of N. and E. Yorks, the R.W. Bro. the Hon. T. W. Orde-Powlett, P.G. Warden, which will take place at Malton, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. My Deputy and myself have received invitations to be present, and I hope I may also be accompanied by other members of the Province.

Nothwithstanding the heavy claims of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at its Centenary Festival, I am informed that our Mark Benevolent Festival is likely also to receive a fair amount of support. Several brethren of West Yorks have intimated their intention of being Stewards. Bro. Matier forcibly put before you, at the meeting at Barnsley, the object and work of the Fund. It is doing a quiet unobtrusive work; 36 children are being and have been educated, besides annuities paid to decayed Brethren. I recommend it to your kind sympathy and support.

The roll of Lodges was called, when it was found all the Lodges in the Province were represented.

The roll of Provincial Officers was called; the minutes of the last meeting at Barnsley, on 24th October 1887, were confirmed.

The V.W. Bro. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Past Grand Chap. and W.D. Prov. Grand Master, then read a very able paper on the "mark" made by notable pillars of Masony such as K.S. and H.K. of T. In conclusion he said:—

Let me add a few words regarding the material works of those who have made their mark in a literal as well as a figurative sense. Brethren, you little know how the dwellers in foreign countries, such as the one in which my lot was cast for many and many a year, lament the absence of those sweet associations, those assuring thoughts with which the Temples of their native land have of old affected them. They think of the feet that in bygone years have trod those aisles, of the fervent hearts that have throbbed beneath those ancient walls, of the lips that have swelled with a trembling joy, the songs of praise that so often have echoed from those hallowed roofs, built for the most part by the tasteful skill, and not rarely endowed by the piety of brethren and rulers in Masonry, were the stately Cathedrals and venerable Churches throughout the length and breadth of England, those noble monuments of faith and wisdom, of strength and beauty. The marks of the workmen still remain on the stones which they laid. The memorials of many such builders and founders are still reposing within those walls, while their best and truest record is on high. Their names are inscribed, as we trustfully hope, in the books of heaven; their spirits, in the regions of rest and bliss, are awaiting the dawn of the Resurrection Day. Removed from the labours of an earthly Lodge they still, as our fathers and brethren in Masonry, are united with us by indissoluble ties. Our Divine Grand Master, our noble Brotherhood, our final home, are all the same. That home where they who built the house, and they who for ages have worshipped within it, may yet be one. Children alike of that glorious fraternity, of which her loving and faithful members will ever declare, "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me."

They built in marble, built as they
Who wished these stones might see the day,
When God shall come, and these vast walls
May stand o'er them when judgment calls,
Not that the shrines, in grandeur built,
Can do away the stains of guilt:
But witnesses they are of love,
Which only shall unfailing prove,
Of paths in deep abasement trod
Of self that died to live in God."

Such then, Brethren, are a few of the lessons which the "marks," moral and material, of Phœnician, of Hebrew, of ancient and modern masons in many a land, have suggested to me for our edification. The names of thousands among them are forgotten, but their labours still remain to teach imperishable truths to Craftsmen in every degree. May we strive consistently to act on that teaching, as at last, as living stones, receive the Great Overseer's approving stamp as having obeyed His command by the lips of His prophet of old, "Son of man, mark well," and so as having obtained an entrance to that new Jerusalem where "His servant shall serve Him, and they shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

A hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Smyth for his paper, and a wish expressed that it might be published.

Invitations were given from Sheffield, Wakefield, and Halifax for the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed and the Brethren afterwards sat down to tea, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

THE ST. OSWALD LODGE, No. 387.

ON Thursday, the 17th inst., R. W. Jack Sutcliffe, Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason of Lincolnshire, consecrated a new Lodge at Crosle, near Doncaster, to be called the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 387. The officers of the John o' Gaunt Lodge advanced eight brethren, and the Consecrating Officer was then received with honours. The founders of the new Lodge were then addressed, and the warrant and petition delivered. The ceremony of consecration was carried out in due form. The W.M. designate, Bro. Thos. Staniforth, was installed by Bro. Anderson Bates D.P.G.M., and the officers were appointed and invested, as follows: Bros. Delanoy S.W., R. N. Brunyle J.W., I. B. Le Gassick M.O., C. Fox S.O., Behrendt J.O., Chamberlain S.D., Baines J.D. *pro tem*; G. Robinson I.G., W. Pickering Tyler. Hearty good wishes were expressed from various visiting brethren, and a banquet took place subsequently.

LEBANON LODGE, No. 325.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Lostwithiel Street, Fowey, on the 14th instant, to instal Brother A. Percy Davis as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. After the advancing of Bros. W. J. Graham 977 and W. J. Samble 977, the installation ceremony was impressively rendered by Brother J. A. Collins, assisted by Bro. F. Crouch. The W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Davis I.P.M., Cossentine S.W., Williams J.W., Perry M.O., S. S. Davis S.O., Slade J.O., Collins Treasurer, Williams Secretary, Baker S.D., Mitchell J.D., Samble Chaplain, Graham I.G., Murphy D.C., and Graham Tyler. At the close of the meeting the brethren adjourned to Bro. Joseph M. Williams's, Ship Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided.

CONSECRATION OF THE NAUNTON DAVIES CHAPTER.

A MEETING was held at the Masonic Hall, Pontypridd, on Monday, the 14th inst., on the occasion of the consecration of the "Naunton Davies" Chapter, attached to the Merlin Lodge of Freemasons. Among those present were:—Consecrating Officers—Comps. Marmaduke Tennant M.E.Z., S. Cooper H., and Thomas Walters J. Founders—Bros. H. N. Davies P.P.G.R., P.M. 1578, St. John's Chapter 36, Robert C. Hunter P.M. 1578, ditto, S. Lewis ditto, W. R. Perrott S.W. ditto, S. Cooper P.S. Prov. G.J. ditto, J. F. M'Clune No. 36 St. John's, W. Howells Key P.M. 1578 P.P.G. A.D.C., Richard Male P.M. 1578 P.P.G.R. St. John's Chapter 36, and James Hurman St. John's 36, with a large number of visitors. Comp. Marmaduke Tennant Grand Superintendent of the Eastern Division of South Wales, assisted by Comps. Sidney Cooper and S. G. Homfray performed the ceremony of Consecration, and installed the Principals, the first thus installed being Bros. H. Naunton Davies, R. Male, and R. C. Hunter. Dr. Davies, the first Principal, then appointed his Officers.

Among the various brands of champagne for which patronage is sought is that of Messrs. J. Hofèle-Elwall and Co., to which we have already rererred in these pages, it having been "sampled" on the occasion of the Winter Entertainment at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon. Since that time we have heard the wine favourably spoken of in other quarters, and we feel that it merits a trial at the hands of any one not pledged to some particular fancy. We understand that the wine may be had of Messrs. Feltoe and Dickens, Brabant House, Philpot Lane, London, E.C.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87, held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E., on Wednesday, 6th June 1888. Bro. Walter Martin P.M. 879, Secretary to the Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, will preside, supported by Bro. J. G. Milbourn W.M. 13 as S.W., and Bro. E. Talbot D.C. 1310 as J.W. Lodge will open at seven p.m. precisely. First Lecture—Bros. Short, Freyer, Nicholls, Duffield, Milbourn, Bellchamber, and Dale. Second Lecture—Bros. Nightingale, Gaywood, Waterman, Talbot and Chamberlain. Third Lecture—Bros. Wilkinson, Lazarus and Stamp. Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Bro. Stuart P.M. 87 Preceptor. Bro. W. Nicholls 87 Secretary.

The laying of the foundation stone of the Queen's statue by the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick, has now finally been fixed for Friday, 1st June, at one o'clock, when the Freemasons of the province of Bristol will march from their hall, in Park-street, to College-green. They will afterwards give a champagne luncheon at the Royal Hotel, to which the Mayor and other members of the statue committee have accepted invitations.

The meetings of the East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463, are adjourned until the first Tuesday in September.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Female's Friend.—The wonderful cures effected by these pills have alone enabled them to withstand the keenest opposition for years. They are valued at the humblest hearth as well as in the houses of comfort and wealth. Holloway's Pills work a thorough purification of the whole system, without disordering, weakening, or otherwise interfering with the natural action of any organ. They are admitted to be the best restorers of appetite, strength, and health to the most delicate constitution. They give colour and freshness to the face, and, by their gentle alterative properties, eradicate from the system the germs of complaints, which, by the construction of humours, consign tens of thousands of females annually to an early grave, who might, by the use of these pills, be spared to their families and friends.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Friday, 18th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Mather P.A.G.D.C. The Secretary of the Institution, Bro. James Terry P.G. Sword B. announced that the M.W. the Grand Master had appointed Wednesday, the 27th February next, as the date for the Anniversary Festival of 1889, and he further read a letter from the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, Provincial Grand Master Norths and Hunts, in which his Lordship expressed the pleasure he should feel in presiding on that occasion.

The Annual Report of the Institution, as given in our last issue, together with the Report of the Auditors, was read and duly adopted.

Bro. J. A. Birch P.P.G.W. East Lancashire then brought forward certain propositions of which he had given notice, with a view of altering the day of election of the Benevolent Institution, so as to make the elections of the three Institutions fall together, in April. He was opposed by several brethren, and his first suggestion being ultimately put, it was lost by a large majority. Bro. Birch then withdrew his other proposals, and Bro. John A. Farnfield P.A.G.D.C. was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Institution, in succession to the late Bro. Edgar Bowyer. Auditors having been elected and Scrutineers chosen, the poll was declared open for the election of Annuitants, the result announced was published in our last issue. At the conclusion of the Election some formal business was disposed of, and votes of thanks having been passed to the Scrutineers and to the Chairman, the proceedings terminated. The following is a list of the unsuccessful candidates, together with the number of votes recorded on account of each of them, which votes will be carried forward on their behalf to the next election.

MALES.

No. on List		Forward	Polled	Total
50	Duffield, John			1692
6	Fry, Robert Henry	571	910	1481
48	Smith, Thomas			1340
46	Stevens, Frederick Kennedy			1324
12	Taylor, John Daniel	765	558	1323
54	Dodson, Edwin			1025
57	Pigot, Joseph			917
56	Stevens, Joseph			835
43	Jennings, James Middleton			716
37	Windus, Arthur Edward			711
13	Mole, Alexander	560	54	614
41	Mills, Robert			583
19	Cooper, George	294	247	541
1	Sarl, Charles	292	208	500
61	Warr, James Richard			455
55	Rogers, James Thomas			382
53	Robinson, Elmit			377
3	Nichol, Robert	108	10	118
47	Stevens, Charles Palmer			115
4	McLean, William John	97	8	105
8	O'Kelly, William	52	28	80
65	Oliver, William George			74
33	Walter, Jonas			52
64	Higgs, Richard			46
2	Musham, John	33	11	44
44	Deller, Thomas			35
10	Dale, Joseph Barker	15	8	23
28	Sellar, Alexander	15	7	22
58	Chapman, Thomas			22
20	Warren, Charles	11	8	19
34	Glover, Richard			18
40	Smith, Thomas			15
27	Fox, George	7	5	12
66	Horstead, James			8
18	Kenworthy, Hugh	2	3	5
23	South, Thomas George	3	1	4
51	Stephens, John			4
35	Close, John			3
42	Miller, Henry			3
32	Anderson, Ralph			2
59	Wilkinson, Francis			2
62	Stevens, George			—

FEMALES.

46	Warren, Frances Elizabeth			1462
39	Franklyn, Mary Every			1380
32	Mahomed, Amelia Morrison	209	1137	1346
14	Coles, Emma	791	480	1271
45	Truelow, Jemima Sarah			1267
44	Cooke, Mary			1247
19	Weston, Julia	98	1071	1169
13	White, Mary	554	340	894
30	Munro, Eliza	254	624	878
35	Ransby, Alice			873
33	Taylor, Rosetta Harriett	274	529	803
16	Haskins, Emily E.	395	322	717
3	Timms, Susan	600	98	698
5	Heppel, Mary	331	336	667
49	Gibson, Fanny			625
34	Richmond, Rebecca			552
43	Page, Hesse			536
10	Jackson, Elizabeth Reynolds	91	426	517
53	Jones, Caroline Sarah			480
15	Vile, Maria	219	235	454
18	Baker, Ann E.	224	83	307
4	Lovelock, Louisa	199	29	228
25	Thomas, Elizabeth	191	7	198
23	Russell, Olivia	164	5	169
1	Copeland, Charlotte	49	108	157
21	Foot, Mary Ann	15	102	117
12	Mannington, Eliz. Atkinson	94	2	96
61	Faulker, Catherine Ann			92
8	Redman, Mary	64	6	70
62	Shemmonds, Caroline Jane			62
57	Brooks, Ann			57
2	Rigarlsford, Sarah	29	21	50
20	Manson, Mary Price	8	33	41
6	Greenwood, Helen	37	3	40
52	Burfield, Sarah Ann			24
58	Green, Mary Ann			21
28	Olive, Elizabeth	16	4	20
64	Parsons, Margaret			17
9	Salisbury, Jane	15	—	15
26	Newton, Mary Ann	2	11	13
42	Horsfield, Sarah			8
31	Cowell, Nancy	5	1	6
22	Ionn, Elizabeth	1	2	3
56	Best, Elizabeth			3
37	Lemon, Charlotte			—
51	Russ, Jane Mary Ann			—
63	Godtschalk, Clara			—

THE ELECTION, 1888.

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A Reminiscence.

Round the Hall, round the Hall,
Round the Hall,—crowded;
'Lated with spirit of hope,
Pressed over a hundred.
Forward, stout voters, brave;
Charge, for good seats, t'was said;
Into the scurry and strife
Strode the bold hundred.

Forward, stout voters, brave;
Not here a man dismayed,
Not though the old birds know,
Others have blundered.
Theirs not to court reply,
Theirs not to explain why,
Theirs but to win, or die;
Into the scurry and strife
Strode the bold hundred.

Proxies to right of them,
Proxies to left of them,
Proxies in front of them,
Signed papers galore.
Up the heights went Mackay,
Building his castle high,
Grasping his votes, oh my!
Minus his quantity,
Goodly Five Hundred.

Up, then, stout Aaron Stone,
Pledged here—a man, alone;
Gag'd, look you, to battle;
Inches across the chest,
I stand this manly breast,
Forty odd, it the best;
A magnum the wager.
Now to post well their crew,
Brockbank and Terry flew,
Checkers and henchmen true,
Endeav'ring to get in view
The missing Five Hundred.

Proxies to right of them,
Proxies to left of them,
Proxies behind them,
Signed papers galore.
Down the steps went Mackay,
Asking for reason why,
Scrutineers had passed by
His missing Five Hundred?

When shall the story fade?
How were his hopes betrayed;
Explain how mistake he made,
With absent Five Hundred?
Still, honour grand effort made,
Cheer well for wager paid,
All's well in pushing trade;
"Not lost" Five Hundred.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 26th MAY.

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)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
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
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 28th 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)
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.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 203 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.)
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)
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, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield

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)
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
507—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
982—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 100—Friendship, Crown and Cushion, Great Yarmouth
R.A. 213—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 419—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 29th MAY.

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).
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)
869—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 8 (Inst.)
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—Prince, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1436—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, Horniser West Pavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Queen Street, at 8.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Darwen
310—Cumbrian, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Stockport
573—Perseverance, Shakstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1359—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall Maidenhead
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight

WEDNESDAY, 30th MAY.

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 Horse, 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)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
888—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
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 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March 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)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
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.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Gravesend (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
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1611—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
R.A. 322—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
R.A. 357—Apollo University, Apollo University Hall, Oxford
R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Masonic Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 31st MAY.

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)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1350—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1554—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
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 Tiseberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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, Aldchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1751—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)
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Ruabon
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
807—Cubbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shaftesbury-ss
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 357—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R.A. 1305—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 1st JUNE.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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.)
537—Unity 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)

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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)
1634—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beaucontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1299—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
1815—Ponge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 359—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.
242—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)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-upon-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1628—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1657—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1643—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Goseforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gateforth
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

SATURDAY, 2nd JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
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
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

1223—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
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
2306—Pegasus, Clavendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

A LODGE OF SORROW.

THE late Emperor of Germany was a very prominent Freemason, holding, in fact, a position quite unique in its importance, and having an unusually long record of official service. He was initiated into the Craft under peculiar circumstances. About the year 1830 the three Berlin Grand Lodges had after some misunderstandings restored friendly relationships. To ensure permanence for this desirable harmony of feeling, a Union of Prussian Grand Masters was established on 28th December 1839. One of the first acts of this Union (records a Masonic historian) was a very important one. At a meeting held on 18th May 1840, it was announced that Prince William of Prussia (the deceased Emperor) had obtained his father's permission to join the Craft, provided he could be made in the name of all three Grand Lodges and belong to them jointly. In that case he was to assume the Protectorate of the entire Craft in Prussia. For such a purpose the Union was exactly fitted, and on 22nd May 1840 the Prince was initiated. "He swore truth and silence to all three Grand Masters, and then in his capacity of Protector received their vows of fealty in return." His accession proved of great service to the Fraternity on the Continent at a time when that service was greatly needed. It was fitting, therefore, that the Freemasons under the South Australian Constitution should—especially in view of the large representation of our German fellow-colonists in the Australian branch of the Craft—celebrate the mournful event of the Emperor's death with due solemnity. The Lodges which have met during the last few days have appropriately draped their halls, and arranged their ceremonies and their music accordingly. Upon Concordia Lodge, however, the sacred obligation seemed to rest with peculiar weight. In all Australia that is the only Masonic body whose degrees are worked entirely in the German language, though the institution, whilst loyal to the earlier traditions of its members, still feels itself bound by the common communion of Freemasons in this Colony, as it was one of the first to range under the banner of the South Australian Constitution. Universally throughout Freemasonry here a sympathetic response was made to the invitation sent by the Worshipful Master (Bro. C. L. Meyer G.S.) to his fellow Officers to join him in a "Lodge of Sorrow," on Monday night, 19th March. So many of the brethren indeed wished to attend that the Masonic Hall in Flinders-street was far too small to accommodate them, and the Albert Hall, which was afterwards obtained, was filled. The draping of the room was in perfect harmony with the purpose of its engagement. Wreaths of crape reposed upon and encircled the most sacred emblems of a Masons' Lodge; weeping willows drooped in various parts of the hall; whilst upon a pedestal stood in a conspicuous position, a white marble statue of the late Emperor, surmounted by the ermine mantle typical of Royalty, likewise crossed with black crape. The Lodge was opened in German, in the three degrees, the visiting brethren being admitted in the second. The company, numbering altogether 400, included many of the Grand Lodge Officers, with Grand Master Chief Justice Way and D.G.M. Downer at their head, the Worshipful Masters and Officers of nearly all the City and Suburban Lodges, a large representation of the ordinary Master Mason in modest blue, and various brethren typical of Mark Masonry. The customary brightness of the beautiful regalias was shaded by loops and rosettes of black crape.—*South Australian Register*.

A YEAR OF LIFE-BOAT WORK.

THE Royal National Life-boat Institution has recently published its Annual Report, which is one of unusual interest. We learn from it that the work of the Society was carried on last year with more than usual activity, and that through its instrumentality several hundred lives were rescued from drowning. Following immediately on the disastrous accidents in Lancashire at the close of 1886, the Committee determined to make a thorough and searching investigation into the self-righting and other properties of the Institution's boats, and to carry out such trials and tests as might enable them to adopt every improvement which experience had suggested and science developed. After three months of hard work, taken up by experiments, the examination of numerous witnesses, &c., it was resolved to withdraw many boats from the coast, to be replaced by others possessing vastly improved properties. Medals also were offered for models and drawings of a mechanically propelled Life-boat suitable for the conditions of the service, but although a fair response was made from all parts of the United Kingdom, and even from the Continent and the United States, the judges appointed to examine the various designs were compelled to report that none of them fulfilled the necessary requirements. Notwithstanding this the Committee still hope that at no distant date all obstacles may be overcome by the triumphs of science. In the meantime no time has been lost in building boats of the best type and in improving others, with the result that 59 new boats, for the building of which tenders were received from all parts of the country, were despatched to the coast last year, and 14 others were improved. Both the new and the altered boats have met with the most cordial approval of the coxswains and crews, who have expressed their satisfaction at the determination of the Committee to afford them every possible opportunity of assisting in the selection of the class of boat in which they are called upon to do service. Within the year new stations were established at Barry Port, Fleetwood, and Stornoway, so that at the close of 1887 the Institution's fleet consisted of 291 Life-boats, by means of which 368 lives and 10 vessels were saved during the year, in addition to which rewards were granted for the rescue of 204 lives by shore-boats, bringing up the grand total of lives saved through the instrumentality of the Institution to 33,243. It is a matter for thankfulness and congratulation that notwithstanding the 928 times on which the Life-boats were launched in 1887, either for rescue purposes or exercise, there was not a single fatal accident or a serious casualty of any description. The rewards granted for the saving of life from shipwreck or in recognition of valuable services and endeavours to save life, comprised 8 Silver Medals, 2 Second Service Clasps, 45 Binocular Glasses, 22 votes of thanks inscribed on vellum, and £3,345 2s 6d in money awards. A further sum of £5,374 16s 9d was paid to the crews for exercising the boats. The total expenditure, which, owing to the circumstances already stated, was unprecedented in the Society's history, was £74,162 16s 10d, the receipts from subscriptions, donations, and dividends amounting to £56,970 1s 6d. The Report gratefully acknowledges the assistance given to the Institution by the Local Committees and Honorary Officials, by the Coxswains and Crews, the Press, the Coastguard, and the Customs Services, and closes with an earnest appeal for funds, not only for the maintenance of the Life-boat Service in the highest and most perfect state of efficiency, but also to meet the costly but absolutely necessary outlay for placing the Life-boat crews in possession of such improved boats as may enable them with the least possible danger to face the perils to which they are exposed in their noble efforts to save life. Surely the people of this, the greatest maritime country in the world, will not hesitate to respond liberally to such an appeal made in the interests of such a cause.

A Mason who can "parrot" ritual and is in ignorance of its meaning, is an exact epitome of what a talking bird is: he rattles off words mechanically, and is a mere talking machine. There is a large amount of such so-called "bright Masonry."

Every brother on the floor of a Lodge is the peer of his fellow member. In the Lodge all are equal, and no swallow-tailed coat or kid-gloved variety of membership can change the simplicity of the Craft.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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CURRENT EVENTS.

THE present are stirring times in English Freemasonry; indeed, it is doubtful whether the more prominent members of the Order ever had a greater number of calls made upon them in connection with important events, falling close together, than will be the case to-day and next week, when matters of interest will be brought forward for discussion, and more than one event of importance will be decided. To-day we have the General Committee Meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, when, amongst other business to be transacted, there will be the election of the House, and Finance and Audit Committees for the ensuing year, and in connection with which some unpleasantness is anticipated. On Monday the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls provides its annual entertainment to the Stewards of the year, and the prizes will be distributed to the scholars, the gathering being fixed to take place—in consequence of the very large number of Stewards and others who are expected to attend—at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, instead of at the Institution at Battersea, as has been the case in years gone by. But what will make the gathering still more interesting is the fact that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, with her daughters, has promised to attend. Moreover, they will be accompanied by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. On Tuesday there will be a Half-Yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, at the Holborn Restaurant. On Wednesday the United Grand Lodge of English Craft Masonry will hold its usual June Quarterly Communication, when a message will be received from the M.W. Pro Grand Master relative to the present position of Masonry in New South Wales; elections will take place for the various Boards and Committees usually filled at this gathering, and other business will be brought forward. Here also there appears to be a desire to depart from the usual quiet, dignified method of procedure customary in Freemasonry, in favour of a petty vexatious spirit, the point at issue, at the worst, perhaps, displaying a lack of discretion on the part of the principals concerned. But what will doubtless prove the crowning event of the series is left till the last, for on Thursday will be celebrated the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—that event for which so much preparation has been made for months past, and to secure the success of which so many have striven, and are still striving.

It would be unwise on our part to attempt any lengthened consideration of the important matters here referred to under one general heading. We have briefly reviewed them in order that they may appear more prominently before our readers, and we shall now proceed to touch upon such as we deem worthy of special notice at greater length, adhering as far as practicable to the order in which the events will occur.

THE RECENT EXCLUSION FROM THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

MORE AGITATION.

FOR some few months past considerable excitement has prevailed among a small section of the supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who have been at war with the House Committee of the Institution, in consequence of the dismissal of a former pupil from the School, shortly before Christmas last. We regret to say the controversy is not yet at an end. All that has been attempted to be done, or suggested, in the hope of arriving at a settlement has so far proved unavailing, and we fear we are likely to see a continuance of the dispute for some time yet to come, while, worst of all, as the discussion of the grievance has progressed, the most scandalous and unwarrantable accusations have been made by the objectors against all who are concerned in the management of the Charity.

As many members of the Craft are aware, the points at issue have already been submitted for the opinion of the whole body of Subscribers to the Institution; indeed, a most unusual prominence has been accorded them, for after having been disposed of at the General Committee, in March, a Special General Court was summoned to re-discuss them, the result being they were again rejected; notwithstanding the subject has been re-opened since on every possible occasion, and now it is to be revived, as forming the basis for an attack on the existing members of the House Committee, some of whom it is sought to exclude, when their re-election has to be considered at the General Committee to be held to-day.

At first we deemed it best to take no active part in the controversy, as we considered we had gentlemen—Brother Masons—to deal with, and we thought that whatever they might do they would confine themselves to legitimate discussion or argument. Such being the case we knew they would be accorded a patient hearing at any of the gatherings of the Governors and Subscribers of the Institution at which they might desire to discuss their grievances; beside this, it is hardly our mission to interfere in every difference of opinion that may arise in our midst. We took little notice of the Special General Court which these objectors summoned, because we had then discovered they had overstepped the bounds of decency in the conduct of their case, and the propositions they submitted were so manifestly unjust and so grossly libellous, as to preclude them from general publication. Beside all this, we had sufficient confidence in the good sense and general love of fair play existing among the supporters of the Institution to feel that a case which was so weak as to need unbecoming and ungentlemanly advocacy on the part of its supporters called for no exceptional reference at our hands.

Now, however, it is time for us to speak, especially as our pen is one of the few means available to refute the scandalous and disgraceful attacks levelled against the management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. In order, then, to render our remarks as fair as possible,

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we give the basis of what the two parties to the disagreement are working for, and in support of one of which all who are entitled to a vote at to-day's meeting will be called upon for a decision. The present members of the House Committee, and of the Finance and Audit Committee, are nominated for re-election in a body, and in order to fill the vacancy caused on the former by the death of the late Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Bro. John Wordsworth, Vice-Patron of the Institution, has been nominated. On behalf of the opposition we have a circular, in which it is stated that Bro. J. Motion recommends Bros. George Corble, J. L. Dale and Charles Dearing for the House Committee, and Bro. R. J. Tucker for the Finance and Audit Committee. We understand that Bro. Dearing has withdrawn his name from the list, being either disgusted with the conduct of those who put him in nomination, or having other reasons for retiring.

Of course there is nothing calling for special comment in connection with these elections, simply on account of the nomination of twenty-four or twenty-five brethren for the twenty-one vacancies. That is, we may almost say, a matter of every day occurrence, and in Masonry, at least, the elections which naturally follow are conducted with good feeling and fairness, those who are defeated accepting the decision without murmur or complaint. It is the side issues which on this occasion are being introduced into the matter which are so objectionable, and these call for the strongest condemnation at our hands, while we believe, and sincerely hope, that the result of to-day's contest will prove them equally repugnant to those who support the Charitable Institutions of the Craft. As an instance, we may refer to a circular which has been widely circulated during the last few days through the length and breadth of the country—presumably to influence the result of to-day's election. It is not only a disgrace to any one having the smallest desire to be considered a gentleman, but is, without question, libellous; while it further displays the greatest possible amount of malice. We need hardly say its author is a coward, afraid to stand the results of his own utterances, and consequently publishes his circular without any marks of identification, or anything which might be made the means to compel him to prove the truth or otherwise of his calumnies. If this is not the character he should be branded with, or if he has the smallest particle of honesty about him, he will declare himself, and so allow those he slanders to clear their character in a court of law, or before some other equally impartial tribunal. As he at present is acting, his remarks only deserve scorn and contempt. If he would make himself known, he would at least convince us that he was sincere when he wrote the last paragraph of his circular, where he says: "Let no one suppose that this is written in anything but a fair spirit, with the good of our Institution in view . . . . . in order that the matters herein referred to may see a little daylight and be investigated." Truly a case of "preserve us from our friends," when such writings are published in "a fair spirit, with the good of our Institution in view."

We should like to deal with the circular in detail, but in so doing we should only be serving the purpose of the anonymous libeller. His introduction, however, is so essentially *un*-Masonic that we give it *in extenso*. It reads:—

"Re The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

We hear continually about 'our glorious Institutions,' 'protecting the fatherless,' 'brotherly love, &c.' It is as well for the subscribers to this Charity to occasionally see and hear a little of the *other side*. Their attention is accordingly drawn to the following remarks and extracts, with the entreaty that this paper may not be lightly thrown aside, but seriously read and considered, with the object of inquiring into and remedying the evils referred to."

As a further proof of his disinterested sacrifice—and the distribution of this circular as it has been distributed must have proved a heavy pecuniary sacrifice to some one—the writer goes on to say:

"All attempts to obtain any information from either the Secretary or House Committee having failed; this step is resorted to in the hopes that the general body of subscribers to the Charity will take up the cudgels on behalf of the Institution whose money is recklessly squandered."

This argument, that "all attempts to obtain any information from either the Secretary or House Committee has failed," has been used throughout the controversy, but notwithstanding its frequent repetition we know it is unfounded. We imagine those who repeat the statement are either ignorant of what they are talking about, are wilfully stating what they know to be untrue, or have some technical or fancied standpoint from which to defend themselves. Our advice is, simply to consider the character of the men attacked, and answer the question:—Is it likely such men would act in the manner described? If the Secretary or Committees do not care to answer, or even recognise the six or dozen men who have forfeited their right to regard or consideration, by conduct they should be ashamed of, there are none who would force them to do so; while, on the other hand, their action has been strongly endorsed by those on whose behalf they act, and by whom they are chosen.

After stating that the Institution is everything that is bad, and its rulers quite unfit for the trust reposed in them, our anonymous critic quotes from the report of a "Committee appointed to investigate the Management and Expenditure of this Institution," but lest he should be considered to have written "in anything but a fair spirit, with the good of our Institution in view," he omits to state that the Report from which he quotes was issued in 1874, and that the grounds of complaint were then investigated, and found to be non-existent. There are equally satisfactory answers to the other complaints made in the circular, but those in whose discretion rests the decision of the elections of to-day know enough on what to base their opinion, and they are quite capable of deciding for themselves whether they will show their approval of what the present Committees have done, by re-electing them; or whether they will attempt a change, by the importation of these untried reformers. There is no question in our mind what the decision would be if a fair number attended. The opposition is using every means to secure the presence of all its supporters, and it only remains for those who are true to their tried representatives also to attend. The poll takes place to-day, from four to five o'clock, and we imagine the gathering will be a representative one—it should certainly receive the attention of every subscriber, but as that is out of the question, we can only hope for as large an attendance as possible.

In conclusion there are one or two points to which we should like to direct attention, and particularly the attention of those who are leading this opposition. They knew of the existence of the report of 1874, and they knew it to be anything but favourable to the Institution—although, as we have said, it was subsequently proved to be groundless, although not to them, it appears; yet they must have taken considerable pains to secure the election of the lad for whose supposed benefit and honour they are now enduring so much. Although at one time they were begging and praying for the help of the Institution, and have for years enjoyed such help, they pretend to have all along known it to be one of the worst in existence. From the way in which they describe the School we wonder they are not ashamed of ever having sent a friend to its inhospitable roof. Further than this, have they been acting honestly in taking the charity of a public Institution, when, by their own showing, they have long been in a position to provide for themselves, and such of their friends as wanted help? Would it not have been more to their credit—when they rose to their present boasted position in the social world—to have withdrawn the lad from the charity of the Craft, and also to have withdrawn another member of their family from the kindred Institution, or at least have offered to pay for their education and maintenance, than to have taken the funds of those charitable enough to subscribe them year by year, and when they could reap no further advantage use every influence—though even with the wealth of which they brag it is not much — to bring discredit upon the Institution which aided them, and cause annoyance to those who took compassion on their misfortunes of a few years since? Could ingratitude further go?

The members of the existing Committees have jointly issued the following Circular to the supporters of the Institution:—

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The above Twenty-one Brethren being the Signatories to this Circular.

LONDON, 25th May 1888.

A MOUNTAINOUS MOLEHILL.

WE do not know whether the members of that august body, the Board of General Purposes of English Freemasonry, are bereft of their senses, whether they are attempting to perpetrate a mild joke, or whether they are really in earnest in making their latest report to the United Grand Lodge of England, but in either case we think they are going the right way to make themselves appear ridiculous in the eyes of the world, and will most certainly do no good to Freemasonry by taking up the complaint of the Provincial Grand Secretary of Suffolk in the way they have, and raising the action of which it complains almost to the level of high treason against the Craft.

In another column we give a copy of the Agenda for the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge—to be held on Wednesday next—and the report to which we refer stands No. 10 on the paper, so that our readers may see for themselves what this "storm in a teacup" is about. We do not approve of half and half measures in such cases; why does not the Board give its opinion outright, on the facts submitted to them, rather than shift the responsibility to the shoulders of the whole assembly of Grand Lodge? It would almost appear the report was prepared with a view of ultimately "sailing with the wind." If Grand Lodge laughs at the whole affair, the Board will of course laugh; if it be found that a crime has been committed, the Board can turn round and explain how they knew it was so, but were hardly prepared to fix a punishment. The Board considers the complaint is not such as can be dealt with by them, but they do not say why they thus decide. Is it of too trivial a character for their notice, or is it a capital offence, beyond their jurisdiction? In either case it would have been well to have given the cue, rather than to allow the members of Grand Lodge to go roaming about, to be finally influenced by some ready speaker, rather than by the laws of the Craft, or plain common sense.

After all, what does the complaint amount to, even if it be founded on facts? The present Grand Treasurer is charged with having employed a gentleman at Ipswich, who is not a Mason, to solicit votes for him when a candidate for that office, and to distribute printed invitations to a luncheon, at the Holborn Restaurant, to all who were willing to support Bro. Barfield's election. The first section of the charge displays an amount of depravity some would hardly have anticipated, while on the other hand there are many who will not be at all surprised. A prominent Mason—an experienced man of the world—secured the support of his friends, both in Masonry and out of it, to help him in winning a position of honour, to which the Craft has widely pronounced him to be fully entitled, and he even went so far as to tolerate the co-operation of an outsider rather than leave his interests in the town of Ipswich to the care of his brother Masons. But then we must remember all is fair both in love and war, and if subsequent events are a sample of the brotherly feeling existing in the district specially concerned we think there is ample evidence that Bro. Barfield knew best on whom he might rely. Then comes, however, that awful "bribe," a luncheon at the Holborn Restaurant, but if that was a sufficient inducement to bring one Ipswich brother up to the great metropolis, or to lead one Suffolk Mason's vote into the desired channel, we must express sorrow for the standard of morality of our East Coast brethren. As the case now stands, more could not have been made made out of it if Bro. Barfield had chartered special trains from all parts of the kingdom to convey members of the Craft to Grand Lodge, have kept them sumptuously while in town, and presented each with a bank note for pocket money or petty expenses. But a modest luncheon, after asking a man to journey 140 miles, as a token of regard—is it bribery and corruption? or is it not rather a natural outcome of kindly feeling?

There is one feature in connection with this case which makes it very gratifying. English Freemasonry is in such a state of order and regularity at the present time that nothing more serious than this mountainous molehill has to be brought under the notice of its rulers. Long may such a happy state of affairs exist, and long may the Board of General Purposes remain without anything worse to disturb the even tenour of its way than the interference of a Non-Mason, and a modest luncheon at a popular London restaurant. Such is the cordial wish of ourselves and of many other Craftsmen.

THE CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

AFTER months of anxiety, and continuous exertion on the part of a large section of English Freemasons, headed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the time for the celebration of the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has at last arrived. Ere another issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE appears the result of the gathering will have been proclaimed throughout the country, if not throughout the world, and we venture to think the Mason Craft will have nothing to be ashamed of when the total is published, while they will have much to boast of, and good reason to be proud of their achievements.

We are pleased to announce that the Board of Stewards now includes the names of upwards of 1400 brethren, and although there are but a few days left in which to increase that number, we should not be surprised to hear a total of fifteen hundred announced at the Festival, especially as the entertainment to the Stewards and their friends is fixed to take place on Monday next, the great event following three days later. Although such a large sudden increase would severely tax the resources of the executive and the various sub-committees, we know they would cheerfully undertake the extra work entailed, and would only be too happy to think there was a chance of adding to the already handsome expectations entertained in regard to the Festival. We hope their capabilities in this respect will be put to the test, and that the worst calamity that may happen will be a difficulty in accommodating all who attend.

Various estimates have been formed as to what will be the outcome of the Festival, but of course no reliable figure can yet be spoken of; there is absolutely nothing on which to base an opinion. We know what has been achieved in years gone by, and could easily strike an average, but it would be unwise to apply the average of Boards of Stewards ranging from two hundred in number

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up to some three hundred or three hundred and fifty, to a board comprising fourteen or fifteen hundred names. We have our own idea of what may be looked for, but we do not see any tangible reason why we should give the preference to any particular total, ranging from £30,000 to £60,000. The outcome of the Centenary Festival may realise the one, or it may produce the other, and whatever speculation is indulged in with regard to the total we are afraid there is nothing to be done but to patiently wait until the announcement is made, on Thursday next, at the same time we may venture the opinion that it will be nearer the latter figure than the former.

We hardly think it is necessary for us to recapitulate the arrangements which have been made to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of those who will attend the two celebrations at the Albert Hall next week. Those who intend to be present—and we understand "all the world and his wife" have secured tickets—are acquainted with the programme, and the few who are yet shut out will have full details supplied to them on application to the office of the Institution, either for tickets or programmes; all we need ask them to do is to be as quick as possible in making up their mind, and if there are yet any who are wavering as to what they should do, we would once more point out that there is a grand opening available and a noble result waiting for them. It is yet possible for those who are still undetermined to raise the total number of Stewards to fifteen hundred, and this alone is a consummation devoutly to be wished, even setting aside the corresponding increase which would take place in the ultimate total as the result of so large an addition to the number of active workers. Remember, 1500 Stewards are wanted, and there yet remain five days to raise the total to that number. Who will volunteer for the service, and secure for the Grand Master of England such a result as would put all other celebrations far in the shade, and realise the fulfilment of his fondest hopes?

THE MASONIC EMBLEMS

IT cannot be denied by those who have passed through the vails, that the very progress of Masons, in their journey from darkness to light, is regulated at every point and stopping place by some incident or illustration familiar to them as readers of God's inspired volume.

The ladder wich Jacob saw has been adopted by us, the three principal rounds of which are Faith, Hope, and Charity; and our whole course and progress are regulated by that beautiful implement which is to mark the degrees by which we are to ascend from our state of ignorance and indifference to the highest intelligence, to the brightest honours, and to the highest points of virtue and usefulness in Freemasonry.

There is not an emblem, not a badge, not a sign or signal, not an implement of our Craft—there is nothing connected with our Heaven-ordained Brotherhood which is not designed either to teach a moral lesson, to inculcate some truth, to vindicate and establish some virtue, to propagate some righteous principle of humanity, to relieve the sufferings of our kind, or to scatter light and knowledge among men.

Every piece of furniture in one of our Lodges, implement or instrument of work, every figure on the checkered floor, everything the eye can behold, impresses—or ought to do so—the mind with some truth, some principle, some moral or religious sentiment, or some precept of humanity.

The square which is used by all Masons, the level and the plumb, which likewise are found in every region, and in every Lodge where Masonry has established its beneficent influence, teach such lessons of morality, virtue, and religion as must command the respect of all regulated minds. The square enjoins morality, the plumb rectitude of conduct, and the level admonishes us that we all share in a common equality.

In a word, the level, with the square and plumb, constitute the immovable jewels of a Lodge, impress us that all men are equal by birth; that talent, probity, and the noble exercise of the gifts with which we have been endowed by the Creator, alone make the difference between the men of this or any other generation of the sons of Adam.

The working tools of the Society alone should be quite enough to win the esteem of every man who has a right appreciation of the duties, and the obligations, and the wants of life. There is scarcely an instrument belonging to the Fraternity that does not inculcate some token of industry, and that does not imprint on the mind the importance and necessity of labour. They not only enforce the lessons spoken of above, that all men are equal, and are actually equal by nature, but they impress the other more important one, that man must labour, and must not be ashamed of toil.

The apron which Masons wear, besides being an emblem of innocence, is the sign of industry; and all the badges and implements of our Craft, impart two ideas most essential to be perceived, those of labour and equality. The curse pronounced upon Adam (and consequently upon his posterity) was: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread until thou return unto the ground." And the rites, mysteries, ceremonies, and observances of Freemasonry recognise this stern command. The very pillars of a Lodge represent wisdom to devise, strength to support, and beauty to adorn.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon is to assemble at Ilfracombe on Wednesday, 13th June, the large hall in the Ilfracombe Hotel being selected for the purpose. The Committee of Petitions will meet at quarter-past twelve, under the chairmanship of Bro. W. D. Rogers P.G.D. the Deputy Prov. G.M. At three o'clock the Province will meet, the R.W. Bro. Lord Ebrington, M.P., Prov. G.M., presiding. The agenda paper shows no lack of business to transact, and the appointment of the new Officers is always a source of interest, not forgetting the election of Prov. Grand Treasurer, which office, according to report, is likely to fall to a popular Plymouth brother. The Prov. G. Secretary's analysis of the returns of the 51 Lodges shews the membership to have slightly increased, the total now being 2,694, as compared with 2,640 in 1887. The present Lodge Concord, No. 1135, held in the Masonic Hall, Ilfracombe, and warranted in 1866, is called after an old Lodge which was originally chartered at Devonport in 1784, and was working later on at Ilfracombe, but was erased in 1828. Bro. W. Rees is the Master, and Captain Ivincy the I.P.M. The membership of the Lodge has increased fully 50 per cent. during the last year.—*Western Morning News.*

One of the matters to be decided at next Wednesday's Communication of Grand Lodge is the election of a number of Present and Past Masters to serve on the Board of General Purposes, and among the brethren nominated is Bro. Charles Belton, the present Master of the Dene Lodge, No. 2228, P.M. P.Z., P.G.S.W. Surrey, &c., who has served on the Board since June 1886, and has acted as its Vice-President during the past year. We do not desire to make any invidious distinction between the candidates, whose claims will be decided next week, but we know that Bro. Belton has conscientiously discharged his duties in the past, and that it will be his endeavour to retain the approval of the Craft in the future if he is re-elected, a matter which will of course rest with those who are present at Grand Lodge.

At the Albion, on Thursday, 24th ult., the annual meeting of the Joppa Chapter took place; the election of Officers resulted as follows—Comps. Lewis M. Myers, C.C., M.E.Z., H. P. Isaac P.Z. H., J. W. Dewsnap P.Z. J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, Isaac Myers S.N., H. Davies P.S., W. S. Lyon 1st A.S., H. Saqui 2nd A.S., Goddard Janitor.

The *Natal Mercury* states that notification has been received in the Colony that the Supreme Council of England and Wales have, upon the recommendation of Illustrious Bro. R. I. Finnemore, 32nd degree, Inspector General, been pleased to confer the thirtieth degree upon Bro. Julius Schulz, M.D., of Durban, and upon Bro. F. L. Jonsson, of Durban.

DEATH.

CUMBERLAND.—At Alfred House, Rosendale Road, West Dulwich, S.E., on Thursday, 24th May, in his 19th year, Mr. J. B. S. CUMBERLAND, son of Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, P.M. 2128, &c. The funeral took place at Norwood Cemetery, on Monday last.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CHIGWELL LODGE, No. 453.

A LARGE company of the members of this Lodge and their friends attended at the Forest Hotel, Chingford, last Saturday, to celebrate the Jubilee year of the Lodge, and to meet the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke, who had promised to be present on the occasion. Bro. Alfred J. Dixie W.M. presided, and was supported by Past Masters H. Holloway, John Corble, Alfred Buck, George Martin, George Corble Secretary, R. Martin, John Glass Treasurer, George Motion and B. H. Pearson; E. Egan J.W., F. C. Dixie S.D., F. A. Renshaw I.G., Bros. W. A. Glass, H. S. Homewood, T. A. Motion, J. J. Winser, J. S. Motion, A. R. Secker, T. W. Tucker, J. Bowles and J. R. Breading. Among the Visitors were Bros. T. J. Ralling Prov. G. Soc. Essex, A. Lucking P.G.D.C., Cox P.G.S., G. H. Finch P.G.S.W., T. Humphreys P.G.J.W., James Salmon P.G. Registrar, J. J. C. Turner P.P.G.O., H. Dehane P.P.S.D., G. L. Bokenham, W. H. Ingham, I. de Solla, R. G. Kestin, J. J. Goode, H. Thompson, Arthur Bonsall, F. G. Scheib, G. S. Edwards, W. T. Christian P.M., Orlton Cooper, and many others. Lord Brooke telegraphed to say that, owing to a visit from H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, it would be impossible for him to attend until late in the afternoon. The Lodge being duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the Brethren proceeded to the election of their Master for the ensuing year. The ballot was unanimous in favour of Bro. Edmund Egan the present J.W., who, after having been officially informed of the fact by the W.M., suitably returned thanks. Bros. John Glass P.M. P.P.G.S. of W., and Robert W. Goddard, were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bros. T. A. Motion, W. A. Glass, and H. S. Homewood, were raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., who rendered the service in a highly impressive manner, and gave the traditional history and explained the "points." The business of Lodge having terminated, the Brethren proceeded to the Connaught Hall were the banquet was served. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master was present, and was seated at the right of the W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured. Bros. Ralling, Lucking, and Cox responded for the Grand Officers. In proposing the health of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Dixie said that this was virtually the toast of the evening; it was the first time the Chigwell Lodge had been honoured with a visit from Lord Brooke, and he was sure the Brethren were deeply gratified at his presence. Since their guest was installed as Provincial Grand Master of Essex, in 1883, Masonry had made considerable progress. There were at that time nineteen Lodges, and now there are twenty-six, while two others were coming to Essex next month; this would make an increase of nine Lodges established under his lordship's rule. He was generally present at the consecration meetings, and altogether fulfilled the duties appertaining to his high office to the utmost satisfaction of the county. The great interest evinced by his lordship in all Masonic matters would endear him to their hearts, and he (Bro. Dixie) was sure the toast would be cordially received. Lord Brooke in reply commenced by thanking the Master and Brethren for their kind reception and generous hospitality. He found it almost impossible to say anything fresh on the subject of our grand Order, but his hearers knew full well to what an extent it was carried in the province of Essex. He regretted his inability to take part in the Masonic duties that afternoon, but from what he knew he was sure their W.M. gave a most excellent example of the manner in which those duties should be carried out. With reference to the Masonic Charities, he was very glad to hear what substantial sums were collected by the Chigwell Lodge for the Institutions. He trusted that if the number of Lodges increased the members would be just and worthy men, who would be a credit to Freemasonry. He had attended several of the Lodges in the province, and he would endeavour to visit them all, but he was sure he could not meet with a heartier welcome than that he was now accorded, and he hoped it would not be his last visit. Bro. Thomas Humphreys responded for the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, &c., and regretted the absence of Bro. Philbrick. They were, however, compensated for this by the presence of the Prov. G.M., which added so greatly to the pleasure of the meeting. As P.G. Officers they were proud to serve under such a Master. The Prov. G. Officers had experienced great delight at the working of the W.M., and he could safely say that he had never attended a Lodge were the working had been carried out in a more satisfactory manner. Lord Brooke proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and said he could see how highly Bro. Dixie was esteemed by the Brethren; he was sure he well sustained the credit of the Lodge. He was pleased to see him supported by so many Grand Officers, and congratulated the Lodge on having such an excellent Master. In response, Bro. Dixie said he was proud to know he had the good wishes of the Brethren; he was proud that the Lodge in which he had been initiated had attained its Jubilee; he was proud of being its Master, and that the Provincial Grand Master had honoured the Lodge with a visit during his year of office. He then gave a short résumé of the history of the Lodge and other interesting memoranda. They had now twelve Past Masters, nine of whom were wearing provincial purple. He also stated that the Lodge had subscribed that year 210 guineas to the Masonic Charities. As this would be the last time of his occupying the chair as W.M. he took the opportunity of thanking the Brethren for the support they had afforded him. The other toasts were the W.M. Elect, The Past Masters, The Visitors, and The Officers; and a very pleasant evening having been spent, Bro. Goddard was summoned, and he gave the Tyler's toast, after which the company separated. We must not forget to mention that the proceedings were considerable enlivened by songs and recitations, given by Bros. John Turner, J. S. Motion, Geo. Corble, A. Renshawe, H. S. Homewood, W. E. Glass, and others.

LIBERTY OF HAVERING LODGE, No. 1437.

AT the usual meeting, held at the Rising Sun Hotel, Romford, on Thursday, 24th ult., Bros. Wild and Chalk were raised by the W.M. Bro. T. Humphreys P.G.S.W., after which the question of removing the Lodge to more suitable accommodation, owing to its growing requirements, was discussed, and it was ultimately decided to remove to the Golden Lion Hotel. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Theo. Davey S.W. Bro. F. A. White was also unanimously elected Treasurer. The installation meeting of the Lodge will take place on the fourth Thursday in June.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE, No. 1679.

ON Saturday, 26th ult., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, the following Officers were duly installed, viz.—Bros. Penney W.M., Underwood S.W., Reddall J.W., Bagot Scriven Treasurer, Alfred Sack P.M. Secretary, Clark S.D., Boyce J.D., Hembrow I.G., Arnold P.M. Steward, Stampfer P.M. D.C. At the conclusion of Lodge business the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

CONSECRATION OF THE POWELL LODGE, No. 2257.

AN event of very rare occurrence and of exceptional interest attracted to Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol, on Monday afternoon, the 28th ult., one of the largest gatherings of brethren that has ever assembled within its walls. The rapid growth of the Craft in Bristol during the last few years led several brethren to the conclusion that there was room for another Lodge—the ninth in the province. The project being approved by the rulers of the Order, a warrant was granted by the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales. The founders considered that the deep interest which the present D.P.G.M. Bro. Powell, and his family have long taken in Freemasonry in Bristol, and the remarkable fact that he and his father before him have ruled the province for something like half a century, ought to be commemorated by calling the new Lodge the Powell Lodge, and this decision was received with approval by the authorities in London, and with enthusiasm throughout the province of Bristol. At the consecration the D.P.G.M. was assisted by Bros. Alfred Deeles Prov. S.G.W., Shorland Prov. J.G.W., Pierrepont Harris Prov. G.S., the Rev. J. H. Wilkinson Prov. G.C., Powell Prov. S.G.D., Lambert Prov. G.D., E. Beadon Colthurst Prov. G.D.C., Cooke Prov. A.D.C., Stock Prov. G.Sd.B., Galpin Prov. G.St.B., Thomas Prov. G.P. There were also present Bros. Bramble P.A.G.D.G., Taylor P.G.St.B., Stothert G.St.B., Homfray D.P.G.M. Mon., Rebbeck P.P.S.G.W. Hants, and a large number of brethren of the province and visitors. The Powell Lodge, No. 2257, was consecrated with the usual ceremony, a very fine oration on the charitable objects of the Order being delivered by the Prov. G.C. The musical portion of the ceremony was excellently rendered by a choir of brethren organised and conducted by Prov. F. S. Parminter Prov. Organist, Bro. Pierrepont Harris P.P.S.G.W. was installed as first W.M., and appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Trott S.W., Dowson J.W., Abbott Treas., Heaton Sec., Alison S.D., Jones J.D., Harold Lewis D.C., and Chandler I.G. The first joining member proposed was the nephew of the D.P.G.M. The brethren of the new Lodge and others afterwards dined together at the Royal Hotel, College Green.

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VISIT OF THE GRAND MASTER TO ABERDEEN.

THE ceremony of visiting the Aberdeen City Province by the Grand Master of Scotland, Sir Archibald Campbell, of Blythswood, M.P., took place on Monday. The various Lodges within the Province met in the Masonic Hall in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and a Deputation from the Grand Lodge. Among the Grand Officers present were the Earl of Haddington, the Rev. R. M. Henderson Chaplain, D. Murray Lyon Secretary, J. Dalrymple Duncan G.D., Lieut.-Col. J. Campbell J.D., Dr. John Falconer Proxy Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales, James Crichton Grand Sword Bearer, Capt. Hector F. M'Lean Provincial Grand Master of Upper Ward of Lanarkshire, William Boyd Provincial Grand Master East Aberdeenshire, Major F. Wallan Proxy Provincial Grand Master Gibraltar, George Fisher Past Grand Bible Bearer, Robert Nisbet Representative of the Grand Lodge Utah, John Wilson Representative of the Grand Lodge South Carolina, Charles Baxter W.S. Proxy Master Lodge Independence Lucknow. The Right Worshipful Master was accorded a hearty and loyal reception. In the evening a banquet was held in the Imperial Hotel, about 100 brethren being present. Brother Charles Wilson, Master of the Aberdeen Lodge (the senior Lodge of the Province), occupied the chair, and was supported on the right by the Grand Master of Scotland, and on the left by the Earl of Haddington Depute Grand Master. Bro. Peter Crombie, St. Andrew's Lodge, was croupier.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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SHINES FOR ALL.

An Oration by James Albert Zabriskie, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Arizona, 10th November 1887.

ANOTHER year has come and gone, with its vicissitudes, its joys and its sorrows. Again we are assembled to review our work, and to present our annual record. It is fitting and proper, on these recurring periods of investigation and consultation, that we should carefully scan with miscroscopic vision the causes and effects which operate to advance or retard the cause of Masonry. In this brilliant and progressive epoch in the world's history the Masonic spirit is controlled by the materialistic and utilitarian idea, rather than impelled to aggressive action by the dangers which environ it. In this age of free thought and liberal views men forget that danger ever threatened, or that despotism ever wielded its bloody sceptre. Poor, weak humanity, released from the thraldom of oppression, trips lightly and gaily along without a thought of the morrow, or a latent dread of future woe. The struggles of one generation are forgotten by the next, and the miseries of our ancestors seem to leave no durable impression upon the minds and hearts of their descendants.

As the stirring events which have signalized the various epochs in history become more and more remote, so the recollection of their blighting effects gradually become dim until the lessons of history are lost upon posterity, and the fearful realities of the past are seen through a filmy and shadowy retrospect, which engages and diverts the mind, without instructing the judgment. Ages roll by, and the cycles of time pass in review in accordance with the eternal decrees of immutable law, and yet this indelible record of stupendous events, while pregnant with meaning to the judicious few, is virtually unheeded by the multitude. Ignorance and apathy go hand in hand, and revel in the enjoyment of that liberty which intellectual vigour and physical prowess have established through years of trial, suffering, indomitable perseverance and self abnegation. The lessons of the past are forgotten, or not deemed worthy of remembrance. The absence of immediate danger dispels the anxions fears of the earnest inquirer, and an injudicions self-confidence, as false and groundless as the "baseless fabric of a vision," is substituted for that "eternal vigilance which is the price of liberty."

What are we to understand by these remarkable exhibitions of human credulity? Is it true that mankind are incapable of self government; that wisdom can only be acquired through the merciless lashings of oppression; that the human heart is so constituted that man cannot reason calmly and dispassionately upon questions affecting his temporal and eternal welfare, and that he cannot realize threatened dangers until, completely surrounded by the demons of fury, he is compelled to recognize the terrors of the situation, and to strike in his own defence? Have we reached a point in human affairs where, after a careful analysis of historical facts, we are forced to acknowledge that man is powerless to protect himself against the snares which beset his path, and that he can never reach that exalted plane of intellectual and moral grandeur, as to be steeled against the blandishments of selfishness on the one hand, and the degrading influence of temptation on the other. Are we prepared to make this humiliating confession? If so, our labours have been in vain. If we have reached the "*ultima thule*" of human hopes, then indeed have we fallen into the arms of despair.

The lessons of history, properly interpreted, do not permit a presumption so violent. Such conclusions necessarily obtain from a superficial review of immediate results, without peering into the hidden depths of original cause. The shallow investigator grasps at conclusions which are commensurate with *his* judgment. Such men are unable to reason from cause to effect. They seize a single idea, which may be a simple scintillation from the friction of thought, and imagining themselves possessed of some grand conception, cry out, in the ignorance of their souls "Eureka." Such men, gifted with an indomitable spirit, and possessed of great personal magnetism, produce impressions which are far-reaching and deleterious in their effects.

Thus error, starting from an ignorant conception, innocently entertained, goes forward, armour-clad by a frenzied zeal, hurling its poisoned shafts on every side, producing disorder and chaos, and resulting in physical and more upheavals, which reverberate throughout the universe. Masonry, in its pristine purity, seized the standard of Truth, and devoted its existence to the defence of its sublime teachings. Recognizing the fallibility of human judgment when based upon ignorance, Masonry early established and carefully nurtured the spirit of progress and individual culture. It encouraged a spirit of inquiry. It originated investigation, and stimulated the desire for more light on all subjects which are inseparably connected with man's advancement in moral and mental vigour. It kept the sacred fire of liberty burning upon the altar of truth, and during the darkest hours of superstition, and the bitterest persecutions of ecclesiastical hate, this spark of freedom was fanned and kept alive by the pure and holy spirit of sincere devotion. Thus the germ of liberty was preserved to us by Masonic fidelity, and thus Masonry has come to represent moral, physical and intellectual advancement.

No wonder, then, in subsequent years, when ecclesiastical and *regal* power became cemented in bonds of selfish unity for the destruction of every vestige of human freedom, that Masonry should have been the special mark for the shafts of hatred and condemnation. It is not surprising that an Institution which preserved this priceless boon of freedom and knowledge should be vindictively pursued and contemned by a power whose permanency and future security depended exclusively upon the perpetuity of ignorance, and the control of all knowledge. This eternal warfare is not ended, although we breathe the pure and enlightened atmosphere of the nineteenth century. The bloody host of error, ignorance, and ecclesiastical power, are ready again to lead on to gory fields the credulous hordes of fanatical fury, whenever an opportunity presents itself. Is Masonry alive to the situation? Do we fully appreciate the blessings which we have gained through so many years of terror and tribulation? Has peace and prosperity blinded our eyes to increasing danger, and caused us to revel in the delusive charms of fancied security? Are we to await until the tocsin sounds from the alarm tower before we gird on our armour and face threatened danger? Are we to fold our arms in passive submission and apathetic indifference until resistance will be useless? Have we become so engrossed with material advancement and selfish interests that we have forgotten the citadel of safety? Have we become so absorbed in sensuous delights and grovelling desires that the spirit which gave us pre-eminence has been prostituted upon the altar of Mammon? We sincerely trust not.

When a nation or a people become so blinded by prosperity and brutalized by avarice as to forget the gratitude they owe to their progenitors, their end is near. They are then ready for the knife of the executioner, and will soon become the prey of any monster who can charm their fancy or gratify their cupidity. The evils which have crept into the Masonic organization, while they cannot affect the true principles of Masonry, nevertheless retard the growth of the genuine feeling, and weaken the strength of its influence.

(To be continued.)

As soon as the "Masonic Week" is over, some of the friends of Bro. Berther propose to invite him to a luncheon, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, to celebrate his appointment as Manager there. We think Mrs. Spencer is to be congratulated on having secured Bro. Berther's services; as Deputy for many years to Bro. Madel, at the Freemasons' Tavern, his knowledge of the business should ensure him a successful career, while his uniform kindness and courtesy has secured him many friends.

How many a wife would like to have just one peep into the Lodge which her husband goes to, and see what he is really "up to" there. How many a woman wonders why she cannot be let into all the secrets of the Craft. Her husband promised her to be a comrade for life, and he has kept his word in every other particular but this. When he has been worried, he has let her share his cares; when he has lost money, he has allowed her to go without new hats and sealskin jackets; when he has been lucky he has made himself happy for her sake; when he has felt that he would worry her by stopping at home, he has gone to his club; she has opened his letters, and he has only complained formerly; he has confided to her all his plans, when he has felt she ought to know them, but this secret of Freemasonry he keeps to himself. Why?—*Exchange.*

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THE THEATRES, &c.

Princess's.—Mr. Wilson Barrett's return to his old home has enabled him to score another success. This has been brought about by Hall Caine's romantic drama, in five acts, entitled "The Ben-my-Chree." The play, which is from the novel "The Deemster," runs on similar lines to "Faust," with the exception that there is no Mephistopheles. The work, however, is so carefully written, and so powerfully acted that it is sure to have a long run. Of course there are faults, but they can easily be overlooked. For instance, we presume the audience ought to sympathise with Dan Mylrea, but why they should we cannot see; he is, in the first two acts, a lazy, good-for-nothing vagabond, who blames any one, rather than himself, because he loses a ploughing match. Again, when he is banished, we feel kindly towards him, but his speech to the caged bird is anything but in taste. Notwithstanding these faults, the play is so unconventional that it caused the audience to eagerly watch its progress from beginning to end. The situations are artistically led up to, the one at the end of the third, and again at the end of the last act, being alone sufficient to "make" the piece. Founded on a peculiar power held by the Church over the law, the authors have plenty of scope to work upon, and with what result we have already said. The main story can be told in a few words. Dan Mylrea has caused the whole of his relations to turn against him, except his cousin Mona. One evening she sends for Dan, to give him advice, and Mona's brother, Ewan, seeing Dan leave his sister's room by the window, accuses Dan of having been there for no good purpose, forces a quarrel on him, with result that Ewan is killed. For this Dan has sentence passed on him by his father, who represents the Church; this sentence is, that he be banished for ever from human society. How Dan's faithful friend, Davy Fayle, finds him out, and tells him that Mona is accused of unchastity, how Dan braves all danger, and confronts her accuser at the altar, with result that consequent on the shock to Mona she dies in Dan's arms. After this he is taken to death for having disobeyed the sentence passed on him. Although the end is a somewhat gloomy one, it is interesting. In Dan Mylrea Mr. Wilson Barrett has one of the parts he so delights in. In the first act he manages to depict the backsliding youth, while later on he is thoroughly sincere in his repentance. One question we would like to ask Mr. Barrett, how is it he is clean shaved after being away from civilisation for over a year? As Mona, Miss Eastlake is both winning and sympathetic, and gains the good opinion of her audience. One of the finest pieces of acting in the play is that of Mr. John Maclean as the Bishop. A more dignified and careful representation could not be wished for. Mr. H. Cooper-Cliffe was excellent, as the Governor of the Island, while Mr. Austin Melford was well suited in the Deemster. Mr. George Barrett was amusing and tender as the kind-hearted young fisherman Davy, but Mr. Charles Fulton would be more appreciated if he did not scowl so much. The numerous other parts were carefully acted by a well selected and painstaking company. We may add that Mr. Barrett's lease of the Princess's expires in about six weeks, when Miss Hawthorne will return, to produce a new piece.

Olympic.—Mr. Rutland Barrington's version of "Mr. Barnes of New York," which was first produced at a matinée, has recently been put in the evening bill, under the title of "To the Death." Since it was first produced the author has touched up his work here and there, with result that we now have a most powerful and interesting play. The last act has been shortened, and it is now a very strong one. The main fault, however, is in the casting of the characters. Of course there is an exception to every rule, and this time the exception is in favour of Mr. E. S. Willard, who resumes his original part of Danella. This actor gives a most vivid and artistic portrayal of the part, and nightly scores. Miss Amy McNeil, although always a painstaking actress, is not strong enough for the part of Marita Paoli; at times she was unable to rise to the situation. Mr. Yorke Stephens is interesting as Mr. Barnes, and he was ably backed in the love scenes by Miss Gertrude Kingston, as Enid. Miss Ellen Leyton made a mistake when she undertook the part of the mischievous Maud Charteris, but Mr. Julian Cross scored in his original part of old Thomasso. Mr. Reeves Smith made a manly Anstruther, the other characters call for no comment. "To the Death" has been drawing capital houses; we hope this will continue for some time to come.

On and after Monday next, and during the summer months, the performance of "Sweet Lavender," which is now approaching its 100th representation, at Terry's Theatre, will commence at 8.30 p.m. Notwithstanding the bright evenings, the piece is being played to as good business as ever, the "House full" boards being seen nightly. This is also the case with the "Real Little Lord Fauntleroy," who holds levées at 3 p.m. daily, with the exception of Saturdays, when "Sweet Lavender" gives her usual weekly matinée.

This evening (Saturday) Mrs. Bernard Beere will reproduce "Masks and Faces," in which she was recently so successful. Mrs. Beere will be supported by Miss Kate Vaughan (Mabel Vane), Mr. Henry Neville (Triplet), Mr. W. Herbert (Ernest Vane), and M. Marius (Sir Charles Pomander).

Miss Calhoun will start a season at the Royalty Theatre on Monday next, when will be presented, for the first time, "The Scarlet Letter," written by the Hon. Stephen Coleridge and Mr. Norman Forbes. Miss Calhoun will essay the part of Hester Prynne, and will be supported by Messrs. Forbes Robertson, Norman Forbes, A. Beaumont, Elwood, and Mrs. Huntley.

On Tuesday evening next, the charming little piece, entitled "Blackberries," will be revived at the Strand Theatre. Miss Alice Atherton will appear in her original part of Charlie Cobb, with new songs and dances. "His Wives" will still be kept in the bill.

That most successful opera, "The Mikado," will be revived at the Savoy Theatre next Thursday evening, with most of the original caste.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE ANONYMOUS CIRCULAR—BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A printed circular, containing the most impudent falsehoods, has been sent to me, which bears neither the name of the printer nor of the writer, while the paper has been carefully selected without a water-mark. I do not propose to refer to any of the libellous portions of the document, as I understand that as soon as the printer and writer of the same can be discovered, the lash of the criminal law will be applied to their backs.

Not knowing anything about the report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire therein referred to, I have made inquiries, and find that one of that description was issued in the year 1874, was discussed afterwards at several meetings of the General Committee, and a vote of "unabated confidence in the House and Audit Committees and Executive" was passed at a Quarterly Court on 10th April 1876, in a meeting of over 170 brethren, with only five dissentients. This report was issued in 1874, but as put forward by the anonymous scribbler is made to speak of 1888.

Whatever the Province of West Yorkshire thought then it is evidently of a different opinion now, as the Prov. Grand Master has nominated one of their most respected brethren, Bro. John Wordsworth, as a member of the House Committee. He will receive the unanimous support of the present members thereof.

The Secretarial and Office expenses—£7819 15s 6d—are also quoted from the same, 1874, report. In 1886 the office expenses were £1696, and in 1887 £1724. In the published report of the Institution for 1886, called in the circular "this year," the average cost per boy was £40 6s 7½d, and not £54 10s 3d as in the Yorkshire report 1874. The deficit on the general account for 1886, mentioned in the circular, is shown by the statement on page 26 to be £47 8s, the remainder of the adverse balance being caused by the extraordinary expenditure on the New Preparatory School. As the document has been extensively circulated on the eve of the election of the House Committee your readers can well appreciate the "fair spirit" of this cowardly attack, and may appreciate at its real value the desire "that the matters therein referred to should see a little daylight and be investigated." Why has the writer not faith enough in himself to append his signature to his precious production?

Yours sincerely,

A. F. GODSON.

2 Pump Court, Temple, E.C.
30th May 1888.

As we have said elsewhere the Freemasons of England will have a busy time of it in London during the next few days, and no doubt a few of them, and more particularly their fair friends who will join in the festivities, will need a little refreshment mixed with their labours. Ever ready to meet the requirements of their patrons, the proprietor's of the Holborn Restaurant have made special provision for the accommodation of some of those who will visit the metropolis, and for their especial benefit will start their table d'hote half an hour earlier than usual on the first four days of next week. In another column will be found copies of the menus which will be offered on these occasions, and which will no doubt be largely patronised by English Craftsmen and their friends, more especially on Thursday, when so many ladies will take part in the celebration at the Albert Hall, and will require something substantial as a basis on which to enjoy the "light" refreshment which will be there provided for them, and which we are informed will be in marked contrast to the more substantial repast of their favoured brothers, the Stewards for the Festival.

The company present on Friday, at the banquet given by the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House, to the members of the Emulation Lodge, of which he is W.M., included Mr. Ex-Sheriff Burt, J.P., Major and Sheriff Davies, J.P., and Mr. Sheriff Higgs.

Bro. E. T. Edwards is the Master designate of the Chough Lodge, which will shortly be consecrated.

The Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction now hold their meetings at the Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, at eight o'clock.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire will be held on Thursday, the 28th June next, at Newport, under the banner of the Silurian Lodge.

AN OLD LODGE. — St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of Newport, R.I. celebrated the one hundred and thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Lodge on 19th December 1887, when Bro. Robert S. Franklin was elected W.M.

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The Table d'Hote Menus for the principal days during the Masonic week will be as under, and served from FIVE till NINE o'Clock each Evening:—

TABLE D'HOTE,
Monday, 4th June 1888.

Distribution of Prizes, R.M.I.G.

Soups.
Mock Turtle.
Spring à la Royale.

Fish.
Salmon, Mousseline Sauce & Cucumber.
Whitebait.
Boiled Potatoes.

Entrées.
Lamb Cutlets and Peas.
Chicken Sauté à la Portugaise.
Potatoes Sauté.

Removes.
Ham and Madeira.
French Beans.
Rast Ribs of Beef and Horseradish.
New Potatoes.

Sweets.
Cabinet Pudding. Strawberry Tartlets.
Orange Jelly.
Ice Pudding.

Cheese. French Salad.

Dessert.

TABLE D'HOTE,
Tuesday, 5th June 1888.

Grand Lodge of Mark Masons.

Soups.
Portuguese.
Consommé à la Italian Paste.

Fish.
Salmon, Lobster Sauce and Cucumber.
Whitebait.
Boiled Potatoes.

Entrées.
Civet of Venison à la Chasseur.
French Beans.
Pigeons and Peas. Potatoes Sauté.

Removes.
Tongue and Madeira.
Spring Cabbage.
Roast Lamb and Mint Sauce.
New Potatoes.

Sweets.
Cherry Tart. Maids of Honour.
Gelée à l'eau Dantzic.
Ice Pudding.

Cheese. French Salad.

Dessert.

TABLE D'HOTE,
Wednesday, 6th June 1888.

United Grand Lodge.

Soups.
Purée St. Germain.
Consommé à la Paysanne.

Fish.
Turbot and Caper Sauce.
Fried Filets of Soles and Tomato Sauce.
Boiled Potatoes.

Entrées.
Sweetbreads in Cases.
Chicken and Peas.
Potatoes Lyonaise.

Removes.
Braised Beef Jardiniere.
French Beans.
Roast Saddle of Mutton and Red Currant Jelly. Boiled Potatoes.

Sweets.
Apricots à la Condé. Genoise Glacé.
Macedoine Jelly. Strawberry Cream.

Cheese. French Salad.

Dessert.

TABLE D'HOTE,
Thursday, 7th June 1888.

FESTIVAL R.M.I.G.

Soups.
Ox Tail.
Consommé à la Royale.

Fish.
Salmon and Shrimp Sauce.
Whitebait. Boiled Potatoes.

Entrées.
Small Fillets of Beef and Olives.
Potatoes Santé.
Pigeons Sauté à la Portugaise.

Removes.
Roast Lamb and Mint Sauce.
Spring Cabbage. Roast Sirloin of Beef.
New Potatoes.

Sweets.
Apricots à la Richelieu.
Tartlets à la Bordelaise.
Strawberry Jelly. Ice Pudding.

Cheese. French Salad.

Dessert.

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Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales.

THE

CENTENARY FESTIVAL

WILL BE CELEBRATED

ON THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE 1888,

(The day after the meeting of United Grand Lodge),

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ON WHICH OCCASION

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Prov. G.M. Lancashire Western Division.

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It is most important that Brethren desiring to act as Stewards on this unique occasion should communicate their intention to the Secretary with as little delay as possible, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Office—5 Freemasons' Hall,
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May 1888.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are most urgently needed this year, as, owing to the confidently anticipated and naturally to be expected exceptional support assured to the Centenary Celebration of the sister Institution, the gravest apprehensions are excited as to the realisation of the amount absolutely required to meet the ordinary annual expenditure.

The Annual Stewards' Visit, Entertainment, and Distribution of Prizes to Pupils, will take place at the Institution, at Wood Green, on Saturday, the 23rd June.

UNITED NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 2128.

THE Regular Meeting of the above Lodge will be held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, at 5 p.m. prompt, on Tuesday, 5th June next, and as there will be a great number of Masons in London during that week, Provincial and other Brethren are cordially invited. Supper after Lodge, 5s 6d each.—S. B. Bolas, Secretary, 11 Ludgate-hill, E.C.

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SUBSCRIBERS and Friends of this Institution are respectfully requested not to place reliance on the unfounded, calumnious, and libellous allegations as set forth in an anonymous circular to which extreme publicity has recently been given—the object of which evidently is to injure the Institution, and to damage the characters of all connected with its Management.

The author of the circular in question omits to state that the Report, from which quotations are largely made, was issued in 1874, and that the grounds of complaint were then investigated and found to be non-existent. And

That the excess of expenditure over receipts in 1886—not "this year"—was entirely due to building extension.

The Institution is not only not in a "state of Bankruptcy," but its Funds are in as satisfactory a condition as at any time during its existance, while the extent and value of its property has been largely increased.

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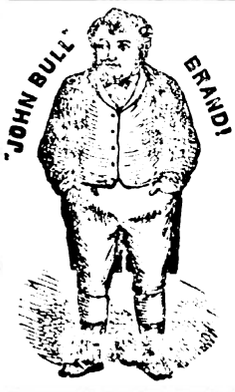
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THE FREEMASON'S HOLY BIBLE CHRONICLE

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday, 22nd ult., at Stow-on-the-Wold, by command of the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., the Grand Master of the Province. Notwithstanding the inconveniences of the railway service, the number present was large; and unusual interest attached to the proceedings from the fact that two of the permanent offices, those of Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Secretary, had lately become vacant by resignation. The lately deceased Brother Brook-Smith had resigned the Deputyship a few weeks before his death, upon his appointment to the Head Mastership of the Modern side of the College; and Bro. E. Trinder, of Cirencester, had also intimated to the Provincial Grand Master that he could not accept re-appointment as Secretary. Since the reformation of Provincial Grand Lodge for Gloucestershire in 1856—formerly for a century it had formed part of the joint Province of Worcester, Gloucester, and Hereford—there has been but two Deputies, whose term of Office has been coincident with that of their Grand Masters. Brother Newmarch, to whose personal exertions and influence the re-organisation of the Province was mainly due, had his services in this respect acknowledged by being appointed Deputy to the late Lord Sherborne (then the Hon. R. Dutton) on the acceptance by the latter of the office of Prov. Grand Master in 1856. Bro. Newmarch filled the post with eminent success until 1880, when he followed his chief into retirement; and in the same year Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach succeeded Lord Sherborne and selected Bro. Brook-Smith, in compliance with the general feeling of the Province, as his Deputy. On Bro. Brook-Smith's retirement, Bro. Vassar-Smith was nominated as his successor. Bro. Vassar-Smith is W.M. of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, P.M. of 839, and a Past Warden of the Province; but it is pre-eminently as Prov. Charity Secretary that he has rendered service to the Craft in Gloucestershire. Bro. E. Trinder has filled the office of Prov. Grand Secretary during the whole of the thirty-two years that have elapsed since 1856. Bro. J. B. Winterbotham, who succeeded him, is a P.M. of the Foundation Lodge, No. 82. Provincial Grand Lodge has not been held at Stow-on-the-Wold for about twenty years, and the Local Lodge, No. 951, has exerted itself to atone for its shortcomings in railway communication by the hospitality of its welcome. Lodge was held in the St. Edwards Hall, a building well suited for the gathering, and the large room used as the Lodge room was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers. The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., presided, and before the regular business was proceeded with made a touching allusion to the death of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, of whom, he said, he felt unable to speak as he should wish, from the feelings which overcame him. He concluded by proposing a vote recording the loss the Province had sustained, and of condolence of its members with Bro. Bro. Brook-Smith's family. The question of the form of perpetuating his memory was referred to a committee, as was also a proposal made by the Dean of Gloucester, that certain gilding should be added to the reredos in Gloucester Cathedral, in accordance, the Dean said, with the original design of Sir Gilbert Scott. The appointment of Officers was then made, as follows, Brother Vassar-Smith being received with enthusiasm:—

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J. Hyde, J. Bradstock	Standard Bearers
W. Parry	Pursuivant
H. Browett, J. F. Nicholls	Stewards

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire was held at the Borough Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 29th inst. Grand Lodge was opened at half-past twelve, under the presidency of Worshipful Bro. Col. Foster Gough, acting Provincial Grand Master, and there was a large muster from the various Lodges throughout the Province, in all rather more than 200 brethren singing the Tyler's book. The following among other brethren were present :—

Bros. J. F. Pepper P.G.S.W., E. H. Croydon P.G.J.W., the Rev. F. H. Beaven 726 P.G. Chaplain, T. Spencer P.G. Registrar, E. H. Thorne P.G. Secretary, W. G. Lowe 629 P.G.S.D., D. Smith 633 P.G.J.D., W. Brown 347 P.G. Superintendent of Works, G. H. Stanger 419 P.G. Director of Ceremonies, T. H. Cope 1520 P.G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Dr. E. W. Taylor P.G. Organist, G. C. Kent 546 P.G. Assistant Secretary, W. Bamford 966 P.G. Pursuivant, G. S. Hildick 539, J. Smith 460, and G. W. Dance 662 P.G. Stewards, W. Twist 419 526 1838 P.G. Tyler, J. J. Tomlinson 726 Assistant-Tyler, and a numerous assemblage of the brethren of the Province.

The minutes of the last annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Westbromwich, and of an emergency meeting, held at Etruria, having been read, the Provincial Grand Secretary read a letter from Bro. Col. Tudor, in which he said that after a service of twenty years it was with feelings of regret that, in consequence of the state of his health and his inability to reside in the Province during the winter months, he had felt it his duty to resign his appointment in the Province. He acknowledged the invaluable assistance that he had received from Col. Foster Gough, and noted the fact that there were now 29 Lodges in the Province as compared with 19 when he was appointed P.G.M. He had appointed about 300 brethren P.G. Officers, and his only regret in this respect was that he had been obliged to pass over so many brethren who were deserving of the honour. He recorded his thanks to the P.G. Officers generally for the valuable assistance that he had received from them, and to the brethren throughout the Province for their unvarying loyalty and support. In conclusion, he said the sceptre he was laying down was one of which a prince might be proud, and asked that the same sympathy and support might be extended to his successor.

Col. Foster Gough said he was sure they must all feel very deeply the loss they had sustained by the resignation of the Worshipful Brother who had so long and so faithfully performed the duties of his high office. For himself personally, it was a terrible wrench to find himself thus separated from those with whom he had been associated for upwards of 30 years. They could not possibly have found one more faithful, more industrious, more loyal to the solemn trust reposed in him, and scarcely one so thoroughly skilled in all the ancient usages, traditions, customs, and ceremonies of the Order. It could also be said of him that he was a pattern of justice and sincerity in all his actions, and there was no one of whom it could be said with greater truth that he possessed the true spirit of an English soldier and an English gentleman. He moved, that this meeting of the P.G. Lodge of Staffordshire has received with profound regret the letter of the Right Worshipful Brother Col. Tudor, intimating his resignation of his office of P.G.M., and desires to express its sincere and hearty appreciation of his long and valuable services to the Province and its earnest wishes for his long life, health, and happiness; also that the resolution be engrossed on vellum and presented to the late Right Worshipful Prov. G.M. The resolution was seconded and carried unanimously. The roll of Lodges in the Province was then called over, and apologies were announced from various brethren, including Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Sec., Bros. Frank James, Bodenham (the latter of whom was unable to be present owing to domestic bereavement), and G. Gordon-Warren. On the motion of Col. Gough, seconded by the G.S.W., a resolution was passed deploring the sad bereavement sustained by Bro. Bodenham in the lamented death of his wife, and tendering to him sincere sympathy in his great trial. In the absence of Bro. Bodenham, the Treasurer's statement was submitted by Bro. Watkins. It showed the dues received from the various Lodges during the year, the fees of honour paid by the Provincial Grand Officers on appointment, and several other items of income, the total receipts having been £181 15s 3d, or, with a balance of £20 4s 6d for the previous year, £201 19s 9d. On the other hand, the expenditure, including expenses of P.G. meetings, insurance premiums, expenses of elections to the Royal Masonic Institutions, donations, &c., had amounted to £136. On the investment account, it appeared that there was a sum of £570 invested in Government stocks. Col. Gough, in moving that the accounts be adopted, testified to the admirable system on which they were kept. The only thing he found fault with was that out of a total of upwards of 12,000 subscribing brethren 117 were in arrear with their subscriptions, while of that number as many as 62 were in three Lodges. On the present occasion he would not name those Lodges, but he trusted to hear a better account of them in the future. The accounts were unanimously passed. The following appointments were then made by Col. Foster Gough :—

Bro. Blair 546, J. E. Woods 456	Wardens
Rev. F. H. Beaven 736 (re-app.), Rev. H. Abud 456	Chaplains
J. Bodenham 726 (re-elected)	Treasurer
J. L. Hamshaw 418	Registrar
E. H. Thorne 1838	Secretary
T. Ryder 1792, S. Bentley 98	Deacons
E. V. Greatbatch 418	Superintendent of Works
G. H. Stanger 419	Director of Ceremonies
— Wooldridge 726	Assistant D.C.
J. F. Milner 966	Sword Bearer
— Hildick 539, C. W. Watkins 1941	Standard Bearers
Dr. E. W. Taylor 726	Organist
— Ashwell 637	Assistant Secretary
G. Ashmall 1039	Pursuivant
— Bates 419	Assistant Pursuivant
W. D. Batkin 726, — Bates 1060, H. J. Clarson 1060, W. E. Marsh 526, J. Woods 1038, E. J. Mousley S.W. 726, T. Masters J.W. 726	Stewards
W. Twist 526 (re-elected)	Tyler

Col. Gough said it had been his intention, after the appointment of Officers, to direct the attention of Grand Lodge to several matters of importance to the Province, but owing to want of time he must confine himself to the briefest summary. He first offered a few words of congratulation on the large attendance of brethren, and then proceeded to speak of the excellent effect produced by frequent attendance of Officers at Lodges of Instruction, and to congratulate the Province on the good discipline and harmony prevailing in the various Lodges, and the excellent work that was being carried on in behalf of the Charities. He added a few words commendatory of the London "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge (of which Sir Charles Warren was W.M.) and its objects of spreading information among the Craft on all matters of recondite interest by means of a Correspondence Circle of which every properly constituted Lodge may become a member. In conclusion, he noticed the contemplated alteration in the boundaries of some counties, and intimated that so far as Freemasonry was concerned his Royal Highness the Grand Master was not in favour of any alteration whatever being made in the boundaries of his Masonic Kingdom. The brethren then proceeded to St. Mary's Church, where Divine service was held. On the re-assembling of the Provincial Grand Lodge after service, votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. F. H. Beaven for his excellent sermon, to the Rector for the use of the church, and to Dr. Taylor for his admirable arrangement of the service. The collection amounted to £9, and of this sum £5 was voted to St. Chad's (Stafford) Building Fund, two guineas to St. Mary's Eastgate Schools, and two guineas to St. Paul's Schools, Burton-on-Trent. Col. Gough testified to the admirable way in which the auditors of the Provincial Grand Lodge had performed their duties. He moved the re-appointment of the auditors—viz., Wor. Bros. W. H. Hales P.M. 418 P.P.G.W., J. F. Pepper P.M. 482 Prov. G. W., and C. W. Watkins P.M. 1941. This was unanimously agreed to. Bro. F. Woolley (Stafford) brought up a report from the Cartwright Memorial Fund

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Committee, from which it appeared that the subscriptions to the fund amounted to £170, out of which £24 had been expended upon a presentation to the late Provincial Grand Secretary of a gold watch, leaving a balance of £146. He stated that a meeting of the Investment Committee had been held that morning to consider as to the disposal of the balance, and the Committee suggested that the money in hand should be invested in the names of Bros. Croydon, Barnett, and Woolley, for the assistance of necessitous brethren or their widows in the Province, while their claims upon the benevolent fund were under consideration. Bro. Bromley (Hanley) proposed, and Bro. Faram seconded a resolution in accordance with the suggestion of the Committee. Bro. E. H. Croydon stated that the Sutherland Lodge of Unity had voted a sum of five guineas to the Cartwright Fund, and it was hoped that their example would be followed by other Lodges. Bro. Greatbach suggested that as the Provincial Grand Lodge had a large fund in hand a sum of 100gs. should be voted to the Cartwright Memorial Fund, and moved that a grant be made from the Provincial Grand Lodge fund to that amount. Col. Gough pointed out that notice of motion would be requisite, and Bro. Greatbach accordingly gave notice of motion for the next Provincial Grand Lodge. There was no further business, and the Lodge was closed in the usual form. Subsequently a banquet was served in the Shire Hall by Bro. Bennett, of the Vine Hotel, whose catering gave universal satisfaction. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by the songs and glees of a quartette of Stafford vocalists.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. G. LODGE OF N.E. YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, 23rd ult., at Malton, on the invitation of the Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 277. The meeting was held in the Assembly Room and the Masonic Hall, the former having been handsomely fitted up for the Provincial Lodge. The occasion was also of more than ordinary interest to the Province on account of the installation of Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett as Provincial Grand Master of North-East Yorkshire, in succession to Bro. J. W. Woodall, of Scarborough. The brethren having assembled, the Fitzwilliam Mark Lodge was opened, and the Provincial Grand Lodge then entered, and was duly opened. After the usual business had been transacted, R.W. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. was installed as Grand Mark Master of the Province, the ceremony being performed by the retiring Grand Master, Bro. J. W. Woodall, assisted by Bro. C. L. Mason P.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire and Bro. Dr. T. Smyth D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, and P.G. Chaplain of England. The newly-installed Provincial Grand Master afterwards invested his Officers for the year, as follow :—

Bro. T. B. Whytehead, York, T.I.	S.W.
W. Constable P.M. 277	J.W.
J. M. Meek P.M. 276	M.O.
J. H. Hackett W.M. 95	S.O.
J. Blenkin, York, T.I.	J.O.
Rev. E. J. Berry 281	Chaplain
J. Marshall P.M. 277	Treasurer
A. W. Walker P.M. 277	Secretary
Thomas Marshall W.M. 281	Registrar of Marks
W. B. Dyson, York, T.I.	S.D.
H. Holgreaves W.M. 291	J.D.
T. H. Dunn M.O. 95	Inspector of Works
W. H. Cowper P.M. 276	Director of Ceremonies
T. M. Goldie S.W. 277	Assistant D.C.
Charles Gray 291	Sword Bearer
W. Richardson 281	Standard Bearer
J. W. Rennison 337	Organist
W. J. Marshall 277	Assistant Secretary
J. Verity 95	I.G.
J. F. Seals 95	Tyler
W. Lackenby, York, T.I.	Stewards
F. Seales 95	Stewards
H. Wood 337	Stewards

A banquet was afterwards held at the Talbot Hotel, to which a goodly number of the brethren sat down.

The next volume of Messrs. Dean and Son's "Junior's Library" will be "Our Garden and its Feathered Families," by the author of "Moravian Life in the Black Forest."

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. OSWALD LODGE, No. 387.

ON 24th ult. another forward step in Freemasonry was taken, in the establishment of a new Mark Masters' Lodge, at Crowle, in the province of Lincolnshire. The Lodge is composed principally of members belonging to the Isle of Axholme Craft Lodge, No. 1482. The new Lodge is called after the Northumbrian king and saint, St. Oswald, and is No. 387 on the roll of Grand Lodge. This will make the seventh Lodge in the province. The founders of the Lodge are members of the John o'Gaunt Lodge, Gainsborough, viz., Bros. Staniforth, Delanoy, Brunyee, Forth, Liversidge, and Wheeldon. It was thought wise to only have as the founders members of the province of Lincolnshire, as it is a Lincolnshire Lodge. The Lodge will hold its meetings in the Craft Lodge. The consecration was ably performed by Bro. Sutcliffe R.W. Prov. G.M.M. of Lincolnshire. The following brethren were present :—Bros. Read W.M. 117, Baines W.M. 172, Roberts P.G.D.C., Laughton 172, Tong 185, Liversidge 172, Rev. C. Laing Chaplain, Morton 188 Prov. G. Secretary, Curtis 172, Johnson 172, Greenhalgh 172, Mason 172, Wright 172, Adlard 172, Scott 172. Previous to the consecration ceremony the Lodge was opened by Bro. Baines, of John o'Gaunt Lodge, and his Officers, and the advancement of the following brethren followed :—Bros. Wood 1482, Horobin 1485, Chamberlain 1482, Le Gassick 1482, Fox 1482, Robinson 1482, Pickering 1482. The work of Bro. Liversidge was most commendable. Bro. Adlard presided at the organ and performed the service excellently. The advancement over, the R.W. P.G.M.M.M. Bro. Sutcliffe, received and addressed the founders of the Lodge and delivered the warrant. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the R.W. P.G.M.M.M. being assisted by the Provincial Officers, and corn, oil, wine, and salt were strewn and poured. The Lodge was then consecrated and dedicated. Bro. A. Bates, the D.P.G.M.M., then installed Bro. Staniforth as the W.M. who next invested his Officers, as follow :—Bros. Delanoy S.W., Brunyee J.W. Rev. Le Gassick M.O. and Chaplain, Fox S.O., Behrendt J.O., Wood Sec., Horobin Treas. and R. of M., Chamberlain S.D., Robinson I.G., Pickering O.G. After the duties of the Lodge were over the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which Mr. and Mrs. Chafer had provided in their long room. The room was very nicely adorned with plants, evergreens, and flowers; and the "spread" was all that could be desired. The R.W. P.G.M.M.M. resigned the place of honour to the W.M. Bro. Staniforth, and the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. Delanoy. The toast list was both Loyal and Masonic, and was gone through in good style, Bro. Roberts doing the work of the D.C. in his usual excellent form. The speeches were interspersed by songs from several brethren, and one of the most enjoyable days may be chronicled in the diaries of the Crowle brethren as having been spent on 17th May, the day of the Consecration of the St. Oswald Lodge of Mark Masons, the success of which there can be doubt will be insured by the united action of the brethren, who are all imbued with one idea—the progress of the Institution. The bells of St. Oswald's Church rang out merry peals at intervals.

FIDELITY CHAPTER, No. 230.

THE annual convocation was held on Friday, 25th ult., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport, when Principals elect were installed :—E. H. Littleton as Z., W. G. Swiss H., and J. J. Meadley J. Comps. James Gidley 2025, W. Allsford 202, R. Pike 230, Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189 P.P.G.P.S. P.P.G. 3rd Principal were the Installing Officers, supported by Ex Comps. S. Jew, J. R. Lord, E. Aitken-Davies, R. Cawsey, E. J. Knight, J. Lynn, J. R. H. Harris, W. Coath, J. D. Pearn, &c. The following were invested as Officers :—Comps. J. Whitford I.P.Z., J. R. H. Harris S.E., J. Lynn Treas., W. H. Burt S.N., W. Vigurs Harris P.S., W. Routledge 1st A.S., M. Darbin 2nd A.S., G. T. Veale O., S. Harvey Janitor. Ex. Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Past Provincial Third Grand Principal, during the evening presented the Chapter with a pair of miniature hand-painted H.R. Arch tracing boards, handsomely framed. A plate on the frame bore the inscription :—"Presented to Chapter Fidelity, No. 230 H.R.A., by the Ex Comp. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.Z. 189 (70, 223, 494, 2025 Hon.) P.P.G.P.S. and Past Provincial Third Grand Principal, 25th May 1888."

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 328.

THE installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. The ceremonies of installing the Principals were performed by E. Comp. A. T. Blamey P.Z., who also exalted Bro. W. Hersey. The installed Principals for the year were E. Comps. B. Knight Z., John Lane H., and George Pepprell J. The Z. invested the following Officers with their respective collars :—Comps. T. W. Morgan Treas., T. J. Crossman Scribe E., John Salter Scribe N., T. Prust P.S., John Taylor 1st Asst. Soj., Dr. Willard 2nd Asst. Soj., Thomas Brooks Organist, W. Hill D.C., A. W. Searley and T. Beckett Stewards. At the conclusion of the business the Companions adjourned to the banquet-room of the Masonic-hall, and partook of an excellent cold collation.

ROYDS LODGE, No. 1204.

THE installation festival was held on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, College-road, Malvern. Bro. Dixey, M.D., was installed as W.M. by the I.P.M. Bro. Ward, assisted by Bros. Wilson, Lucy, and Pike. The Officers for the year are :—Bros. Bailey S.W., Fenner J.W., Green S.D., Thompson J.D., Warner Ottley P.M. Treasurer, Wilson P.M. Secretary, Pike, M.D., P.M. Inner Guard, Rev. Black P.M. Chaplain, Lucy P.M. D.C., Russell P.M. Steward, Hinings Organist.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 6th June 1888, at 6 for 7 p.m.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th March for confirmation.

2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 25th April for confirmation.

3. To receive a communication from the M.W. Pro Grand Master relative to the present position of Masonry in New South Wales.

4. Appointment and investiture of President of the Board of General Purposes.

5. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.

6. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.

7. Election of Grand Lodge Auditor.

8. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

(For list of names of the Brethren nominated for the several Boards and Committees see below.)

9. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The Orphan Daughter of a Brother of the Royal Preston Lodge, No. 333, Preston	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Paxton Lodge, No. 1686, Camberwell	50	0	0
A Brother of the Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321, Southwark	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Oakley Lodge, No. 694, Basingstoke	75	0	0
Five Orphan Children of a Brother of the Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420, London	60	0	0
A Brother of the Vale of White Horse Lodge, No. 1770, Faringdon	50	0	0
A Brother of the Friars Lodge, No. 1349, London ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the London Lodge, No. 108, London ...	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, Norwich	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Harbour of Refuge Lodge, No. 764, Hartlepool	50	0	0

10. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

A complaint has been laid before the Board by Bro. Nathaniel Tracy Prov. Grand Sec. of Suffolk, against V.W. Bro. Asher Barfield, the present Grand Treasurer, for having employed a gentleman in Ipswich, who is not a Mason, to solicit from the Past Masters of Lodges in Ipswich, votes for him, when a candidate for that office, and to distribute printed invitations to a Luncheon at the Holborn Restaurant to all who were willing to support his election.

The Board considered that this complaint was not such as could be dealt with by them, but that it was their duty to bring the matter under the notice of the Grand Lodge as one concerning its honour and privileges, and the credit and reputation of the Society.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
15th May 1888.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of May, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £3,731 1s 4d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for Library £38 4s 7d.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 15th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz. :—

That the cordial thanks of the Members of the Board of General Purposes be given to V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, the President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year.

(Signed) CHARLES BELTON,
Vice-President.

11.—The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 18th May 1888, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION—

By W. Bro. 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.

13. APPEAL.

By Bro. Francis W. Hollar W.M. of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 914, Port Royal, Jamaica, against a ruling of the District Grand Master of Jamaica, declaring that the exclusion of Bro. Francis Leith White by the said Lodge was not in accordance with Article 210 of the Book of Constitutions, and must be cancelled.

List of Brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes.

PAST MASTERS.

JOHN SPEIGHT CUMBERLAND	2128
HENRY STEPHEN GOODHALL	65
EDWARD TERRY	29
THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER	1964
TOM DREW BEAR	1584
FREDERICK THOMAS RUSHTON	8
FREDERICK ERNEST POCOCK, M.D.	1891
WILLIAM ALFRED DAWSON	1768
MAURICE SPIEGEL	188
WILLIAM GEORGE LEMON	165
HENRY PRITCHARD	1415
GEORGE READ	511
HENRY DICKEY	1744

MASTERS.

THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	1656
CHARLES BELTON	2228
WILLIAM ALFRED SCURRAH	2206
JAMES HOLAH	1
WILLIAM HENRY COBB	1820
HOWARD HENRY ROOM	1159
EUGENE MONTEUUIS	2243
GEORGE LAUNCELOT EYLES	197
HILDEBRAND RAMSDEN	1118
GEORGE WELDON	4
THOMAS WILLIAM RICHARDSON	2029
EBENEZER CHARLES MULVEY	2246
JOSEPH CLEVER	1818

List of Brethren nominated for the Colonial Board.

COL. FREDERICK GADSDEN (Madras)	434
JOHN SPEIGHT CUMBERLAND	2128
LIEUT.-COL. GEORGE HALDANE	1615
JAMES BRETT	177
THOMAS HENRY GARDINER	657
THOMAS JAMES REEVES	1118
REGINALD ST. A. ROUMIEU	1537
ALBERT ESCOTT	1593
THOMAS CHARLES WALLS	1656

List of Brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

CHARLES ALEXR. COTTEBRUNE	733
HUGH COTTER	554
JOHN E. DAWSON	404
CHARLES GEORGE DILLEY	1155
MAJOR ALFRED DURRANT	569
ALBERT FISH	1366
CHARLES KEMPTON	1287
ALFRED H. TATTERSHALL	140
JAPHETH TICKLE	1196
ISAAC DIXON	1567

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 2252.—The Rocky Park Lodge, Barkly East, South Africa (E.D.)
2253.—The St. Michael's Lodge, Bridgetown, Barbadoes, West Indies.
2254.—The Waratah Lodge, Waratah, New South Wales.
2255.—The Philbrick Lodge, Chingford, Essex.
2256.—The Warner Lodge, Chingford, Essex.
2257.—The Powell Lodge, Bristol.
2258.—The Western District United Service Lodge, East Stonehouse, Devon.
2259.—The St. Nicholas Lodge, Thorne, West Yorkshire.
2260.—The Ridley Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northumberland.
2261.—The Armitage Lodge, Longwood, near Milnsbridge, West Yorkshire.
2262.—The Dagnall Lodge, Wraysbury, Buckinghamshire.
2263.—The St. Leonards Lodge, Sheffield, West Yorkshire.
2264.—The Clough Lodge, Cannon Street.
2265.—The Barnato Lodge, Highbury, Islington.
2266.—The Cator Lodge, Beckenham.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies deserve the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, scurvies, or other painful affections of the joints, nerves, or limbs. The Ointment should be rubbed into the affected parts after having been carefully fomented with warm water, which the Ointment should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, before the friction causes pain. Holloway's Pills should be taken carefully to check inflammatory pain, to open all evacuations, and purify the blood. This treatment checks the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. The Ointment checks the local mischief, while the Pills restore vital power.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 2nd JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
913—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

1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1362—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1468—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
2205—Pegasus, Clavendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

MONDAY, 4th 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)
848—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)

1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 302 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
507—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
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, 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-Moor
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
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
[261—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
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
476—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wrotham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 106—Sun, Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 2—Phœnix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 5th JUNE.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 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)
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, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
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)
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
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.)
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Lathbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
968—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
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar
1322—Waveley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleveden.
1979—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1993—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)

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, 6th 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)
103—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, Bartlett-road, E. (Instruction)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1724—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1901—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, March 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)
1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
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.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Lallingstone Castle Hotel, Swansea
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1454—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1506—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1563—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1611—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, Halifax
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
R.A. 369—Lumeston Rock, Swan and Royal Hotel, Clitheroe
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 7th JUNE.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Royal Albert Hall, W.
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Globe, 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)
180—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)

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754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
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, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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, Aldersgate, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, 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
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset.
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, 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
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 384—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bolton
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
R.A. 768—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 8th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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)
M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)

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, Good Friendship, Leighton Buzzard
1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Poole
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 9th JUNE.

176—Cavendish, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
178—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, Eaton 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)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1698—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon
Stuart 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
2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

The assembly of French Freemasons which is announced for 3rd June will seem strange indeed to English Brethren. That the Craft should gather in general meeting to discuss the dangers of the State, and the action of a political party is utterly opposed to our notions of the Province of Freemasonry. Englishmen have not been slow to express disapproval of the aims and methods which their Continental kindred attach to philanthropic formulæ common to both, and the Grand Lodge itself has endorsed this condemnation strongly. But if we regard the matter without prejudice, it may be thought that our view is narrow and a little priggish. Certainly it would be objectionable in the last degree to introduce politics into an English Lodge. But then politics with us are not vitally grave; the success of this Statesman does not mean rioting, destruction of property, civil war, deportation for the vanquished, for the victorious a life or death struggle with the foreigner. But that is the meaning of politics in France at this crisis—as, at least, a very great number of Freemasons conscientiously believe. Under such circumstances they see a great organisation at hand, composed so largely of persons who have character and property to lose that it may be trusted to stand by the principles of order. Shall they refrain from using it, out of deference to regulations and sentimentality? Beyond doubt the French have been too eager in calling upon this grand machinery in times past, and they deserved rebuke. But this is no ordinary conjuncture. Whether the meeting will serve its purpose intended, or no, is a different question.—*Essex Standard.*

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THE NEXT FESTIVAL.

OUR readers will perhaps think we might pause for a few days ere we again urge them to be up and doing on behalf of the Masonic Institutions, but our motto is, and must ever remain—Onward. Particularly on the present occasion must we impress on the members of the Craft that there is no time to be lost in the good work to which they devote themselves, for within a very few days—only just over a fortnight—will be celebrated the ninetieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the gathering being fixed to take place on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Devon.

To ensure the success of this gathering the most strenuous exertions will be necessary from all who are in a position to render help, and on that account we once more place the claims of the charity prominently before our readers.

The great success of the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School during the present week must of necessity absorb a large amount of the attention of the Craft for some little time to come, and we know there are many who will consider it out of place to even speak of anything but that grand gathering until the term usually allowed to an event of exceptional interest has expired. But the exigencies of the case before us are of so peculiar a character that we have no time to regard the Festival that has passed as a nine days' wonder. If we do there will be no time left in which to work for the one to follow, and it does not require much argument to convince that so far the Stewards for the Boys' School Festival of this year have had little opportunity of urging the claims of that Institution. Up till within the last few days the all-absorbing topic in the Craft has been the Centenary celebration of the Girls' School. Now that that event has been disposed of it must be allowed to rest, except to be referred to as showing what is possible, and acting as an incentive for those who are pledged to work for the future.

We think there is little doubt but that the exceptional success of the Girls' School Festival will make a material difference in the outcome of the celebration on behalf of the companion Charity, but we hope the Boys' Institution will not be wholly forgotten in the rejoicings which must follow the grand result of Thursday's gathering. We do not think the Craft will overlook the fact of there being a third Festival for the year, but how can we expect a brilliant result after so exceptional a contribution as that we have to record this week? We must rather be content with what is provided as the natural outcome of true Masonic feeling on behalf of an Institution which has justly earned the good opinion of a large and influential section of the Craft.

We cannot do better than refer our readers to another part of our present issue, where the special claims of this Institution are set out at length, and conclude with the hope that so far from the success of the Girls' School Festival proving detrimental, it may be the means of securing exceptional support for the Boys' Institution. Much of the honour that has been secured by the Girls' School would be removed if it was found it was purchased at the expense of another Charity, which if not quite as old must be regarded as equally deserving of support.

THE CENTENARY OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE events of the past few days, in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls have, we should imagine equalled the anticipations of the most sanguine, and they will form a topic for congratulation among members of the Craft for many years to come. The Centenary Festival of this Charity was celebrated at the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday, and it proved a most unqualified success. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master presided, and he was supported by His Majesty the King of Sweden, Grand Master of that country, the Grand Master of Scotland, the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters of England, and a brilliant assemblage of Grand Officers, Provincial Officers, and others.

The Board of Stewards consisted of 1,465 Brethren, and the total amount collected was announced by the Grand Master as exceeding £50,500, a sum which he said had never before been equalled at a Charity Festival, and, as our readers are aware, far in excess of anything hitherto achieved in connection with Freemasonry.

We give elsewhere in our present issue full details of the amounts collected by the London Stewards, together with a summary of the amounts sent up from the Provinces, and take this opportunity of testifying to the excellence of the arrangements made by the Secretary of the Institution and the principal Stewards for the comfort and entertainment of those present. The whole of the proceedings of the week passed off without a hitch, and considering the magnitude of the undertaking this must be regarded as particularly gratifying.

The amounts speak for themselves, and are a splendid result of the appeal which has been made to the Craft for a fitting memorial of the Centenary of the Institution. It is yet early to predict the full effect the handsome totals will have on the future of the Charity, but we may safely surmise that an early increase in the number of pupils will be one of the results, and if it is found possible to extend the benefits of this noble Institution there will be an ample reward for the special exertions which have been put forward, even if those who have contributed to the success are not more than satisfied by the outcome of the Festival.

On the previous Monday the prizes were distributed to the successful pupils of the Institution by the Countess of Carnarvon, the ceremonies of the day also taking place at the Royal Albert Hall, and also being honoured by the presence of the Grand Master, who on this occasion was accompanied by the Princess of Wales and his daughters. The Royal party, attended by Col. Clarke and Miss Knollys, reached the Albert Hall at halfpast four. They were received at the private entrance of the building by the Earl of Carnarvon (one of the Trustees of the Institution), the Earl of Lathom, Sir Albert Woods, Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, and Bro. Robert Grey, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and conducted to the Royal box, amidst the strains of "God Save the Queen." Bouquets of choice flowers having been presented to the Princess of Wales and her daughters, Miss Davis (head governess), Miss Buck (the matron), and Bro. Robert Grey was introduced to their Royal Highnesses, after which the gold and silver medallists—Miss Mabel Osmond

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and Miss Agnes Stephenson—received their awards from the hands of the Princesses. At the conclusion of the calisthenic exercises the Royal party left the building, and drove away amidst cheers. Before leaving, the Prince of Wales expressed to Lord Lathom, on behalf of the Princess and himself, the pleasure it had given them to be present, and their gratification at all that they had witnessed. The following is a full programme of the proceedings and a list of the prize winners :—

PROGRAMME.

The "Old Hundredth" to be sung by all present.
Calisthenics and Marching.
Distribution of Prizes.
Selections by the Pupils.
"God Save the Queen."

PRIZE LIST.

BY THE INSTITUTION.

Mabel Osmond, the Gold Medal for Proficiency, with £5 by Bro. William Winn. Agnes Stephenson, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, with £5 by Bro. William Winn.

Cambridge Local Examination.—Eighteen entered, 15 passed.—Senior: Mabel Osmond, Fanny Oberdoerffer, Grace Bartrum.

Junior: Athalinda Allison, Ellen Delafons, Agnes Fyfe, Georgiana Smith, Dorothy Ainsworth, Ethel Fallding, Maud Hill, Mary Sherington, Ruth Byers, Helen Foxall, Augusta Nicholls, Lilian Sykes.

College of Preceptors' Examination.—Thirty-one entered, 28 passed. Agnes Stephenson, Caroline Weare, Martha Fry, Amy Cutbush.

Proficiency :—Class III.—Beatrice Knott. Class IV.—Bertha Dean. Class V.—Mary Allen. Class VI.—Evelyn Conti. Class VII.—Alice Smith.

Needlework.—Millicent Wootton, Lousia Johnson, Edith Hutton.

Order and Attention (as proved by conduct marks throughout the year), Emily Carruthers, Olive Hurst.

BY FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

By Bro. Robert Grey, for Religious Knowledge :—Agnes Stephenson.

By Bro. William Winn, for Proficiency (£5—£2 10s each).—Fanny Oberdoerffer, Grace Bartrum.

By Bro. J. H. Matthews, for Music "Royal Academy Examination" (1st Prizes) :—Agnes Stephenson, Florence Mason.

The "Wentworth Little" Memorial Prize, for Music (2nd Prizes) :—Georgiana Smith, Louisa Pincombe, Charlotte McMillan.

By Mrs. Louis Hirsch, for Music (3rd Prize) :—Mildred Wrighton.

The "John Boyd" Memorial Prize, for Drawing :—Fanny Oberdoerffer, Ruth Byers, Florence Mason.

By Bro. P. H. E. Bretto, D.D., for French :—Maud Hill.

By Bro. Louis Hirsch, for German :—Athalinda Allison.

By Bro. Robert Grey, for Elocution :—Daisy Capon, Mary Tanner.

By Bro. Thomas Fenn, for Arithmetic :—Ruth Byers.

By the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, for Good Conduct (1st Prize) :—Athalinda Allison.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, for Good Conduct (2nd Prize) :—Beatrice Cookes, Lillian Shrapnel.

By Mrs. D. P. Cama, for Needlework (First Prize, £5) :—Ruth Byers.

The "Yates" Memorial Prize (per St. James's Lodge, No. 812), for Usefulness in Domestic Duties (£2 10s) :—Florence Wright.

The "Bai Hirabai Cama" Memorial, for Cookery (1st Prize, £5) :—Alice Cleaver.

By Bro. Ralph Clutton, for Cookery (2nd Prize) :—Beatrice Cookes.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Cookery (3rd Prize) :—Helen Foxall.

By Bro. Col. James Peters (Trustee), for Calisthenics and Deportment :—Norah Besly.

By Miss Godson, for Swimming :—Georgiana Smith, Louisa Haigh, Florence Popkiss.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Amiability (selected by her Schoolfellows) :—Maud Greethurst.

Prizes in Junior School.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, for Proficiency :—Ethel Craft, Florence Bexfield.

The "Henry Levander" Memorial Prize, for Arithmetic :—Hilda Kemp.

THE FESTIVAL.

IT would be idle to speak of the actual celebration at the Royal Albert Hall, or to consider it in comparison with any previous Festival held on behalf of the Masonic Institutions. It was so far in advance of all of its predecessors as to place it outside the range of comparison. It was, indeed, unique—and the strongest eulogiums we can bestow upon it fail to give any adequate idea either of its grandeur or of its success. It was a sight never to be forgotten by those who witnessed it, and it resulted in such a return as will for ever entitle it to a foremost place in the records of Benevolence. The lower parts of the Hall had been filled with tables, and although every available space was utilised we do not think there was a vacant seat when, punctual to the appointed time, the company was called to order to receive the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was accompanied by His Majesty the King of Sweden, Grand Master of the Craft in that country, and Past Grand Master of England; the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, Sir Archibald Campbell Grand Master of Scotland, Prince Albert Victor Past Grand Warden, the Chamberlain Egaberg (in attendance on the King of Sweden), Count Wrangle, the Duke of St. Albans Provincial Grand Master Nottinghamshire, the Marquis of Headfort Senior G. Warden Ireland, and Lord John Taylour J.G.W. England, while among those who had assembled to support him were a large number of the rulers of the Craft, the whole of the space in front of the organ being filled with Officers of Grand Lodge, including, among others, the following Provincial Grand Masters :—Lord Methuen (Wiltshire), Earl of Amherst (Kent), Earl of Limerick (Bristol), Earl of Beetive, M.P., (Cumberland and Westmoreland), W. Wither B. Beach, M.P., (Hants and I.W.), Col. Sir Francis Burdett Bart., (Middlesex), Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie (Lancashire E. Div.), Earl of Hardwicke (Cambridgeshire), Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe (Cornwall), Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., (Hertfordshire), Lord Suffield, K.C.B., (Norfolk), Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., (South Wales, East Division), Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., (Worcestershire), Sir Joseph R. Bailey Bart., M.P., (Herefordshire), Lord Brooke (Essex), Lord Kensington (South Wales, W.D.), Earl of Jersey (Oxfordshire), Lord Harlech (North Wales), Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., (Shropshire), Sir Matthew White-Ridley, Bart., M.P., (Northumberland), Lord Egerton of Tatton (Cheshire), Earl of Euston (Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire). Grace was said both before and after the banquet by the Grand Chaplain of England, and then followed the toasts. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on rising, said: Your Majesty and Brethren, the first toast which I give you will require no preface, as it is that time-honoured toast to which I know you will all drink with enthusiasm—the Queen and the Craft. The toast was heartily honoured and the National Anthem sung. The Grand Master next proceeded: Your Majesty and Brethren—A very high compliment and a very high honour has been conferred upon us to-night. At this great and important gathering, probably the largest meeting for a charitable object that has ever taken place anywhere, we have as our guest his Majesty the King of Sweden. I little doubted the manner in which you would receive this toast, as not only are we honouring a distinguished guest, but a high and brave ally of ours—and we are honouring the Grand Master of Freemasons of Sweden. We all know the deep interest which his Majesty takes in our Craft, and what excellent Masons the Swedes are. In proposing this toast it is specially gratifying to me, for I have looked forward to this occasion for many years, because it was through his Majesty the King and his late lamented brother, that twenty years ago I was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft—and I am proud to be one of you, and still more to be at your head. I am grateful to the King for having made me one of you. Brethren, I know you will drink the toast with cordiality, and at the same time I feel that it will be right to give this toast Masonically, for in doing so we do honour to our guest and to the Craft. The toast was vociferously received, and followed by capital Masonic firing, led by the Deputy G. Master. His Majesty the King of Sweden replied: Your Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren—the toast I have to propose I give, not only on my own behalf, but on behalf of all the foreign Lodges and Masonic congregations whose principles and constitution are in conformity with your own. Would that I could say on behalf of all those who bear the title of Mason, but whose laws and principles do not indeed deserve the name. There are thousands, yes more than a hundred thousand, who will join in the feelings the expression of which I do ire may be in this toast. I would also express the great satisfaction I feel at the honour and distinction to-day conferred on me by your Grand Master and by you, constituting me a member of your honoured body. I feel much satisfaction in being present at such an enormous gathering as this, and one assembled for purposes so noble. Patriotic feelings are certainly noble and honourable, and nowhere are they deeper than in this country, for whose people, ever since my young days, I have had the greatest esteem, and where I find so many true and good friends and where, at this moment, I am surrounded by brethren. I hope such noble feelings will never be clouded by individualistic sentiments. But, brethren, there is one feeling still more grand and still more noble than patriotism, and that is the feeling which has its foundation in the word of God, and unites us in love and charity to mankind. As we sing at Masonic gatherings in my own country, "There is one God, our Father, good; so be his sons and brethren." This is the bond which exists between us, the rallying cry which unites us, and the lasting tie which binds us. In this feeling I now have the greatest pleasure in giving you the health of your Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, my good friend and Brother, Grand Patron and President of the Institution—the Chairman of the day. The toast having been honoured, the Prince replied as follows: Brethren, it is difficult, very difficult, for me to find words to thank his Majesty and my kind brother sufficiently for the way in which he has proposed the toast of my health, or you for the kind way in which you have received it. You are well aware that during the fourteen years that I have held the high office of Grand Master I have striven to be not unmindful of your interests and those of the Craft, and though I am prevented by my many duties from meeting you as often as I should like, still I hope that you are convinced that your interests are none the less dear to me. We have heard an address from the King of Sweden this evening which none of us are likely to forget, and I think, if he will allow me to say so, that we Englishmen have reason to envy him his facility in speaking our language. It is, I believe, the first time that a foreign sovereign has honoured a gathering of this kind. I think that we may look upon it as a red letter day, and are not likely to forget the King's presence, and the kind and useful words he has spoken. In returning thanks I do not speak only for myself, because as your Grand Master I am really one of you, and on your behalf I thank the King. Our watchword, "Religion and Charity," is one which has been inculcated in us ever since we have belonged to the Craft, and it is one which we shall do well to remember. If we uphold these principles, and above all that idea of patriotism of which the King has spoken, there is little doubt that the Craft will remain

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as prosperous as it is now, and that our Lodges and numbers will increase. I do not wish to allude to foreign Lodges with whom we are not in accord, but let us at any rate strive to pick out what is good in many of them, and to remember that we are not only English Freemasons, but Freemasons of the entire universe. I trust that as long as I live, or as long as it may be permitted to me to hold the high office of your Grand Master, I may continue to do my duty to the Craft and to my country. I wish now to ask His Majesty the King of Sweden if he will condescend to accept the Steward's Badge of this Festival. His Majesty was invested with the badge amid cheers. The Prince of Wales, rising again, stated that a telegram had been received from New York, which showed that their cousins across the water had not forgotten them. It was in the following terms: "Grand Lodge in Annual Communication congratulates the Fraternity in England on the Hundredth Anniversary of the foundation of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." The Prince then proceeded: Your Majesty and Brethren, I have now the honour to give you the last toast, though I may safely call it the most important, as the object with which we have met at this enormous and unprecedented gathering is to celebrate the Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. That an Institution should have existed a hundred years is a proof that it is a good one, and we have every reason to be grateful to those who from the commencement up to the present time have given their energy and their labours to keep going so thoroughly Masonic a Charity. As you are aware, the Institution was founded by the Chevalier Ruspini. King George IV., King William IV. and many members of the Royal Family have supported it, and her Majesty the Queen is patroness now. The school at first contained only fifteen children. It now contains 243, and they are educated up to a high religious standard, combined with instruction of a general character, including music. Particular attention is paid to needlework, cooking, and domestic duties. Only a few days ago I was present here and saw the girls go through their marching exercises, and I never saw anything more satisfactory. There are many commanding officers in our army and in other armies who would be proud to see their men march and go through their exercises as we saw them performed. I may state that the system was established by Miss Davis, who was appointed head governess in 1861, and I am glad to think that at this moment she retains her post. She has been eminently successful, as is manifest by the result of the Cambridge Local, College of Preceptors, and Science and Art examinations. It is also satisfactory to notice that, with the exception of Miss Davis, every member of the staff has been educated at the Institution. The head governesses of other Charities were educated at our school, and during a period of eighty-four years there have been but two matrons, one of whom held the appointment over fifty-two years. As you are aware, the object we have in view in meeting here to-night is to make important additions to the present buildings, and to provide accommodation for an increased number of children. These additions will cost at least £20,000. In 1838, on the occasion of the Jubilee of the Institution, £1,000 was subscribed at the Annual Festival, and in 1871, when I had the honour of presiding, as much as £5,200 was collected. But I have now an announcement to make which I think will interest you beyond measure, and that is that I have the assurance of the Secretary that we have obtained at this Centenary Festival over £50,500. I may safely challenge anybody to dispute the statement that so large a sum has never before been subscribed at a charity dinner. It affords me great pleasure to propose "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," coupled with the name of the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and an old and valued personal friend of my own. The Earl of Lathom briefly responded, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. The banquet was well served and reflected great credit on the caterers, Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited.

The following is a summary of the amounts contributed from the Provinces.

	£	s	d
Bedfordshire	97	13	0
Berks and Bucks	715	7	0
Bristol	37	16	0
Cambridgeshire	346	10	0
Cheshire	415	16	0
Cornwall	372	15	0
Cumberland and Westmoreland	210	0	0
Derbyshire	776	11	6
Devonshire	125	15	0
Dorsetshire	294	0	0
Durham	376	19	0
Essex	912	15	0
Gloucestershire	516	15	0
Hants and the Isle of Wight	1128	19	6
Herefordshire	68	5	0
Hertfordshire	618	9	0
Kent	3073	2	6
Lancashire, East Division	1339	5	6
Lancashire, West Division	2219	9	0
Leicestershire and Rutland	648	10	0
Lincolnshire	196	14	6
Middlesex	1014	12	6
Monmouthshire	85	10	0
Norfolk	171	3	0
North Wales	664	7	6
Northants and Hunts	221	10	0
Northumberland	52	10	0
Nottinghamshire	176	8	0
Oxfordshire	549	14	0
Shropshire	604	0	0
Somersetshire	945	0	0
South Wales, East Division	26	5	0
South Wales, West Division	105	0	0
Staffordshire	344	12	0
Suffolk	509	4	0
Surrey	1150	3	6
Sussex	859	3	6
Warwickshire	1509	6	6
Wiltshire	329	18	6
Worcestershire	693	18	0
Yorkshire, North and East	762	0	6
Yorkshire, West	2600	0	0
Isle of Man	7	7	0
Foreign Districts and Stations	166	12	6

The following is a list of the amounts collected by the London Stewards:—

	£	s	d
HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF SWEDEN AND NORWAY	26	5	0
HOUSE COMMITTEE.			
Br R Clutton (see also Lo 1537)	218	13	0
Thomas Fenn (see also Emulation Lodge of Impt)		—	
Robert Grey (see also Lodges 259 and 222)	630	0	0
Charles Hammerton	100	0	0
H A Hunt	73	10	0
E Letchworth (see also Chap 2)	68	5	0
P de Lande Long	52	10	0
H B Marshall	10	10	0
J H Matthews	105	0	0
Sir John B Monckton (see also Lo 197)	105	0	0
James Moon	52	10	0
Colonel James Peters			
Frank Richardson	409	10	0
J A Rucker	15	15	0
Alderman Savory (see also Lo 7)	21	0	0
AUDIT COMMITTEE.			
Br. William Bailey (see also Chap 22)	24	10	6
Robert Berridge	31	10	0
E C Davies (see also Lo 23)	6	16	6
Herbert Dicketts (see also Lo 23)	10	10	0
Chas W Duke (see also Lo 40)	21	11	0
Thomas Kingston (see also Mark Lodge 13)	6	6	0
W Roebuck (see also Ch 1194)	26	5	0
Henry Venn (see also Lo 23)	21	0	0
Lodge			
Grand Stewards Br Capt Robert Gresley Hall	26	5	0
1 Br Jas Holah	45	3	0
1 Gordon Brown	26	5	0
1 Thomas Dinwiddy	10	10	0
2 Francis Tagart	52	10	0
Chapter			
2 Comp E Letchworth (see also H C)		—	
Lodge			
3 Br John Larkin	65	2	0
3 Arthur G Sandberg	21	0	0
3 Charles Challen	44	2	0
4 Hy J Gardiner	52	10	0
4 Rev A W Oxford	21	0	0
5 John W Jones	63	0	0
6 Capt G F Ormsby			
6 J Travers Smith	42	0	0
6 B de Bertodano Lopez	34	13	0
6 J R Fitzjames Claridge	10	10	0
6 G M Edwardes Jones	21	0	0
7 Alderman Joseph Savory (see also H C)		—	
Chapter			
7 Comp George Drysdale	31	10	0
Lodge			
8 Br Henry Pullman	43	1	0
Chapter			
8 Comp Charles W Stephens (see also Lo 14)	130	4	0
Lodge			
10 Br Philip A Scratchley	64	1	0
Chapter			
10 Comp Samuel Green	21	0	0
Lodge			
11 Br Charles H Mc Queen	63	0	0
12 J C Nicholson	80	6	0
Supreme Grand Chapter	105	0	0
Lodge			
13 Jno Geo Milbourne	147	0	0
14 Alfred Williams	26	5	0
14 William Regester	10	10	0
14 Charles W Stephens (see also Chap 8)			
14 William F Nettleship	42	0	0
14 Walter J Ebbetts (see also Lo 2190)			
15 Edward Stimpson	200	0	0
19 W M Bywater	112	7	0
Chapter			
19 Comp J Russell Clipperton (see also Lo 66)	21	0	0
Lodge			
21 Br William Grellier	42	0	0
21 T S Howell, M.R.C.S.	105	0	0
22 E Y Jolliffe	52	10	0
Chapter			
22 Comp William Bailey (see also A C)		—	
Lodge			
23 Br Robert Willoughby	45	3	0
23 E C Davies (see also A C)		—	
23 H Dicketts (see also A C)		—	
23 Henry Venn (see also A C)		—	
25 Walter Wingham	63	0	0
26 Malcolm Morris	24	3	0
28 David R Bryce	28	7	0
Chapter			
28 Comp E M Money	21	0	0
Lodge			
29 Br John R Dunlop	32	11	0
33 Thos C Charles, M.D.	42	10	0
34 T Blanco White 34 S J Attenborough 34 James Chambers	105	0	0
45 John Smith	54	12	0

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Lodge		£	s	d
46	G Kelly (see also Lo 63)	111	6	0
Chapter				
46	Comp Edwd J Humphrey	29	8	0
Lodge				
49	Br Wyndham Hart	42	10	6
49	John Turner	22	1	0
49	Eustace Anderson jun.	10	10	0
55	Geo M E Snow	161	14	0
58	F Sumner Knyvett	70	7	0
63	G Kelly (see also Lo 46)		—	
Chapter				
65	Comp John Roberts	21	0	0
Lodge				
65	Br Joseph Wall	47	5	0
66	J Russell Clipperton (see also Chap 19)	33	12	0
69	T A I Howell, M.R.C.S.	46	4	0
73	George H W Grace	126	0	0
73	Fredk D Dew	23	10	0
83	William H Gramshaw	61	7	0
87	W H Bale	60	0	0
90	T Abbott Smith	42	0	0
91	Fredk C Watts	30	9	0
92	A Pringle	50	0	0
Chapter				
95	Comp Albert Fish	23	2	0
Lodge				
96	Br Major H A Joseph, C.C. }	108	3	0
96	Walter V Morgan }			
99	Charles Cheston	89	5	0
101	Edwin S Lardner	50	0	0
108	Edwin B Holloway	47	5	0
134	R T Bowman	31	10	0
136	Fredk W Coles	84	0	0
140	Dr H W Roberts }	44	2	0
140	E Johnson }			
140	A S Robinson	12	12	0
Chapter				
140	Comp Albert Escott (see also Chap 1593)	68	5	0
Lodge				
141	Br George C Hudson	34	18	0
Chapter				
142	Comp C F Hogard (see also Lo 205)	126	0	0
Lodge				
143	Br W E Stewart	105	0	0
144	Jas G Unite	40	0	0
145	Thos James Hooper	80	17	0
162	Chas H Shoppee	28	17	6
165	Robert C Driver	18	18	0
166	Fredk W Smith	50	8	0
172	G H Foes	21	0	0
174	C H Webb	66	13	6
Chapter				
176	Comp John E Cockett			
Lodge				
179	Br E C Mulvey, (see also Lo 2202)	180	12	0
180	J Miles	31	10	0
181	E W Stanton	63	0	0
Chapter				
181	Comp W R Norris	42	0	0
Lodge				
183	Br E A Francis	85	6	0
185	Joseph Eisenmann	36	15	0
186	G W Hook	10	10	0
188	Lewis Lazarus	21	0	0
192	T. Fisher	111	6	0
197	Sir John B Monckton (see also H C)		—	
198	George Cowell (see also Chap 1706)	31	10	0
201	Arthur Proudfoot	63	0	0
205	C F Hogard (see also Chap 142)		—	
211	F T Bennett	42	0	0
217	Joseph Owen	88	18	6
222	Robert Grey (see also H C and Lo. 259)		—	
222	Harold A Smith	43	0	0
227	Fredk Mead	183	15	0
228	R H Halford	52	8	0
231	W P St Leonards Chubb	26	5	0
235	E Luxmoore Marshall	21	0	0
235	Joseph Kincaid			
235	Walter Webb	10	10	0
235	E Hyde Hewett	10	10	0
255	Louis George Lotord	49	7	0
256	G Booth Heming	54	1	6
259	Robert Grey (see also H C and Lo 222)		—	
Chapter				
435	Comp James M Collins	24	3	0
Lodge				
511	Br Reinhard Blum	35	3	6
534	John G Tongue	42	0	0
534	S Nowa-kowski	21	0	0
534	J Lancaster	21	0	0
538	John Skinner	40	0	0
538	John Wm Elvin	21	0	0
554	G W Verry	105	16	0
Chapter				
554	Comp George Graveley (see also Lo. 898)		—	
Lodge				
569	Br Captain Edward Blanks	117	12	0
619	Albert E Austin	10	10	0
619	Carl T. Fleck	20	0	0
Chapter				
619	Comp Henry Bond	22	10	0
Lodge				
657	Br Albert de Lande Long	10	10	0
704	Edwin Styles	24	0	0
706	A Knight Prescott	21	0	0
715	Benj B Joy	21	0	0
720	George Treves	56	10	0
733	Charles R Wickens	47	5	0
Chapter				
749	Comp W A Scurrah	42	0	0
Lodge				
766	Br W J Heath }	63	0	0
766	William Jas Collens }			
766	Alfred Le Grand }			
781	Thos B Daniell	63	0	0
Chapter				
813	Comp Thomas J Cusworth	10	10	0
Lodge				
820	Br Richard Pye	44	7	0
822	Edward Mc A Scaton	31	10	0
822	Wm B Billinghurst	10	10	0
834	H W Blake	22	1	0
834	J Doncaster	21	0	0
834	Henry Purdue	22	1	0
834	A Williams	31	10	0
834	A J Hardwick			
834	Edward Lucas	5	5	0
858	T Cope Allengame	25	5	0
860	T B Dodson	15	15	0
860	M Christian	15	15	0
860	E Bond	64	1	0
860	T Glass	21	0	0
860	J B D'Ardenne	15	15	0
861	Joseph Millington	89	5	0
862	William Hill	47	9	0
871	George Hill	11	2	6
879	Edward Leigh	66	16	0
890	H Wilkie Jones	5	5	0
898	John Byford jun	115	0	0
898	Joseph R Waller	42	0	0
898	John Gordon	63	0	0
898	George Graveley (see also Ch p 554)	84	0	0
902	George J Brown	35	0	0
907	George Edwards	20	0	0
917	Joseph T Salmon	33	1	6
1044	Alex C A Higerty	85	1	0
1056	James Boulton	50	0	0
1076	W Watkins (see also Lo. 1816)	117	11	0
1139	Fredk M Hartung	26	5	0
1150	Charles Monckton	87	3	0
1155	G G Benedetti	10	10	0
1158	W Belchamber	31	10	0
1159	D E Dharwar	5	5	0
1159	R Bird	22	1	0
1196	R H Blatchford	42	0	0
1216	Capt G H Newington Bridges	21	0	0
Chapter				
1216	Comp Thomas Edmondston	50	0	0
Lodge				
1228	Br Wm Dawson }	105	0	0
1228	Jas W Neave }			
1259	Charles Wakefield	28	7	0
1260	& Chap. Henry F. Frost	92	8	0
1269	Br Henry J Wicks	46	4	0
Chapter				
1269	Comp. John Henry Lane	10	10	0
Lodge				
1278	Br William H Making }	80	0	0
1278	John Jones }			
1287	John B S Lancaster	42	0	0
1288	T Goode	67	4	0
1297	Philip Geo Philps	24	13	0
Chapter				
1297	Comp. Watson Osmond	22	1	0
Lodge				
1298	Br W Haynes Dunn	77	3	6
1306	James G Twinn	119	14	0
1319	W Lewis Barrett	26	5	0
Chapter				
1319	Comp. W S Penley	15	15	0
Lodge				
1321	Bro J H Price	100	4	6
1328	George T Chretien	61	8	6
1329	& Chap. Robert J Voisey	48	0	0
1351	Br Thos Tedbury	32	11	0
1365	Charles Steel	42	0	0
1366	Jno H Gregory	21	10	0
1366	W B Trice	10	10	0
1366	Charles Sheppard	26	5	0
1366	Edward H Ryde	10	10	0
1366	Joseph W H Lugg	10	10	0
1366	Alfred Cook	15	15	0
1366	John C Yates	10	10	0
1366	Charles Miller	10	10	0
1366	Edward C Daines	10	10	0
1381	Robert Lingley	50	0	0
1382	S G Bonner	21	0	0
1383	Col Shadwell H Clerke	357	0	0
1397	John H Galton, M.D.	103	19	0
1420	J W Hiscox	27	6	0
1421	William March	21	0	0
1421	Cornelius Mansfield	14	0	0
1471	John Petch	115	0	0
1489	& Chap. Edwin George	45	12	0
1491	Br Philip H Waterlow	107	2	0
1506	Alfred Newton	34	13	0
1507	Charles Everett			
1524	Wm H Lee	63	0	0
1524	Fredk Brasted			
1537	Ralph Clutton (See also H C)		—	
Chapter				
1538	Comp. W P Brown	43	1	0
Lodge				
1540	Br Edwin F Paas	11	11	0
Chapter				
1540	Comp. Henry Faija	21	0	0
Lodge				
1541	Br R J Ward	32	0	6
1563	Edmund B Cox	109	4	0
1571	William Carey	48	6	0
1572	James P Dickson	77	14	0
1584	H S Stower	16	16	0
1591	Major A B Cook	420	0	0
Chapter				
1593	Comp. Albert Escott (See also Chap. 140)		—	
Lodge				
1598	Br Robert S Walker	47	5	0
1599	A J Shotter	42	0	0
1601	Alfred Thompson	50	8	0
1602	John Greenfield	34	0	0
1604	James Gibson	221	11	0
1604	Col.-Sergt. E H Lewis	120	0	0
1607	Fredk Carr	84	0	0
1608	Saml Brooks	84	0	0
1615	Samuel T Fisher	8	15	0
Chapter				
1615	Comp. Colonel Somerville Burney	42	0	0
Lodge				
1622	Br William Cowley	32	11	0
1623	R B Greenwood	63	0	0
1624	W Vincent	312	18	0
1625	Wm Henry Hubbert	216	0	0
1629	Thomas Weller-Poley	168	0	0
1632	H E Vickers	22	0	0
1635	James Edmeston	80	0	0
1641	William H Baker	52	10	0
1641	William Briant	21	0	0
1642	J H Wood	63	0	0
Chapter				
1642	Comp. Wm Hill Wadham	12	12	0
Lodge				
1658	Bro G E Brinkworth	3	3	0
1662	Henry F Inman	63	0	0
1669	P Dakers	10	10	0
1670	William A Tinney	66	3	0
1671	Arthur G Darby	100	16	0
1672	Wm de B Seagrave	12	12	0
1673	Arthur Adams	45	13	6
1679	James T Penney	45	3	0
1681	George Read	21	0	0
1685	Charles Rawle	40	0	0
1686	John M Klenck	26	5	0
1694	John H Usmar	21	0	0
1695	B J W Lone	43	1	0
1695	George J Reed	21	0	0
1704	William D Milner	42	0	0
Chapter				
1706	Comp. George Cowell (see also Lo. 198)		—	
Lodge				
1707	Br Walter F Bull	30	8	6
1716	Dr Ayres Moore	15	15	0
1718	Lt.-Co'. E T R Wilde (see also Lo 1827)	33	12	0
1719	Magnus Oaren	31	10	0
1728	John Rexworthy	100	18	0
1728	Herbert J Rolls	21	0	0
1728	J J Stedman	10	10	0
1728	W H Martin	10	10	0
1728	Arthur Roger Carter	10	10	0
1728	G S Rockwell	10	10	0
1731	Rev H R Cooper-Smith	68	5	0
1743	A R Chamberlayn	64	0	6
1744	William Jaques	45	0	0
1744	R Ross			
1766	Frank Matthews	86	2	0
1766	*W H Brand		—	

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Lodge		£	s	d
1767	Charles A Walter	62	19	0
1768	W A Dawson	84	0	0
1769	Thos C Thomson	24	3	0
1789	Capt. W A Weston (also Lo 1536 Kent)	52	10	0
		10	10	0
1791	Edward Anstin	32	5	6
1804	James W Gibbs			
1816	W Watkins (see also Lo 1076)		—	
		40	8	6
1818	Jos Clever	11	11	0
1820	W H Cobb	10	10	0
1820	Edward Abram			
1827	Lieut.-Col. E T R Wilde (see also Lo 1718)		—	
		42	0	0
1900	J D Collier	21	0	0
1900	Henry Slyman	105	0	0
1900	Oscar Phillippe	10	10	0
1900	Thomas Hutchinson			
Chapter				
1900	Comp G P Festa	10	10	0
1900	F R W Hedges	29	8	0
Lodge				
1910	Br The Right Hon. and Rev. Viscount Molesworth	5	5	0
1924	William Morley	44	2	0
1928	Thomas Minstrell	50	0	0
1962	L V Walker	100	0	0
1962	*James Cartler Tilt		—	
1962	*John Geen		—	
1962	*G Gregory		—	
1962	W G Lowe	11	11	0
1963	Vincent T Murché	21	0	0
1963	Robert C Davis	16	16	0
1963	George Gill	15	15	0
1963	Alfred Harvey	52	10	0
1964	Wm Bellingham	64	1	0
1969	Carl Quitmann			
1969	Emil Hollandt	60	0	0
1969	Gustav Hohly			
1969	Julius Quitmann			
1974	Algernon C Bauke	30	19	6
1986	Herbert Hooper	105	0	0
1987	Messrs. Willing	157	10	0
1996	Chas E Borley	42	0	0
1996	Fredk Botley			
1997	Frank Tayler	63	10	6
2020	William Lake	30	0	0
2022	Fredk C Danvers	16	16	0
2029	Thos W Richardson	43	1	0
2030	W Burdett-Coutts	21	0	0
2032	W R Phillips	50	0	0
2045	Wm Thomas	105	9	6
2060	Ernest St Clair	63	0	0
2090	W P Cockburn	25	0	0
2098	Fredk Levick	52	10	0
2108	A J R Trendell	58	8	0
2127	A M Broadley	552	16	0
2128	William Masters	68	5	0
2128	John S Cumberland			
2140	Harley M Grellier	24	3	0
2168	T Eccleston Gibb	16	16	0
2182	George F Smith jun.	42	0	0
2190	Edward Terry	50	0	0
2190	Walter J Ebbetts (see also Lo. 14)		—	
2191	Adolphus Clarke	22	1	0
2191	Theodore H Tilton	105	0	0
2192	Wm Shurmur	252	0	0
2202	D P Cama	21	0	0
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge was held in Blackpool, on Wednesday, 30th ult., the aid and services of the members of the "Mystic Tie," being called into requisition to give a stimulus to the effort to provide the much-needed increased accommodation for Holy Trinity Church, the principle house of worship belonging to the establishment at the extreme point of the now populous South Shore. Special facilities were offered by the various railway companies to the Fraternity to reach the popular watering-place, and when the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, soon after one o'clock, between 400 and 500 brethren had assembled. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Lathom was unavoidably prevented from being present, and Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, acted in his stead. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened under the banner of the Clifton Lodge, No. 703, Sir Ridley being supported by Bros. R. Wylie P.G.D. P.P.G.S.W., as Dep. P.G.M., Beswick-Royds P.G.D. P.G.S.W. as S.W., J. F. Newell P.P.S.G.W. as J.W., D. M. F. Gaskin Prov. G. Treasurer, W. Goodacre P.G.S.B. Prov. G. Secretary, J. D. Murray P.P.G.J.W. as Dir. of Ceres., Major Ormsby P.G.S.D., C. Bargery P.G.S.D., H. James P.G.J.D., R. Burgess P.G. Org., Rev. F. J. Whalley Prov. G. Chaplain, &c. The principal business of the Lodge was to consider the following proposition, of which notice had been given by Bro. R. Wylie P.G.D. :—"that one hundred guineas be voted from the Charity Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." In submitting the proposal Bro. Wylie said the Institution had attained its Centenary. The Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Lathom would have presided over the Festival in London in the absence of the Prince of Wales, but the duties of the M.W.G.M. had enabled him to take that position. At the same time the Earl of Lathom was evincing such an amount of interest in the event that he had consented to act as Chairman of the Stewards. It would not become the Provincial Grand Lodge to meet that day without expressing their unanimous approval of the interest taken by the Grand Master in the Centenary by giving something towards the Institution. In voting the hundred guineas the Province would have the benefit of getting double votes in sending candidates to the Institution, and under the circumstances he regretted that the amount was not two hundred instead of one hundred guineas. However, if any brother felt inclined to move the former sum as an amendment he would be pleased to support it. Bro. J. Holding P.P.G.R., in seconding the motion, said it must be remembered that the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was started one hundred years ago, when it was not thought very necessary to give girls the education they now-a-days receive. In this age of progress girls were taking situations which were not dreamt of in days gone by, and it was necessary that they should be educated accordingly. When they saw such an Institution seeking for funds with which to enlarge its sphere of usefelness, it was their duty to make strenous efforts to assist. He would have been glad to second the proposal had it been for two hundred instead of one hundred guineas. Bro. J. F. Newell (ex-Mayor of Bootle) moved as an amendment that the sum of two hundred guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Beswick-Royds seconded, and upon the amendment being put it was carried by a large majority. On the proposition of Bro. R. Martin P.P.G.T., it was decided to alter one of the bye-laws of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution to enable the annual meeting to be held on a stated day instead of waiting for the Provincial Grand Lodge yearly meeting. The Provincial Grand Lodge then adjourned for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of the annexe to Holy Trinity Church. The north-east corner of the site of the proposed new structure having been reached, the acting P.G.M. delivered the opening address explanatory of the principles and objects of the Order, and afterwards called upon the Prov. G. Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. F. J. Whalley) to offer up prayer. The Prov. G. Secretary (Bro. W. Goodacre) then read the inscription on the plate, as follows:—

"This foundation stone was laid by the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., acting as Provincial Grand Master, 30th May 1888. Holy Trinity Church, South Shore. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, Vicar."

The stone having been laid in regular form, the acting Provincial Grand Master concluded by trusting that prosperity and gladness and good-will might prevail amongst those who would assemble within the building to the honour of the Most High until time should be no more. The architect (Bro. Freeman) advancing, presented the plans of the building to the acting P.G. Master, who, in entrusting them to his keeping, desired him to proceed with the work without loss of time. The hymn beginning "O Lord of Hosts, whose glory fills the bounds of the eternal hills," followed with full band accompaniment, and the Masonic part of the ceremony was brought to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BRISTOL.

THE foundation of the Queen's statue, provided by the citizens' committee as the Bristol memorial of her Majesty's jubilee, was laid on Friday, the 1st inst., and the statue will be unveiled on Coronation Day, by Prince Albert Victor. A site was found at the eastern extremity of College Green, by removing to the centre of the Green the copy of the Ancient High Cross which had stood there since 8th August 1850, being then founded by the Freemasons of Bristol Province with the ornate and dignified ritual which was repeated 20 years ago last April on laying the foundation of the Cathedral North-West tower, and again in connection with the loyal ceremony on Friday. The Freemasons assembled at their hall in Park-street, the brethren joining the procession being Bros. W. A. F. Powell P.G.D. Eng. D.P.G.M., A. Deedes P.S.G.W., J. R. Shorland Prov. J.G.W., the Rev. J. H. Wilkinson Prov. G.C., Col. S. E. Taylor P.G. St.B. Eng. Prov. G. Treas., J. R. Bamble P.A.G.D.C. Eng. Prov. G. Reg., Pierrepont Harris P.P.S.G.W. Prov. G. Sec., A. W. Powell Prov. S.G.D., R. H. G. F. Lambert Prov. J.G.D., W. H. Cowlin Prov. G. Sup. W., E. B. Colthurst Prov. G.D.C., J. G. Cook Prov. G.A.D.C., E. H. Stock Prov. G.S.B., W. Galpin Prov. G. St.B., W. Mitchell Prov. G. St.B., J. W. Lawson Prov. G.O., H. Harford Prov. G.P., J. Stoate and J. Webber Prov. G. Tylers, H. A. Woodward and W. Proctor Prov. G. Sts., also Rev. J. A. Lloyd G.C. Eng., S. G. Homfray P.A.G.D.C. Eng. D.P.G.M. Mon., W. Pickford P.G.S.B. Eng., and a large number of Past Officers and visitors. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick, being unavoidably absent, his place was taken by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. A. F. Powell Past Grand Deacon of England. The D.P.G.M. and others who had to figure in the ceremony having taken up positions near the stone, the Mayor said he had the honour of asking the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in his official capacity to lay that foundation stone of a statue to her Majesty Queen Victoria. He felt sure they would all rejoice that this was in every sense of the word a jubilee memorial to their most gracious Queen, who had reigned over them not only long but well, and the great aim of that long and glorious reign had been nothing but the welfare, health, happiness, and prosperity of the whole of her dominions. Although this was a jubilee stone, consequently recording a long reign, might her Majesty still reign for many years with that glorious example which she had set before the whole world. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, having accepted the invitation, said it was their custom and duty on all occasions of public ceremonies to ask the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on the proceedings. The Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. H. Wilkinson, offered the following prayer:—

"Almighty Father, Architect and Ruler of the Universe, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we yield to Thee most humble and hearty thanks for Thy goodness in permitting us to take part in this work. Pour Thy blessing upon it and grant that that which is begun to-day may be brought to a happy end. Heartily also do we praise Thee for having so long preserved upon the throne of this realm our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and for having bestowed upon her many heavenly graces requisite for her high calling. Grant that her statue, soon to be set up in this place, may serve to kindle in us more and more a spirit of Godly loyalty, and may awaken in us and our posterity a desire to follow after all that is noble and virtuous in her example. Grant that she may yet for many years be spared to rule over her people; and that we may be found pure and just lovers of peace and of true godliness. Finally, may we all finish our work here below, with Thy approbation and be received at last with all Thy blessed saints departed this life into Thy heavenly temple there to enjoy light and glory for evermore."

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The brethren gave the usual response, "So mote it be." The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Pierrepont Harris, deposited an earthenware plate, bearing the indelible record of the event, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. S. E. Taylor, deposited in the cavity a phial containing local newspapers and coins of Her Majesty's reign. These were all new jubilee coins of last year's date, from a sovereign down to a farthing. Cement having been laid on the lower stone, the upper one was laid down upon it to the accompaniment of impressive music. The D.P.G.M having proved the stone with rule, level, and square, struck it three times with a mallet, declaring that the Craftsmen had prepared it true and trusty, labouring skilfully, and that the stone was well and truly laid, after which the trumpeters sounded a flourish. The cornucopia containing corn, and the vessels of wine and oil having been handed to the D.P.G.M., he poured their contents upon the stone as emblems of abundance, joy and gladness, and peace and unanimity. Bro. W. S. Paul, architect, on behalf of the sculptor, presented a plan of the work to the P.D.G.M., who returned it with the usual charge to proceed to the completion of the work. Another flourish having been sounded, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master delivered the following oration:

"We are lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligation to erect magnificent buildings to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the great Architect of the Universe. That we have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of men, secrets which cannot be divulged, and which have never been found out; but the secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God and man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted so many centuries, nor should we have been honoured with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and to defend us against all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day to lay the foundation stone of the statue of our most gracious Sovereign, Queen and Empress, to commemorate the jubilee of her most happy reign, and may the Sacred Architect of the Universe be with her now and for evermore."

This concluded the ceremony, and the D.P.G.M. having taken leave of the Mayor, the Masonic procession returned to the Hall.

The Provincial Grand Lodge afterwards gave a sumptuous collation at the Royal Hotel. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided. In proposing the first toast, he expressed deep regret that the Provincial Grand Master, Earl Limerick, was prevented by circumstances over which he had no control from being present to perform the ceremony which fell to his lot, as Deputy, to perform. He himself had not been physically in a condition to perform the ceremony as he would, having been for a fortnight past in the hands of his medical practitioner, with a serious attack of sciatica. But the Mayor having very kindly requested the Freemasons to take charge of this ceremony, he could not allow it to pass without making the attempt. He proposed the Queen, the Patroness of our Order. Other toasts followed.

We are pleased to learn that the services rendered to the Craft by Bro. George Everett P.M. 177 are so far appreciated that it is intended to propose him for the office of Grand Treasurer, when the time comes to nominate brethren for that high dignity. We are sure he will be supported by a large number of Craftsmen, and we should be very pleased to see him returned at the head of the poll, if not on the next occasion at least at no distant date. Our principal fear on his behalf at the present time is that next year the honour will properly belong to a Provincial brother, that is, if the system of turn and turn about between London and the Provinces, which was originally proposed, is to be adhered to.

At a meeting of the Electric Lodge, on the 23th ult., held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, Bro. Thomas Barlow was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. James Hookey was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel on his retirement from the chair.

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Bro. G. P. BROCKBANK, P.G. STANDARD BEARER, P.P.G.D. EAST LANCASHIRE.

An esteemed friend, in the person of Bro. George Parker Brockbank, died suddenly on the 2.d instant. We are sure the news of his death has, and will cause great regret throughout the length and breadth of the country, in all parts of which he was known and universally respected. A touching tribute to his memory was made at the Half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge by Bro. Frederick Binckes, a report of which appears elsewhere. We regret that pressure on our space prevents our saying more at present.

BRO. GEORGE ROWLAND.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., the funeral of the late Bro. George Rowland took place at Barton Cemetery. Deceased was initiated in the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, about seven years ago. He was appointed S.D. in 1886, which he resigned on account of ill health, having been a great sufferer for many years. The first part of the service was at St. Luke's Church, the vicar, the Rev. W. S. Boyle, officiating, and the concluding portion was carried out at the Cemetery by the Rev. Lionel Ward. The Members of the two Torquay Lodges, St. John's and Jordon, wore sprigs of acacia, which they afterwards threw in the grave.

The regular monthly meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer presided, and owing to its being the day appointed for the election of the House and Audit Committees for the ensuing year, the attendance was an unusually full one. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, scrutineers were appointed for the elections of the House and Audit Committees. Bro. J. A. Farnfield having been proposed as Chairman for the purpose of the scrutiny, seven petitions were considered, six of them being accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list for the October election, while the remaining one was deferred. Two applicants for grants towards outfit were favourably entertained, and the Secretary announced the receipt from Grand Lodge of £1,000, being the second moiety of the grant made last year in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee. The poll showed that the remaining 11 members of last year's House Committee, together with Bro. John Wordsworth in place of the late Bro. Edgar Bowyer, were elected by an overwhelming majority of votes, the opposition poll reaching 39, while the numbers for the individual members of the old Committee ranged from 179 to 171. The old Audit Committee was also re-elected by a majority almost as great, the numbers for individual members ranging from 173 to 160, while the outside candidate polled 37. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

A new serial story, entitled "The Bearers of Beatrice Garden," by L. T. Meade, will be commenced in the July part of "The Quiver."

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Thirty-six children have reaped the advantages of the Educational Branch at a total cost of £950, while at the meeting of Grand Lodge in June 1886 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 over £120, the Educational Fees amounting to nearly £300.

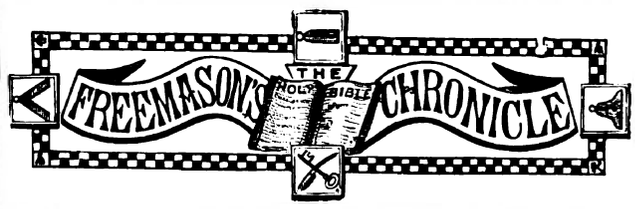
Two Brethren are at present recipients from the Annuity Fund, and the Board will gladly consider the claims of necessitous Brethren or Widows of Brethren, being empowered to grant the sum of £20 and £16 per annum respectively to accepted Candidates after election.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, presiding. Col. Sackville West acted as Senior Warden, and Lord John Taylour Junior Warden. The Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, reported the presentation to the Princess of Wales of the Silver Wedding gift made by Grand Lodge, and Her Royal Highness's acceptance and acknowledgment of the gift and accompanying address. He also reported the presentation of the address voted by Grand Lodge to the Crown Prince (now Emperor) of Germany, by the Prince of Wales, at Berlin, and the Emperor's reply. The latter was as follows:—

"To the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, His Royal Highness the Brother Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, London.

Illustrious Prince and Most Worshipful and beloved Grand Master and Brother,—I have with deep emotion and with grateful brotherly feeling received the intimation of the sympathy which your Royal Highness expressed on behalf of the United Grand Lodge of England, and am convinced of your sincere interest in the demise of my beloved father, the glorious Emperor William, who was in the whole world praised alike as Ruler and as Freemason. Under his most noble protectorate Freemasonry has properly preserved the

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appellation of the 'Royal Art.' Pure and elevated in mind, in word, in deed, and inspiring the brethren who imitate him on the road to wisdom, beauty, and strength, he remained till his entrance into the Eternal East a beaming pattern for all brethren Freemasons, who, although scattered through the whole world, are united in the Royal Art. I accept with fraternal thanks, and in the hope of their being fulfilled, the kind wishes which your Royal Highness and your Grand Lodge express for me. Like the deceased Emperor William, I shall not fail to bestow in the future as hitherto my sincere interest in Freemasonry.

Dated Charlottenberg, 31st March 1888.

FREDERICK I. and R."

The Earl of Carnarvon then said he had a communication to make to the brethren from the Prince of Wales, and should conclude with a distinct proposal. It was now some twenty years since His Royal Highness, their Grand Master, was initiated in Freemasonry, and it would be in the recollection of many in that hall that that initiation took place in the Kingdom of Sweden and Norway. It was conducted in part by his present Majesty, King Oscar II., and in part by King Oscar, his predecessor. It so happened that that Sovereign, King Oscar II., was at this moment an honoured and a welcome guest in this country, and it had seemed to their illustrious Grand Master that no occasion could be more fitted for reciprocating the kindly office which, twenty years ago, was performed by that illustrious Sovereign. It was the hope of His Royal Highness that the Brethren would that evening in that most full and crowded Grand Lodge, agree to confer upon his illustrious Brother His Majesty Oscar the Second, King of Sweden and Norway, the Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Swedon, the rank of Past Grand Master of United Grand Lodge of England. He would only add this one remark, that whilst in many countries of Europe Masonry was looked upon sometimes with doubt, sometimes with suspicion, in Sweden it had enjoyed the full sunshine and sanction of Royal favour, and that the King of Sweden and Norway and the Masons of Sweden and Norway had been friends. He thought Masons owed a debt for the initiation, twenty years ago, of their illustrious Grand Master, and he was sure they had it in their power that night to discharge that debt in a most graceful fashion. He then proposed that the rank of Past Grand Master of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England be conferred upon the illustrious Brother His Majesty Oscar the Second, King of Sweden and Norway. The motion was seconded by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and carried unanimously. Scrutineers of votes for the election of members of the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board were chosen and obligated, and having collected the balloting papers, retired to count up the votes. The following were declared elected as members of the Board of General Purposes:—Worshipful Masters Bros. Belton, Walls, Scarrah, Room, Holah, Clever, and Monteuuis; Past Masters Bros. Edward Terry, Dawson, Miller, Cumberland, Read, Pocock, and Pritchard. The following were declared elected members of the Colonial Board:—Bros. Brett, Lieut.-Col. Haldane, Walls, Cumberland, Escott, Col. Gadsden, and Rommieu. The Earl of Carnarvon then said: Brethren, I have a further communication to make to you by the permission of the Grand Master, and it relates to two out of the three great Australasian self-governed free Colonies. What I shall have to say refers first of all to South Australia; secondly, to New South Wales. It will be in the recollection of most whom I now address that a short time since at the desire of a large majority of Masons under the English Constitution in South Australia, an independent Grand Lodge was accorded to them. That Grand Lodge I had the pleasure of meeting a few months ago when I was on the other side of the world. I had the satisfaction of seeing with my own eyes and hearing with my own ears how well Masonry was prospering in the great Colony of South Australia, and I must also add under the guidance of that most able and loyal subject Chief Justice Way, the Chief Justice of the Colony. Good work in a Masonic point of view is, I think, being carried on there; and though the Grand Lodge of South Australia now enjoys entire self-government and independence, I rejoice to think that there has been no wavering whatever of affection, and the old Masonic loyalty to the mother Craft here at home. And perhaps one of the best illustrations of that is to be found in the request which has unanimously been preferred by the Grand Lodge of South Australia to our Illustrious Grand Master that he would be pleased to accept the office of Grand Patron. Brethren, the Grand Master has carefully considered that request, and it is my duty to announce to you to-night that he has been graciously pleased to accede to the request, and become a Grand Patron of the Grand Lodge of South Australia. I think it is possible—I might even say probable, though I wish to state this simply on my own personal notion—that some public request may before long be made to His Royal Highness that he should consent in some way to undertake the duty of discharging in certain very limited cases the decision of certain appeals. It is a great request to make; it will be a great privilege, in my point of view, to accord. I would not now prejudge questions by one single word, though I felt that it would be interesting to Grand Lodge that I should state as much as I have said. I would only say that if such a request should come, I am certain that it will be considered by His Royal Highness our Grand Master with the most favourable disposition, at all events towards the wishes of those who make it. Brethren, I pass now to the second subject on which you, as a Grand Lodge, will ultimately have to be consulted, and in which you are distinctly concerned. It is, perhaps, within the knowledge of many in this hall that for some time past there has hardly been that amount of Masonic unity in the great Colony of New South Wales which we could all desire, for a constituted body has sprung into existence—a powerful body both numerically and from personal position—and that is fly subsist side by side with the District Grand Lodge under the English Constitution. All true lovers of Freemasonry have deplored that state of things, but till lately there has seemed to be no satisfactory solution for it. It has been a peculiar condition of affairs, for whilst on one hand there has been this strong desire for self-government on the part of a large and powerful body in the Colony, on the other hand there has been also great affection for the Mother Craft in England, and for all concerned in English Masonry; and lastly, there was been a universal desire to find in the present Governor of New South Wales, my noble friend and Brother Lord Carrington, who is there among all classes, whether Masons or any other persons, a man of extraordinary popularity—a solution of the difficulty. I said there has been a desire on the part of all to find in Lord Carrington the common meeting-place, so to say, of all desires. His Royal Highness our Grand Master, who has for some time past been cognisant of, and taken a deep interest in, the Masonic affairs of New South Wales, has recently, by appointing Lord Carrington District Grand Master of New South Wales, largely facilitated a friendly and satisfactory solution of this matter. That appointment when I was in the Colony was only partially known; but so far as it was known it commanded the most cordial and hearty concurrence. Brethren, there have been negotiations, friendly and unofficial, which have now been carried on for several weeks, and even months. I am not yet in a position to announce anything definite, or to ask this Grand Lodge to ratify any conclusions that may be arrived at in the Colony; all I can say now is this—that I am convinced whenever the question comes before this Grand Lodge in its proper form it will be accepted and considered in the most friendly spirit. Brethren, from one end of that great continent of Australia to the other I was the fortunate witness of the great work of Masonry. Nowhere in the world, I think I may say, has Masonry during a limited space of time achieved more; nowhere is it doing better or more wholesome work. I have seen it uniting various classes and interests together; I have seen it composing differences and soothing animosities; I have seen it discharging a great duty which it knows so well how to discharge here in England, and of which it has been for so many years the foremost champion, for the support of law and order, and of hearty loyalty to the throne; and I may say indeed that throughout the length and breadth of that great continent of Australia Masonry has formed no exception whatever to this general rule. Brethren, you will see that I ask for no concurrence, but that I have felt—as did our illustrious Grand Master—that this was a fitting and a proper time at which I should lay before you matters which very likely are to come before you, and which, unless I greatly mistake the feelings of this Grand Lodge, will be received in the most friendly and most fraternal spirit. The Earl of Carnarvon announced that the Grand Master had appointed—and he was sure with very great satisfaction to Grand Lodge—Bro. Fenn as President of the Board of General Purposes. On the motion of Bro. Charles Belton, Bro. John Smith was unanimously re-elected Grand Lodge Auditor. The following brethren were declared elected members of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution:—Bros. Cottebrune, Carter, Dawson, Dilley, Major Dumont, Fish, Kempton, Tattershall, Tickle, and Dixon. The recommendations of grants by the Board of Benevolence were, on the motion of Bro. James Brett, confirmed. The report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. Bro. Fenn read the formal complaint and the documents referred to in the report, and said he was not instructed to make any remark or proposition. Bro. Tacey said he only wished to say that in making his complaint he was not actuated by any feeling of hostility to Bro. Barfield, but merely by pure Masonic feeling in the interest of the Order, whose honour every Mason must feel concerned for. After a short discussion, in which it was said that Bro. Barfield wished to make a statement, the Earl of Carnarvon said that as yet he would beg to observe there was no proposition before Grand Lodge. The mere fact had been stated, as it was the duty of the President of the Board of General Purposes to state it, and it remained now to be seen whether, in conformity with the courtesy which always prevailed in such a body as Grand Lodge, they should hear anything from Bro. Barfield. He would therefore suggest to him if he thought fit to make any statement he should do so, and he (Lord Carnarvon) was sure it would be received in the calmest and most friendly spirit. Brother Barfield, who was received with such applause as to testify that he had the sympathy of the majority of those present, said that in answer to the complaint against him, he had to urge that during the 42 years of his Masonic career, he could, without fear of contradiction, state that he had always endeavoured to maintain the honour, dignity, and privileges of Grand Lodge and the credit and reputation of the Craft, and this was the first charge of un-Masonic conduct that had ever been brought against him. The Board had received the complaint and dealt with it in their discretion, as no doubt was their power, they had considered it their duty to bring the matter under the notice of Grand Lodge. It was not for him to question the ruling of that body. He accepted as a loyal Mason their decision without demur. It was Grand Lodge he had to satisfy if he possibly could that he had never even intended to contravene any Masonic irregularity, and he most solemnly and unhesitatingly declared that he would not employ any gentleman to solicit votes on his behalf, nor did he employ any gentleman to distribute printed invitations to luncheon at the Holborn Restaurant to those who were willing to oppose his election. But what he did was this. Shortly before the election, and while he was confined to his bedroom with inflammation of the sciatic nerve, he wrote to several of his Masonic friends in the country and to Sudbury, where he was born, to Ipswich, and many other places, a short printed biography of himself and an invitation to lunch with him on the day of election. These were placed in a parcel with stamped envelopes ready to be sent to Bro. Bennett to address and post for him. As Bro. Bennett had known a great many years, and although he had not seen him for some time, he thought he had better send his letters to him in order to avoid the Post Masters and so was directed by (Bro. Barfield) did not know. A cabman from Ipswich called upon him while confined to his room, and he very courteously took the letters, and they were directed and posted by

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him for him (Bro. Barfield). This was no doubt the gentleman in Ipswhich who was not a Mason and who was alluded to in the complaint. To this extent, he was, no doubt, his (Bro. Barfield's) agent, and thus far he felt responsible for his actions. If he was wrong in sending his Masonic biography to his friends, and an invitation to some slight hospitality after travelling so many miles, he only regretted the steps that were taken, being perfectly unaware that canvassing was not allowed, and that it was improper to invite country friends to partake of refreshment after their journey to London. He understood also that exception was taken to the form of his letter, in which he said he should be pleased to meet his country friends and supporters—that he thereby intended to include strangers as well as friends. That was not so. What he meant to convey was this, that his friends who were supporting him were welcome. He never issued those notes broadcast among those who supported him and whom he did not personally know. If that had been done it was not by his order or sanction, or even with his knowledge; and it was a fact that no London Mason was present at that luncheon and only one brother from Ipswich that he could ascertain. Those of his friends who were there came from Liverpool, Birmingham, Pontefract, Bedford, Colchester, Hampshire, and the Isle of Wight. Those from the Isle of Wight were forced to stay in London all night; surely they required refreshment when they arrived. The records of his Masonic career would, he trusted, bear testimony to the fact that if he had erred his fault was an error of judgment rather than wilful misconduct on his part. His 33 Stewardships to the Charities showed the active part he had taken in the concerns of the Order, while his rank in the Craft and in his Province showed the work he had done in Masonry. With these recommendations, his own statements and qualifications, he trusted the brethren would believe him when he declared that he had no intention of acting otherwise than in a straightforward, honourable, and Masonic manner in his candidature for the high and important office to which the brethren had elected him. With these remarks he left himself in the hands of Grand Lodge. Bro. Æ. J. M'Intyre, Q.C., P.G. Warden, followed with the proposition "that this Grand Lodge passes a vote that it is undesirable and un-Masonic to invite brethren to any entertainment whatever at the time that the person giving the entertainment is a candidate for an elective office in Grand Lodge." Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., P.G.D., seconded the resolution, and after some remarks from Bro. G. P. Britten, Bro. Richard Eve P.G.T. and the Earl of Carnarvon, it was put and carried unanimously. On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by Bro. J. A. Farnfield, the usual £70 was voted for providing coals to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, during the winter season. On the motion of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., the appeal by Bro. Francis W. Hollar, W.M. of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 914, was dismissed, and Grand Lodge was then closed.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

THE Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday, at the Holborn Restaurant, London. The M.W. Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Pro Grand Master, presided. The Marquis of Hertford, Deputy Grand Master, occupied his position at the right of the Pro Grand Master, and amongst the G. Officers present were Lord John H. Taylour P.G.W. as S.W., H. C. Okeover J.W., R. E. Baynes M.O., Colonel Addison Potter P.G.W. as S.O., Revs. W. Valentine and J. N. Palmer Chaplains, Frank Richardson Registrar, Rev. Canon Portal P.G.M. President of the General Board, Fred. Binckes P.G.W. Sec., R. Newhouse G.D., J. Barker Inspector of Works, R. Berridge P.G.M.O. D.C., James Terry A.D.C., Edwin Baldwin and C. F. Hogard Standard Bearers, E. J. Crowe, Mus. Doc., Org., C. F. Matier P.G.W. Asst. Sec., W. Vincent P.G.I.G. as I.G., E. J. Mills A.I.G., &c.

After Grand Lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the last Half-yearly Communication read and confirmed, Bro. Binckes Grand Sec. read a communication from the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., giving to brethren in the Colonies Grand Rank in honour of Her Majesty's Jubilee. The report of the General Board was next received as follows:—

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

During the six months ending 31st March last, there have been issued: Mark certificates, 781; total number registered, 24,060. Warrants for new Lodges, 5, viz.:—

No. 385, King Solomon, London,
„ 386, Adur, Sussex.
„ 387, St. Oswald, Lincolnshire.
„ 388, Victoria, Barbadoes.
„ 389, Cowra, New South Wales.

Royal Ark Mariners certificates, 149; total number registered, 2,475. Warrant for new Lodge, viz.: F. R. Sewell, attached to Fletcher Lodge, No. 213.

At the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 6th December 1887, it was proposed by Most Worshipful Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, and carried unanimously, "That a congratulatory address to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales on the auspicious occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary—the Silver Wedding of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, should be presented in a suitable silver casket."

It having been referred to the General Board, with full powers for carrying out the necessary arrangements, they have to inform Grand Lodge that the address, in accordance with the resolution, was presented to Her Royal Highness on the 10th March.

The address, most artistically and delicately illuminated on vellum by Bro. C. H. Driver, F.R.I.B.A., and Past Grand Inspector of Works, was enclosed in a silver casket of oblong shape, richly decorated in Queen Anne's style, with Masonic emblems in relief at each corner, and a wreath of briar-rose in *repoussé* work in the four panels at the sides. The initials of the Princess of Wales and the dates of 1863 and 1888 are raised on the lid, and the coats-of-arms in coloured enamel of Grand Lodge, of His Royal Highness the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales; of Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Pro Grand Master; and of the Marquis of Hertford, the Deputy Grand Master, are placed in the centre of the four principal panels.

Her Royal Highness was graciously pleased to accept the address.

The Jamestown Lodge, No. 370, St. Helena, having informed the Board that the dispensation to instal Bro. A. S. Brady as W.M. did not arrive in time for the meeting fixed by the bye-laws for installation, and that the W.M. elect was consequently installed at the next regular meeting. As he will therefore serve the office of W.M. for 10 months only, as it would be most inconvenient to alter the bye-laws, the Board recommend Grand Lodge to confirm Bro. Brady in the rank and privileges of P.M., notwithstanding the absence of qualification by serving short of 12 months.

They recommend that a grant of £10 10s be made from the General Fund of Grand Lodge towards a special fund which is being raised for the benefit of Bro. Thos. Poore, whose distinguished services in Lodges of Instruction in the Mark degree fully merit, in their opinion, this recognition from Grand Lodge.

The Board acknowledge, with thanks, copies of Proceedings of Grand Chapters of Indiana, Canada, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Scotland.

The twentieth Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on the 25th July, and R.W. Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, Deputy Grand Master, has most kindly consented to preside. It is confidently hoped that the exertions of the Board of Stewards and the liberality of the Members of the Order will enable the General Board to maintain and even increase the usefulness of this most deserving Charity, which up to the present has been able to accept every candidate without incurring the expense and anxiety of a contested election.

The Board announce that the sum of £2207 4s 9d was received on behalf of the Benevolent Festival of 1887, and that, after payment of the necessary expenses,

£705 has been paid to Benevolent Fund
£705 „ „ Educational Fund
£704 4s 9d „ Annuity Fund

and that they have ordered the investment of £200 on behalf of the Annuity Fund, making the total invested Funds as follow:—

General Fund	£2400	0	0
Benevolent Fund	2000	0	0
Educational Fund	2200	0	0
Annuity Fund	2700	0	0

Appended are the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the half-year ending 31st March 1888.

Dr. GENERAL FUND.	£	s	d
To Balance 30th September 1887	457	10	7
„ Half-year's Receipts	1133	0	0
„ Interest on Investment	55	12	0
	1646	2	7
Cr.			
By Expenditure	974	0	3
„ Balance	672	2	4
	1646	2	7

Dr. BENEVOLENT FUND.	£	s	d
To Balance 30th September 1887	127	10	0
„ Transferred from Festival Fund	205	0	0
„ Interest on Investments	40	9	3
	372	19	3
Cr.			
By Grants in Relief	134	0	0
„ Balance	238	19	3
	372	19	3

Dr. EDUCATION FUND.	£	s	d
To Balance 30th September 1887	125	3	4
„ Transferred from Festival Fund	205	0	0
„ Interest on Investments	49	2	8
	379	6	0
Cr.			
By Education Fees	125	3	5
„ Grants for Clothing	120	0	0
„ Balance	134	2	7
	379	6	0

Dr. ANNUITY FUND.	£	s	d
To Balance 30th September 1887	81	5	3
„ Transferred from Festival Fund	204	2	8
„ Interest on Investments	48	15	5
	334	3	4
Cr.			
By Annuities	23	6	8
„ Investment	205	15	0
„ Balance	105	1	8
	334	3	4

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Dr. BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL ACCOUNT.

To Balance 30th September 1887	218	11	9
„ Half-year's receipts	477	7	0
	725	18	9
Cr.			
By Transfer to Benevolent Fund	205	0	0
„ Ditto. Annuity Fund	204	2	3
„ Ditto. Education Fund	205	0	0
„ Expenditure	63	3	6
„ Balance (Account Festival, 1888)	48	13	0
	725	18	9

Audited and approved this 9th day of May 1888.

(Signed) CHARLES EDWARD SOPPET, P.G.O., *Auditor.*

On the motion of Bro. Frank Richardson, seconded by Bro. Alfred Williams the report was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes, and the other recommendations in the report were adopted. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was then declared to be duly proposed, seconded, elected and installed as M.W.G.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. E. Letchworth was elected Grand Treasurer. Lord Egerton of Tatton announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been pleased to appoint him as M.W. Pro G. Master, and the Marquis of Hertford as R.W. Deputy G.M., and these noble Brethren were duly proclaimed and saluted. The following were then invested as the other Grand Officers for the year :—

Bro. Earl of Euston	S.W.
Alan de Tatton Egerton	J.W.
Charles Henry Driver	M.O.
Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph	S.O.
Ralph Clutton	J.O.
Rev. F. Vernon Bussell, M.A.	Chaplains
Rev. John Augustus Lloyd, M.A.	Chaplains
Edward Letchworth	Treasurer
Frank Richardson	Registrar
Rev. Canon Portal, M.A.	President General Board
Frederick Binckes	Secretary
Philip A. Scratchley	Senior Deacons
Captain C. H. Garnett	Senior Deacons
Reginald Young	Junior Deacons
George Norman	Junior Deacons
Rowland Plumbe	Inspector of Works
R. Berridge	Director of Ceremonies
John Ramsey	Assistant D.C.
Francis Newman	Assistant D.C.
Lieut.-Col. G. H. J. Haldane	Sword Bearer
J. T. Briggs	Standard Bearers
Frederick Graves	Standard Bearers
William S. Hoyte	Organist
Charles F. Matier	Assistant Secretary
John Kenyon	I.G.
R. J. Voisey	Assistant I.G.

The following are the Grand Stewards for the year: Bros. W. Klingenstein, W. H. Stanger, A. C. Bauke, Geo. Allen, Wyndham Hart, T. R. Recknell, W. S. Holdsworth, James Gardiner, E. G. Harwood, G. Miller, C. Coupland, F. Levick, Dr. W. H. Kempster, and Leopold G. G. Robinson.

Bro. Binckes rose and said that on behalf of Bro. Harwood of Bolton, one of the Grand Stewards, he had to express that brother's great regret for his inability to be present to be invested, and he thought the Grand Master and brethren would bear with him when he mentioned the distressing circumstances under which Bro. Harwood was absent. The announcement he had to make would come no doubt rather suddenly on many of the brethren: it was that the funeral was taking place that day of one of the best, oldest, and most active Masons in Lancashire, a brother who was a very distinguished member of the Mark Degree, and who, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, took a very prominent part, as a member of the Mark Degree under the Supreme jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in uniting that Grand Lodge with the English Mark Grand Lodge. The brother he referred to was their dear lamented friend and brother George Parker Brockbank, who died very suddenly indeed under exceedingly distressing circumstances only last Saturday. Many of the brethren present would, but for this meeting, have been very glad to show their respect and love for Brother Brockbank by attending his funeral, and as far as they could testify to his worth. Had it not been that a motion of condolence would come with better grace from his Lordship, Lord Egerton of Tatton, he (Bro. Binckes) would have proposed such a vote, expressing the sense of the loss Grand Lodge had sustained in the death of a Past Deacon of East Lancashire in the Craft, and Past Grand Standard Bearer in Grand Craft Lodge of England; Vice-President of all the Masonic Institutions, and as energetic a member in the working of the Order as it could boast of, and whose loss would be felt wherever the influence of the Craft was known. Those were words which came from him (Bro. Binckes) entirely unpremeditated and unprepared, but they were not the less sincere, and he should be very sorry if the Grand Lodge were to separate without expressing its sense of the almost irreparable loss the brethren had sustained by the death of one of the best friends and hardest workers the Order had ever known. Lord Egerton of Tatton said he should be glad to accept the suggestion made by the Grand Secretary, and he should ask the Grand Lodge to pass a vote of condolence with the family of Bro. Brockbank. Canon Portal seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Lord Egerton of Tatton announced that the M.W.G.M. had appointed Canon Portal President of the General Board, and Bros. Alfred Williams, F. Iverick Davison, George Casper, Chas. H. Driver, James Terry, and Thomas Cubitt, members. The brethren nominated for election were Bros. Dr. George Mickley, the Rev. Hayman Cummings, John E. Dawson, R. Loveland Loveland, and A. F. Godson M.P. None others being nominated those brethren were declared elected. Letters of apology and regret for non-attendance were announced from several brethren, and the Grand Lodge was closed, a banquet being subsequently held.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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AMITY LODGE, No. 171.

THIS Lodge met at the Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday last, the 5th inst., when the installation of Bro. H. Dipple was most efficiently performed by Bro. J. Van Essen, the retiring W.M. The newly installed W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. W. Frigout S.W., A. W. Frigout J.W., J. Clever Treas., J. W. Clever Secretary, Ham S.D., Carter J.D., Wheeler Brown I.G., Perkins, R.A. Mus., D.C. and Organist. At the banquet which followed, the W.M. (Bro. H. Dipple) presided, and the regular toasts were duly honoured, the musical arrangements being most efficiently carried out under the direction of Bro. F. Perkins.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 750.

AT the Masonic Hall, Whitcliffe, Cleckheaton, on Wednesday evening, the 30th ult., the brethren entertained at dinner the Rev. R. Crookall, on the occasion of his leaving the town to take up his residence at Chester-le-Street. During the Lodge meeting the Worshipful Master (Bro. Robert Naylor), on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge, presented Bro. Crookall with a handsome Masonic jewel, enclosed in a beautiful box, with the inscription:

"Presented to Worshipful Brother Crookall, by the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Friendship Lodge, as a token of their brotherly affection and best wishes for his success. 30th May 1888."

Bro. Crookall suitably responded.

MEDWAY LODGE, No. 1678.

ON Tuesday, the 22nd ult., the annual installation meeting was held. Bro. D. Cornfoot was installed as W.M. by Bro G. D. Warner, and the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Stidolph S.W., Dunk J.W., Shaw Treasurer, Preston Secretary, Wadmore S.D., Tyler J.D., Millidge I.G., Jackson D.C., and Burslene Organist. Bro. Monckton was chosen as the charity representative. The customary banquet followed at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Tunbridge, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

ST. MARY'S LODGE, No. 1763.

THE annual installation and festival took place on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Thame, when for the second time Bro. W. Robert Sutton was placed in the chair with full Masonic honours. The W.M., Bro. H. Fielding, duly opened the Lodge according to ancient custom. The installation ceremony was very impressively performed by Bro. M. H. Humphreys. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers, viz., Bros. H. Fielding I.P.M., G. Briars S.W., Tanner J.W., Howland Treas., Snell Sec., Mears S.D., Bond J.D., Webster I.G., Payne Tyler. The Installing Master having delivered his charges to the Officers, pointing out to them their duties and privileges, the Lodge was closed in due form and order. The brethren then repaired to the Spread Eagle Hotel, where a *recherché* dinner was provided by Bro. W. Lidington. The Worshipful Master presided, and amongst those present were Bros. H. Birch, M. H. Humphreys, the Officers, and other brethren. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, special note being made of the fact that it was the Queen's birthday.

OLD ENGLAND LODGE, No. 1790.

THE members of this Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, on Wednesday afternoon, 6th inst., to witness the installation of their Master for the ensuing year. Bro. H. M. Hobbs, P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, the W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. F. T. Ridpath S.W., John Kilvington J.W., W. Foulsham P.M., G. S. Horsnail, Fredk. Cambridge P.P.G.O. Surrey, R. G. Fleming J.D., S. Clarke I.G., Daniel P.M., J. Buckley, J. Clarke, J. S. Mortimer, P. Budd, J. Chamberlain, Dr. J. Kain, J. P. Gordon, C. White, W. J. Turpin, E. C. Symons, W. R. Griffin, S. Potter, Hy. Cox, J. J. Stockwell, Hy. Sherry, and the following visitors:—Bros. W. Pine P.P.S.D. P.M., W. Burn, Ransome P.M., Pascall P.M., A. Verdan, R. Hughes, W. T. Pink, W. W. Lee, J. S. Rose, F. W. Leaver, E. C. Leaver, C. E. Lloyd, F. Knight, G. Milton, and Orlton Cooper. Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the Audit Committee's report passed. Mr. Felix Reuben Rayner was regularly proposed and approved, and subsequently initiated by the W.M. Bro. Francis Timothy Ridpath had been elected W.M., but he being already Master of the George Price Lodge, No. 2095, a dispensation had to be secured from the Grand Master to enable him to assume this chair. Having expressed his assent to the usual questions, Bro. Ridpath was duly installed by Bro. H. M. Hobbs, the ceremony being rendered in a truly impressive manner. The service was considerably enhanced by the musical accompaniments by Bro. F. Cambridge, who presided at the organ. The brethren saluted their new Master according to ancient custom, Bro. Daniel acting as D.C. The following Officers were then appointed and duly invested:—Bros. John Kilvington S.W., R. G. Fleming J.W., W. Foulsham P.M. Treasurer, G. S. Horsnail Secretary, S. Clarke S.D., P. Budd J.D., E. C. Symons I.G., J. P. Gordon D.C., C. Terry and J. Chamberlain Stewards, W. Irons Tyler. The honours of the evening having terminated, the brethren adjourned to an upper chamber, where the banquet was served. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having

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been honoured, Bro. Hobbs I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He said that Bro. Ridpath had long been associated with Masonic work, he had worked his way up through the various degrees to the great satisfaction of the Lodge and credit to himself. The W.M., in reply, said that he felt the great responsibility of being Master of two Lodges at one time, but advised the brethren not to follow his example. He felt proud at being elected W.M. of his mother Lodge, and would fill the chair to the best of his ability. The W.M. then gave the health of the I.P.M., for whom every member had the highest esteem and appreciation. Bro. Hobbs had taken an active interest in the Craft, and had filled numerous offices as well as being one of the founders of the George Price Lodge. He had also been a successful Steward to all the Masonic Charities. He (Bro. Ridpath) had now a pleasant duty to perform—that of presenting Bro. Hobbs with a P.M.'s jewel. He hoped it would be many years before he would cease to attend the meetings of this Lodge. The I.P.M., in reply, said that he had enjoyed a most pleasant year of office; he had been loyally supported by the Officers. He had the satisfaction of handing over the Lodge to his successor increased both numerically and financially. It was a great pleasure to be W.M. of one's mother Lodge; moreover, in this case, the members had treated him so kindly that he should never forget his year of office. Last year was the Jubilee year, and the Lodge had granted him a Jubilee jewel; now they presented him with a P.M.'s jewel, for which he thanked them from the bottom of his heart. The W.M. proposed the Visitors, to which Bro. Pile P.M. and Bro. Hughes responded. The health of the Initiate was then drunk, and responded to. The remaining toasts were the Past Masters, for whom Bros. Pascal and Ransome replied; the Treasurer and Secretary; and the Officers, the meeting closing at a late hour. An admirable selection of songs was given during the evening, under the direction of Bro. John Kilvington.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

AT a meeting held at the Huyshe Temple, Plymouth, on the 2nd inst., Bro. Goodman, who has filled the office of J.W. during the past twelve months, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. C. Phelp was re-elected as Treasurer, Bro. Kevern as the Representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. Phillips as Tyler. Bro. C. Mutten was elected to succeed Bro. Kevern as Charity Steward, the latter having expressed a desire to relinquish that position in consequence of the pressure of other duties. The installation of the newly-elected W.M. will take place at the next meeting of the Lodge.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A MEETING of the General Committee of the above named institution was held recently in the Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, when five girls and four boys were elected to the educational fund, and one girl was placed on the combined fund of the charity. Several applications for advancement on behalf of children who had been on the foundation were considered. The resignation of Bro. Robert Martin, one of the Hon. Secretaries to the Institution, was read, and reluctantly accepted. It was agreed to appoint two Hon. Secretaries in Bro. Martin's place, to co-operate with the remaining joint Secretary, Bro. G. Broadbridge, and the names of Bros. Lieut. M'Nab, R.N., P.M. 249, and T. H. W. Walker P.M. 1675 were adopted.

THE WOOLWICH MASONIC TEMPLE.

ON the 1st instant, the memorial stone of the new Masonic Temple, being erected in Bull's-fields, Woolwich, was laid by Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master of Kent, assisted by the P.G. Officers. A procession met his Lordship at the Arsenal station and escorted him to the site where the Temple is in course of construction, where Earl Amherst laid the stone, the Prov. Grand Master pouring on oil as an emblem of peace and consolation, wine as an emblem of joy and gladness, and corn as an emblem of plenty. The newest current coins with copies of papers were placed into a cavity beneath the stone, which was declared to be well and truly laid. The National Anthem was sung with much heartiness, after which luncheon was partaken of in the upper hall, which had been hurried on for the occasion. The afternoon was exceedingly fine. About 300 Masons in full regalia were present. Half the assembly were ladies. Two hundred sat down to luncheon. The silver trowel, and other Masonic tools used in the ceremony, were presented to his Lordship by Mr. Butter, Royal Arsenal. Mr. F. Tyler superintended the singing, and Mr. W. Wells the playing. The new building will cost £4,000, and consist of two large halls, 12 ante-rooms, a board room, kitchen and cellars. The halls will be used, one as the banqueting room, and the other as the Lodge room, and will seat 600 persons each.

Bro. W. C. Smith, being about to leave London permanently, the members of the Eclectic, Emblematic, Covent Garden, and Londesborough Lodges of Instruction, are endeavouring to present him with a suitable testimonial, as a recognition of his valuable services as Preceptor for many years past to their Lodges. The subscription list closes on the 18th June 1888, as the presentation will take place at the Criterion, on Friday, the 22nd, at 8 o'clock.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS—Nervous Debility.—No part of the human machine requires more watching than the nervous system—upon it hangs health and life itself. These Pills are the best regulators and strengtheners of the nerves, and the safest general purifiers. Nausea, headache, giddiness, numbness, and mental apathy yield to them. They despatch in a summary manner those distressing dyspeptic symptoms, stomachic pains, fulness at the pit of the stomach, abdominal distention, and overcome both capricious appetites and confined bowels—the accompanying signs of defective or deranged nervous power. Holloway's Pills are particularly recommended to persons of studious and sedentary habits, who gradually sink into a nervous and debilitated state, unless some such restorative be occasionally taken.

THE THEATRES, &c.

Royalty.—Messrs. Coleridge and Norman Forbes' version of Nathaniel Hawthorne's famous work, "The Scarlet Letter," was produced at this theatre last Monday, with every sign of success. The authors have done their work well until the last act, but here a grave and stupid blunder is made. For the sake of a happy ending they leave the original, and instead of Dimmesdale dying they cause Chillingworth to be killed by the mob. All this is very well for those who believe in being made happy at no matter what cost, but from an artistic point of view the piece is entirely spoilt by the ending. Such a mistake as this should be remedied at once; the piece is too good to be thus spoilt. Most of our readers will remember the story of "The Scarlet Letter." Hester Prynne, believing her husband to be dead, allows the Rev. Arthur Dimmesdale to be familiar with her, with a result that a child is born, for which Hester is placed in the pillory, and a scarlet letter put on her bosom, which she is to wear for ever. Hester's husband turns up in time to see her disgrace, and vows he will find the man who has wronged him. How Hester strives to keep this from him, but without avail, is clearly shown, and in the last act, when Dimmesdale has made up his mind to tell the truth the magistrates of the place come to his rescue, and accuse Chillingworth of being Hester's betrayer, with the result that the mob is so infuriated that they take the law into their own hands, and kill him, thus leaving all clear for Hester and Dimmesdale to marry. But for the one fault already spoken of the play is strong and well written; it is exceedingly well acted by the company. As Hester Prynne, Miss Calhoun displays marked improvement, indeed her performance is most artistic. Strong in emotional powers, Miss Calhoun scores in several passages and situations, while in others she is both loveable and kind. Mr. Forbes Robertson, as Dimmesdale, is also successful. He acts feelingly, and causes his audience to sympathise with him, notwithstanding he is a coward at heart. Mr. Norman Forbes was not altogether suited to the part of the hypocrite, Chillingworth. At times Mr. Forbes hit the right tone of the part, but at others he was all at sea. If he could be consistent he would score. Messrs. Elwood, A. Beaumont, and Mrs. Huntley all rendered good service, but the child of Hester as depicted by Miss Amy Arnott was very conventional. The piece is well staged, while new scenery has been painted for it by Messrs. Ryan and Hemsley.

Savoy.—The revival of Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan's successful opera "The Mikado" duly took place on Thursday evening, before a most distinguished audience, including the Princess of Wales and her daughters. Produced in March 1885, "The Mikado" then had a most successful run, and judging from the way in which it was received on Thursday it will enjoy another long run. The enthusiasm that greeted Sir Arthur Sullivan on his taking his seat as conductor was great, but when the curtain rose the audience at once settled itself to enjoy the fun supplied by this amusing and tuneful opera. As each favourite made his or her appearance they were heartily greeted, while encore after encore was demanded and liberally responded to. Mr. George Grossmith and Mr. Rutland Barrington resume their old parts, and, needless to say, cause endless amusement both by there singing and eccentric antics. Miss Jessie Bond in her old part of Pitti-Sing, proved as vivacious as of old, while Mr. R. Temple and Miss Rosina Brandram as the Mikado and Katisha respectively proved to be in excellent voice. Of the new comers we may say that Mr. J. G. Robertson created a most emphatic success as Nanki-Poo, his sweet voice and lively manner being suited to the part. Miss Geraldine Ulmar, who succeeds Miss Leonora Braham as Yum-Yum was equally successful, her pretty voice telling to great advantage in the numerous duets and solos. All the other parts are well filled; Mr. R. Cummings as Pish-Tush, and Miss Sybil Grey as Peep-Bo scoring well. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed throughout the evening, and at the conclusion Sir Arthur Sullivan, Mr. W. S. Gibbert, and Mr. D'Oyley Carte were called on and complimented.

Strand.—Revivals of former successes have, of late, been frequent at some of the London theatres, and the goodly audiences attending "Blackberries," at the Strand Theatre, forges another link in the chain of successful revivals and still further evidences the popularity in which they are held. In resuming the character of Charlie Cott Miss Alice Atherton has indeed scored, and in our opinion, eclipsed her previous efforts in the part. Her various songs are delivered in splendid style, but special mention must be made of the Laughing Duet, in which she is joined by Mr. Edouin. This must be regarded as the success of the piece. It is encored nightly, and judging from the hurras and cheers that followed its repetition it seemed the audience were loth to be deprived of a second encore. Mr. Edouin is, of course, playing his old part of Uncle Jim, the Showman, and gives Miss Atherton splendid support. Altogether the two make the piece a thorough success. Mr. Warren's comedy "His Wives" is still going on well, and should hold a place in the Strand bill for a considerable time to come. Mr. Edouin as Boggis, the solicitor's clerk, is amusing everyone with his antics, and is the life and soul of the piece. Miss Huntley and Miss Vaughan are very successful in their parts, and this remark applies equally to Messrs. Warren and Chevalier.

Opera Comique.—The success that attended Mrs. Bernard Beere in "Masks and Faces" at the recent matinées was so great that it was decided to place the piece in the evening bill. This was done last Saturday evening, with the same caste that has supported Mrs. Beere on previous occasions. Of Mrs. Beere's performance as Peggy Wofflington we cannot speak too highly. It is a most charming creation from beginning to end; the kind and tender-hearted Pegg is indeed ably portrayed. The last act is happily conceived, and artistically carried out. Admirable support was accorded by Mr. Henry

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Neville as Triplet, albeit he missed several of his opportunities. M. Marius was painstaking as Sir Charles Pomander, while Mr. William Herbert displayed admirable judgment as Ernest Vane. Miss Kate Vaughan made a charming Mabel Vane. Mr. W. Farren jun. as Colley Cibber, and Miss Muriel Aubrey as Kitty Clive also did well. The gavotte, in the second act has been arranged by Mr. John D'Auban.

The Annual Dinner of the *Elocutionist* will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on the 11th instant, when a large gathering is anticipated.

PRESENTATION TO CHARLES STEWART.

A LARGE number of representative members of the Freemason Fraternity assembled at the Masonic Hall, Arthur Square, Belfast, on the 31st ult., with the object of presenting Bro. Charles Stewart, Past Provincial Secretary of County Antrim, with a handsome testimonial, as a token of the appreciation of the members of the Craft in that Province of the many valuable services he has rendered to the Fraternity. The Chair was taken by Bro. Thomas Valentine, Provincial Deputy Grand Master of the County of Antrim, the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. Alexander Tate, Past Senior Grand Warden of the Province of Antrim. The Chairman in opening the proceedings, referred in the highest possible terms to the brother to whom they had on that occasion assembled to do honour. He adverted to the many excellent qualities which Brother Stewart possessed, to his zeal, ability, perseverance, and integrity, to the very many valuable services rendered by him, not only to the Craft in this Province, but elsewhere throughout the country, and concluded by congratulating Bro. Stewart on the well-merited approbation which he had succeeded in winning from his Masonic brethren, and wishing him every success in the new line of business upon which he had recently embarked. The honorary Secretary, Bro. William Redfern Kelly, then read the address which was beautifully illuminated, the border being interspersed with numerous Masonic devices, representing the various important offices held by Bro. Stewart; and the reply to the address having been read, the Chairman presented to Bro. Stewart a very handsome piece of silver plate, a richly-engraved salver, upon which was laid a well-filled purse of sovereigns. The Chairman then in most felicitous terms, proposed the toast of "The Guest of the Occasion, Brother Charles Stewart," which was received with hearty applause, and was honoured with the customary Masonic salute. In a very feeling speech Bro. Stewert acknowledged the compliment which had been paid to him, and concluded by expressing the hope that his connection with Freemasonry would only be severed when those ties which linked him to the world had ceased to exist. Bro. Alexander Tate having been called to the second chair, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, Bro. Thomas Valentine, which was suitably acknowledged, and this brought the proceedings to a close. The illuminated address, which as a work of art is very chaste, was executed by the firm of Messrs. M'Caw, Stevenson and Orr, of Belfast.

ROCKHAMPTON CHAPTER, No. 205.

ONE of the most pleasant reunions that have taken place for a very considerable time in connection with the Masonic Order in Enniskillen has just been held in the Town Hall. It was the occasion of the installation of the Officers of the above Chapter, recently established in place of the two Chapters, 437 and 891, which formerly existed, the membership of both being now merged in 205. The Chapter was opened for the transaction of business at seven o'clock, and the officers having been duly installed and new members proposed, was closed with the prescribed ceremonies at eight o'clock, when the brethren repaired to the banqueting-room. After dinner, the usual loyal toasts having been drunk with great cordiality, and all the honours, Companion Terman, in responding to the toast of the Most Excellent King, said—There is a phrase with which we are all familiar, and which is frequently made use of by persons placed in circumstances similar to those under which I am now addressing you, and that is that it is the happiest or proudest moments of their lives. I will not go so far as to say that this is the proudest and happiest moment of my life, but I will say that I think this is a moment when we may all feel a pride and happiness at the combination of circumstances which have brought us together upon the present occasion. I have been a Mason for a goodly number of years, I have led a somewhat Masonic life, and I have during my career as a Freemason met with and seen a great many vicissitudes, both in connection with the Order itself and the members comprising it. On the present occasion I do confess I feel an amount of both pride and pleasure in presiding over this meeting. Dr. Ternan then, in a most happy and eloquent manner, reviewed the history of Masonry in Fermanagh, and wound up a most able and appreciative speech by a touching reference to the memory of the late Rev. A. C. Maclatchey, Presbyterian minister of Enniskillen, a staunch and true Mason. A number of other toasts followed, and it was an advanced hour before the large company separated.

Our friends throughout the craft will, we are sure, regret to hear that our chief, Bro. W. W. Morgan, has been suffering from a severe attack of illness during the last few days. We are pleased to say he is now somewhat better, and we take this opportunity of expressing his thanks for the many kind inquiries which have reached us, and the sincere sympathy which has been accorded him from all parts of the country.

The following oration was delivered by the Rev. J. H. Wilkinson, Provincial Grand Chaplain of Bristol, at the consecration of the Powell Lodge, No. 2257, a report of which we gave last week.

Brethren,—I suppose that Benevolence, Charity, Hospitality, Loyalty, Morality and Philanthropy, may be regarded as the main watchwords of our Order. They are words often heard among us. And I think we may fairly claim that they are not mere empty sounds, but they represent grand principles of action; which the Craft endeavours more and more faithfully each year to carry out. Without flattery or undue exaltation of our own virtues we may point with pride to the performances of the past and to the energies of the present. Thousands of Boys and Girls owe to us, under God, the blessings of sound, useful and religious education, whereby they are trained to become honourable and industrious citizens of their country. Thousands of men and women, worn out with toil and care and poverty, whose lives have been saddened by the suffering which in one form or another comes to nearly all of us in our time, have received solace and relief at our hands in the evening of their days. We stand together, shoulder to shoulder,—ever ready to help one another, never refusing the hand of sympathy to a distressed and deserving Brother—never checking nor stinting the flowing fountain of benevolence—feeling it not only a Masonic duty, but a precious privilege, to fulfil the beneficent purposes of our Order.

Outside the limits of our Brotherhood, too, it is our delight to participate in our corporate capacity—in schemes nobly devised for the good of our fellows. There is scarcely any limit to the variety of objects to which we are ready and glad to lend our support. And so we are found assisting, now at the erection of temples to the glory of T.G.A.O.T.U., now at the opening of hospitals for the relief of the sick and disabled, now at the establishment of life-boats, and now again at the setting up of statues, whereby the example of noble and virtuous men and women may be held up for imitation of future ages. In short, we are eager, by our presence and co-operation to emphasise our approval of *all* that conduces to the welfare of mankind. And all this is as it should be. Our position is fraught with peculiar advantages for dealing with the manifold topics that concern our common humanity. For, as Masons, we have no political, dogmatic, or other bias. We have no suspicions of one anothers motives. We should, as you know well, deeply resent and disallow the obtrusion among ourselves of any Brother's private prejudices or personal crotchets, and composed as we are of men of nearly all creeds and opinions, we necessarily learn to take a wide and philanthropic view of questions, and to consider the claims submitted to us on their sheer merits. Thus it is that we have been able to achieve results of no mean order; so that if Freemasonry were to die to-day, we could justifiably inscribe on her tombstone Wren's famous epitaph "Simonumentum quaris, circumspice." But, Brethren, there is another aspect of Masonry, to which I think I may not inappropriately invite your attention on this occasion. Hitherto I have spoken of Masons as a *body* of men. May we not dwell for a few moments on the influence that Masonry should exercise on the *individual*. This is a practical and utilitarian age, it is an age of personal scrutiny. And I am convinced that the power for good, possessed by our Order, is increased in proportion as it can be shown that not only is the main body sound, but that the atoms and individuals composing it will bear looking into. Let all men know that if we are Masons we are sure to act upon certain lines of conduct, those lines being laid down for us here. Of course I do not mean to suggest that we are to lay aside in the outer world all personal bias and individual proclivities. I *could* not mean that. I cordially detest a flabby and invertebrate character that has not the courage of its convictions. But let us import into public and private life the *principles* inculcated here, let there be strict integrity, chivalrous honour, sound morality and a love of fair play. When we argue debatable questions let us give due weight to our opponents' views; when we fight as I trust we shall be ready to do—let there be (if you will pardon the expression) no "hitting below the belt" and no bad blood afterwards. Depend upon it, individual character will carry not less weight, but more weight in the years that lie before us, when social problems of frightful magnitude may have to be faced and solved. May our Brethren ever be found to be public spirited, generous, and true; jealous for the honour of their country and for the purity of their homes; anxious to deserve the tongue of good report, not for the sake of mere human praise but for the honour of the Craft, and the glory of our great Master. Brethren, I have been led to dwell thus on the *individual* aspect of Masonry from the fact that we are met here to consecrate a Lodge that is to bear the name—the honoured and much-loved name—of an individual. It would be distasteful to him, and beyond my present province, if I were to launch out into praise of that individual Brother. But I may be pardoned if I express my conviction that the founders of the new Lodge could not have inscribed on their Banner a name better calculated to inspire them with the truest principles of the Craft. May the blessing of the Most High God rest upon the venerable possessor of that name, and upon the Lodge which to-day takes the responsibility of assuming it!

A new serial story entitled "The Youngest Miss Darrell," by John Strange Winter, author of "Bootles' Baby," &c., will be commenced in No. 246 of "Cassell's Saturday Journal," published on 13th June.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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It is generally expected the exceptional efforts which have been made throughout the Craft this year on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will have the effect of lessening the support given to this Institution. It is fervently hoped such may not prove to be the case, but rather, that the grand success which attended the Centenary Festival of the sister Institution will act as an incentive to Brethren to make special exertions on behalf of the Boys' School.

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4.—At the last election (April 1888) **Fifteen** Candidates only out of Sixty-five could be elected.

5.—In the Preparatory School a further number of 20 Boys could be accommodated, did the condition of the Funds warrant such increase.

6.—The universally recognised importance of a sound system of discipline and education in formulating the habits and characters of the Citizens of the Future, especially in the cases of those under the care of this Institution, many of whom, in due course, will probably undertake the obligations of Freemasonry.

These constitute a strong plea. Several considerations in addition will suggest themselves to those who attentively watch the operations in the various organisations associated with the Order.

Communications are earnestly invited, addressed to

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Sword Bearer), Secretary.

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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL CENTENARY.

THE time and space at our disposal last Saturday were so heavily taxed that we had little or no opportunity of speaking generally in reference to the all-engrossing event of the week, from a Masonic point of view,—the celebration of the Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. We were able to give a brief record of the actual proceedings at the Festival, and at the distribution of prizes which took place on the preceding Monday, but we were unable to do anything like justice to either event, to say one-half of what we should like to have recorded of the success which attended the two gatherings, or to express our gratification at the result of the Stewards' efforts, and the admirable manner in which the whole of the programme was carried out.

As our readers may imagine there were many items of interest in connection with the two meetings which deserve more than the passing notice afforded by a general expression of approval, and doubtless there is much more worthy of being recorded than what came under our notice; still, as we lay no claim to perfection in our record, we offer no apology for shortcomings. If we fail to praise where praise is deserved, it must be understood that the omission is accidental rather than intentional, for with so much to approve of it is difficult either to choose the most deserving, or to award a just tribute to all who merit it.

For some months previous to the celebration it was known that the actual Centenary Festival would be of a most exceptional character, but it was not until a comparatively recent date that any reliable estimate could be formed of the probable number who would attend, and for whom accommodation would have to be provided at the banquet. When the number could be estimated it was known that the difficulty would be to find a place to accommodate the Stewards and their friends, rather than to find a company to assist in the celebration, and the work from this time became even more trying than was generally anticipated; not, however, from a lack of sympathy, but rather from an excess of it, coupled with a general desire to satisfy everybody, and please all who evinced an interest in the proposed methods of celebrating the Centenary.

Like all other great events, the grand success of last week had a small beginning; indeed, it seems only the other day that we heard of Bro. B. Kauffmann, the representative of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732, giving in his name, and becoming No. 2 on the list of Stewards for the Festival, which list, at the actual dinner, was closed by the addition of the name of His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway, who became No. 1465 on the roll. Although only a few months elapsed between these two events—apparently so widely apart—an immense amount of good resulted, evidenced by the announcement made by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at the Festival, that upwards of £50,500 had been collected by that band of Stewards, and, as may be imagined, a vast amount of work devolved upon the Secretary of the Institution in connection therewit As this work appears to have been carried out and completed without a hitch, we think it but fair that a word of thanks should be accorded Bro. Hedges and those who assisted him in preparing for the great events. Theirs was no easy task, as any one who has had to arrange a gathering of even much smaller dimensions can testify, and it must not be forgotten that the organisers of the recent gatherings at the Albert Hall had no past experience to guide them, nor any similar undertaking from which to borrow a pattern. Theirs was a maiden attempt, and it must be particularly gratifying for them to know that in every respect their arrangements were perfect. It was but natural to find something which was not all that was desired; and the weak point of the celebration was, without doubt, the lack of proper provision for the enjoyment of those who attended as guests, and who were supposed to have light refreshments provided for their comfort. Experience proved the refreshments to be very "light," and a considerable amount of grumbling has been indulged in in consequence, but we believe the Institution was powerless in this matter. The Festival had to take place at the Albert Hall, and the provision of refreshments for the visitors had to be left to the regular caterer for that establishment, who certainly cannot be said to have won laurels by his achievement on this occasion. The Stewards and those who dined with the Grand Master were much better off, as the catering for them had been entrusted to Messrs. Spiers and Pond, who did everything possible to ensure satisfaction, and added not a little to their reputation by the performance. As we said last week the arena and stalls of the Hall had been filled with tables, the Royal party being accommodated in front of the organ, with the Grand Officers ranged behind them, and the remainder of the company in front. The sight was a magnificent one, and it is doubtful if the Albert Hall ever presented a more imposing spectacle; the white table cloths bringing into bold relief the purple, gold and blue of the Masonic collars and aprons which were everywhere visible. The work of arranging these tables was no mean undertaking, and the task which presented itself to Bro. Madell (Messrs. Spiers and Pond's Manager at the Freemasons' Tavern), when he was instructed to provide for as many as could be accommodated was sufficient to strike terror in the heart of any one less experienced than he. Bro. Madell, however, proved equal to the occasion, and no small part of the day's success was due to the care and attention he bestowed on the part of the arrangements allotted him, and the ability he displayed in superintending the actual banquet.

The entrance of the Royal party was the signal for

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a hearty burst of applause, and it was generally remarked that the Prince of Wales appeared more than usually impressed and pleased with his reception. The King of Sweden was particularly demonstrative, which can hardly be wondered at, when we remember that such an assembly had never before been gathered together, even if it were possible in any other part of the world, and it must have been a surprise to him to behold it. The banquet was a success, even without taking into account the number to be provided for, and the total absence of provision for the catering, but in reference to this latter it must be remembered that it was never intended by the founders of the Albert Hall that it should serve the purpose of a banquet room in addition to its other and more legitimate uses. There was one event which occurred during the banquet which showed a serious disregard of proper care in reference to the building, and which might have been attended with most disastrous consequences. At the table at which we were seated, and within a few inches of Bro. James Willing jun., a large piece of glass fell from the roof. Fortunately it did little damage, but it might easily have been otherwise, and we hope it will be a warning to the authorities to make some provision to prevent such accidents in future. It is a matter which seriously concerns them, and the safety of all who visit their Hall, and for this reason we have publicly mentioned it.

One of the prettiest sights of the evening was when the Prince of Wales gave his sanction for smoking; the numerous lights which immediately appeared in all parts of the building looked like innumerable glow-worms, and had a really pretty effect; but the the success of the meeting, short of the actual result, was when the Grand Master called the brethren to order and led the hearty Masonic "fire" which was accorded the toasts proposed in honour of the King of Sweden and to the success of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Taking all in all we can but again express the opinion of those who were present, that the proceedings were of the most gratifying character.

Thus far we have only spoken of the later of the two meetings at the Albert Hall. The gathering on the preceding Monday, when the prizes were presented by the Countess of Carnarvon, and the pupils gave their usual entertainment was equally successful, graced as it was by the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, and the memory of it will long remain in the minds of those who witnessed it. The marching and calisthenics of the pupils were alone worth all the trouble of attending, and, as usual, the marks of approval thereat were most encouraging to those who are entrusted with the care of the children. No more gratifying expression could have been desired than the words which fell from the Prince of Wales a few days later, when, in speaking of the marching, he said "There are many commanding officers in our army and in other armies who would be proud to see their men march and go through their exercises as those children did."

In closing our remarks on the Festival we may add that so far the result has been that a total of about £51,000 has been promised to the Institution, to provide for the needs of the current year, to pay for the enlargements and additions undertaken to mark the Centenary, and, it is hoped, to considerably increase the already handsome reserve possessed by the Charity in the form of Invested Funds. That the Institution may long continue to provide for the needs of the Craft, and that it may ever remain as prosperous as it is at present is our sincere and earnest desire, while we can but express a hope that we may be spared to take part in the next Centenary Celebration in connection with the Masonic Institutions, which will be that of the Boys' School, ten years hence, and which we trust will be at least equally successful as that just concluded, even allowing for the natural growth of Freemasonry which the next ten years may be expected to produce.

We append the menu of the banquet, as being worthy of a place in the record of the proceedings:—

MENU.

Pickled Salmon. Mayonnaise of Turbot. Plain Lobster and Ravigote Sauce. Prawns en Aspic.

Chaud-froid of Quails. Aspic de Foie gras. Lamb Cutlets à la Rose. Pigeon Pie. Game Pie. Surrey Fowls and York Ham. Pressed Beef. Galantine of Chicken. Roast Beef. Ox Tongue. Boar's Head. Poulardes farcies à l'Anglaise.

Lettuce Salad. Potato Salad. Vegetable Salad.

Gateau Breton. Baba au Rhum. Patisserie assortie. Wine Jellies. Blancmanges. Compote of Fruit.

Dessert. Neapolitan Ices.

WINES.

Sherry. Hochheimer. Champagnes: Perinet et Fils. Théophile Roederer, old landed 1880. Claret: Château La Rose Sarget, 1879. Old Port.

SHINES FOR ALL.

An Oration by James Albert Zabriskie, Grand Orator, before the Grand Lodge of Arizona, 10th November 1887.

(Continued from p 342.)

One true Mason, fully imbued with the zeal of the original spirit, and inspired by an unfaltering devotion to its precepts, will surpass in the result of his labours and the power of his example a thousand wavering, weak-kneed, unenthusiastic, selfish and time-serving novices, who are not seeking light but influence; who presented themselves for acceptance, inspired not by a love of their fellow men and a desire to advance the cause of Masonry, but from selfish and avaricious motives; who are looking for benefits rather than the opportunity to bestow them; who are governed and controlled solely by the desire to advance their own selfish interests, and are ready to prostitute the most sacred principles for the accomplishment of this ignoble purpose. It is not surprising that occasional instances of demoralization should occur in Lodges where such material has succeeded in effecting an entrance to the sacred precincts where Masonic virtue sits supreme. Such contaminating influences have done much to stain the bright escutcheon of Masonic purity, and cast a stigma of disgrace upon the Order in the eyes of the profane.

Such men never become Masons. Having no moral qualification to build upon they remain in "*statu quo*," and poison the moral atmosphere which surrounds them. They blight the blossoming fruit of honest endeavour by the tainted and perjured breath of moral pollution. Purge your councils, oh, Masons! of such material. Do not permit these moral lepers to sit enthroned in the majesty of justice. Elevate your moral tone, and crush out that hypocritical cant by which moral cowards grow fat and prosper upon the credulity of their brethren. The increase of members and consequent financial health, to the exclusion of Masonic principle, is a sacrifice too great to be borne and will inevitably result in moral bankruptcy. To avert such a calamity, and to prepare for the approaching storm, Masonry should tile its Lodges with ceaseless vigilance and a guard of honour. Return, in part, to the ancient spirit, when character and moral courage were the tests of merit. Cleanse the Augean stables of the filth and impurities which have imperceptibly flown into the mystic circle through the apathy of our utilitarian environment.

True Masonry respects no man for his wealth; yet, in too many instances, Masons particularly worship the golden calf, as the Israelites did of old. They frequently ignore the very essence of Masonic purity, and violate their sacred obligations to the needy brother, who is rich in soul but poor in pocket.

Such Masonry is a bye-word and reproach, and wherever the Masonic spirit languishes and pines for prope nourishment, the cause can be traced to the decadence of moral stamina and the lack of proper inspiration. The practice of mere form without the spirit, is a mockery, and leads to that species of hypocritical cunning which thrives by

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fraud and taints everything that it touches. We are not an alarmist, nor do we desire to exaggerate the existing evils, but we have seen pretended Masonry that would cause the blush of shame to mantle the cheeks of its representatives, were they not lost to every sentiment of honour and incapable of appreciating true mannood; men who will proselyte among the purlieus of social filth, in order to advance their political and selfish ends; men who, when their interests are at stake, will commit the most unblushing frauds, even to perjury, to attain their unhallowed designs. There are such; and these are some of the evils to which Masonry is subjected.

Those whose duty it is to guard the portals of honour frequently fail to exercise that keen discrimination which their obligations impose, and either from a desire to accommodate, or a fear of personal hostility, relax their vigilance, and thus the current is polluted by that lack of moral courage which is the very basis of true Masonry. The stream cannot rise higher than its source, and the result of practical Masonry will exalt or degrade by its influence, just in proportion as it is pure and true, or false and selfish. If ever the day of trial comes, such Masonry will be found trafficking for peace and security, while the true brethren are breasting the storm. It matters little to the false-hearted what disgrace may attach to their conduct, when their interest or liberty is at stake. Their whole existence having been a living lie, the mere exposure of the fact is a matter of no consequence to men who are inherently base. They do not hesitate, when the promptings of selfishness demand, to steal the livery of the court of heaven to serve the devil in. Smooth-tongued, plausible, and thoroughly imbued with cat-like cunning, they gradually worm themselves into positions of trust, which they defile by their presence and pollute by their practices, until their example becomes an attainder of an institution whose principles are based upon honour and duty. Guard well your doors against the entrance of such monsters, whose rule of action is well portrayed in the celebrated couplet:

> "Be hypocritical, be courteous, be
> Not what you seem, but what you are."

It is time to call a halt in the downward march, and root up the noxious weeds which are poisoning the atmosphere, and producing the fruit of discontent. Masonry is grand in its principles and sublime in its precepts. It is invincible in its power, when directed and controlled by pure councils. All retrogression is caused by treason to duty. When this beautiful temple of human wisdom shall have been purified, and cleansed from the parasites which cling to its sacred walls with tenacious grasp, its fair and spotless beauty will be relieved from the poisonous exhalations which obscure its fair proportions. Then will the ancient spirit revive, and the effect of its influence will permeate every fibre of the body politic, and be felt by the irresistible but silent power, which will encircle the genius of liberty everywhere. Education and enlightenment, industry and progress, moral culture and intellectual freedom, are ends to be achieved. These are the cherished accomplishments that Masonry has ever sought to promote, protect, and conserve. These shall resist the empire of decay.

The duplicity and falsehood of man cannot destroy the power of truth, nor long impede its onward march. As long as blighting ignorance hovers o'er the human mind, the brutal instincts, which are allied to the animal nature, will continue to assert their supremacy. Better to be unborn than untaught: for ignorance is the root of misfortune."

With what indomitable will Masonry has combated the fiery hordes of ignorance, let history bear witness. And to what are we indebted for this liberty and human progress, which sheds its effulgent rays over the benighted understandings of men? Is it not worthy of our eternal devotion? Is any sacrifice too great to perpetuate this noble spirit, in all its original purity and design? Shall profane and impious hands be permitted to desecrate the altar of the ancient faith, by selfish prostitution of its sacred principles? Let us die rather than submit to its moral debasement. Let us stand firm and united around the standard of eternal Truth, and cheer on the cause of human liberty and advancement. While we recognize the fact that

> "Truth in the end shall shine divinely clear,
> But sad the darkness till those times appear,"

let us haste the day by our influence and example, when the powers of superstition and darkness shall be illumined by this glorious light; when the human mind shall no longer be enthralled by the glitter and pomp of visual display; when the human heart shall no longer be led captive by emotional appeals to selfishness and fear; and when the passions of men shall be held in abeyance by the demands of reason and the exercise of moral force.

This is the very acme of Masonic aspiration, and the accomplishment of this consummation, the cherished hope of all Masons. The end to be achieved is worthy of every sacrifice, and the defenders of truth must guard their manhood and their purity against the insidious attacks of wily foes. Then will they present, as of old, an impenetrable phalanx of chivalric knights—faithful unto death, and invincible in their integrity.

> "The power to bind and loose the truth is given:
> The mouth that speaks it is the mouth of heaven.
> The power which in a sense belongs to none,
> Thus understood belongs to every one;
> It owes its high prerogatives to none;
> It shines *for* all, as shines the blessed sun;
> It shines on all who do not shut it out
> By dungeon doors of unbelief and doubt.
> To shine it does not ask—O far from it—
> For hierarchal privilege and permit.
> Rabbi and priests may be chained down to Hell,
> And babes and sucklings winged to mount the skies."

We have undertaken a Stewardship on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and shall be very pleased if any of our readers can do anything in support of our list. We know there are Stewards working in all parts of the country, and we do not wish to do anything likely to injure local efforts, but we also feel there are many stray amounts which only need asking for, and in the hope that we may secure one or two of these we address our readers on the present occasion.

We have received a copy of the Second Annual Report and Financial Statement of the "Old Masonians." In issuing it the Secretary desires to draw particular attention to the objects the Association has in view, as the Committee feel that were those objects more generally known, assistance in futhering the main purposes of the Association would not be wanting. It is the aim of the Association to take up the work where that of those whose energies are devoted to the efficient maintenance of the Boys' School must of necessity end. The education provided being of a sound and practical character, the "Old Masonians" are naturally solicitous of seeing that education rightly directed and applied. There are several lads who, from time to time, leave the Institution without friends to counsel and aid them, and the Committee are desious of assisting in placing such in good and permanent situations, for which by their education they are eminently fitted. In furtherance of this object, they feel they cannot do better than apply to their first friends, and ask them to remember the lads they have assisted to educate, should any opportunity occur, or any vacancy in their respective businesses arise. Several members of the Craft having expressed a desire to be more closely connected with the Association, it is pointed out that the office of Vice-President is open to all Freemasons on payment of an annual subscription of three guineas; it is hoped that many well-wishers will undertake the office, and show by practical sympathy their interest in the affairs of the Association. The Cash Account shows receipts amounting to £56 4s 11d, the Association closing the year with a balance in hand of nearly £30. Bro. Frederick Binckes, the President of the past year, will be succeeded by Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Deputy Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, a Patron of the Institution.

At the usual meeting of the Marquess of Granby Lodge, Durham, on the 6th inst., votes of condolence were passed to the widow of the Rev. T. Randall, Principal of Bede College, Durham, and also to the relatives of Mr. A. Wilkinson, Old Elvet, who was a distinguished member of this Lodge.

At a meeting of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, held at Stonehouse, on the 11th inst., Bro. J. Ward W.M. presiding, Bro. Frank R. Thomas S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GRAND LODGE OF FREEMASONS.

THE annual communication of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, marking the beginning of the fifth year of its existence, was held on Wednesday evening, 18th April, in the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide. The occasion was honoured by the largest attendance of brethren who had ever assembled together in the Lodge Room, excepting when Lord Carnarvon and Lord Carrington were formerly welcomed by the Masons of South Australia. The M.W. the Grand Master (Chief Justice Way) presided.

The Board of General Purposes reported:—"The Grand Lodge of Idaho and Florida having requested the interchange of representatives, the Board suggest that the names of Bros. J. Le M. F. Roberts and David Morris be suggested for election. The Board have to congratulate the Craft upon the satisfactory financial position of the Grand Lodge and the prosperous condition of the several Lodges. Although the returns show a slight diminution in the number of members, this is not to be deplored, as the reason for this is shown by the number of non-paying members whose names have been erased, consequently leaving the Lodges in a far healthier position. Permanent Benevolent Fund. Although returns of subscriptions from but very few Lodges have as yet been received, the amount of £694 11s to the credit of the fund may be considered satisfactory. A very large number of subscriptions have been promised, but are not yet paid. The claims for the past year upon the available Benevolent Fund have been less than previous year, consequently the balance to credit has been increased. Bro. H. C. Mais P.G. Trea., prior to his departure from the colony, presented the Grand Lodge Library with a number of volumes of valuable Masonic works. The Board feel sure that the Grand Lodge, and the Craft generally, will much regret losing Bro. Mais as a Grand Lodge Officer, and will gratefully remember his many good services to the Craft. The M.W. the Grand Master has caused to be prepared, and forwarded to the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, a despatch and copy of all correspondence in reference to the withdrawal of recognition by the Grand Lodge of Scotland of this Grand Lodge, and doubtless the result will be a speedy return of friendly relationship and fraternal correspondence."

The financial statements were satisfactory, and showed that as the Grand Lodge is overcoming its initiatory difficulties it is giving material assistance in benevolent enterprises.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted, and Bros. Morris and Roberts were formally welcomed in their new representative capacity.

Special interest was felt in the election of Grand Lodge Officers for the present year, on account of a competition for the second position in the Craft. M.W. Hon. S. J. Way, Chief Justice, was re-elected Grand Master without any opposition, amidst many hearty demonstrations of approval. Thanking the brethren for the renewal of their confidence, he gave an interesting review of the history of his connection with the South Australian Grand Lodge, with whose foundation work he had been so prominently associated. He said that the perfect unanimity of his election and the complete harmony of the members of the Grand Lodge were especially gratifying. The record of the period under review was a record of great extension and continuously growing strength and influence. The South Australian Constitution had been recognised in all parts of the world, and that Grand Lodge had already received visits from brethren representing the highest and most honourable positions in Masonry in England and elsewhere. He hoped the harmony of the past would equally characterise the future. Personally he disclaimed any desire to monopolise the Grand Master's chair, and he had only taken it now after consultation with some of the most experienced brethren in the Craft. His best services were at the disposal of the Grand Lodge so long as he continued to enjoy their confidence, and when a change might seem desirable he would welcome his successor with as great enthusiasm as the warmest supporters of that successor could show. The office of Deputy Grand Master was contested by the retiring D.G.M. Bro. H. E. Downer, M.P., and the retiring S.G.W. Bro. P. Sansom. Bro. Downer was declared elected, and both successful and defeated candidates spoke later with special earnestness in reference to the contest. Bros. Harry Turner and J. G. Jenkins, M.P., were elected S.G.D., defeating Bro. J. Cornish. An election for J.G.D. was made unnecessary by the retirement of Bro. W. J. Sowden, the positions thus falling to Bros. T. De Cean and A. Kemp. Including the other elections which affected the offices of Board of General Purposes and Grand Stewards, the list of Officers for the year is as follows:—

H. E. Downer, M.P.	Deputy Master
Dr. J. A. Cockburn, M.P.	Senior Warden
F. H. Wigg	Junior Warden
Rev. J. W. Owen, B.A.	Chaplain
Saul Solomon, M.P.	Pres. Board Gen. Purposes
F. W. Bullock	Treasurer
W. B. Webb	Registrar
J. H. Cunningham	Secretary
Frank Olifent	Inspector of Lodges
Rev. Canon Poole, M.A.	Lecturer
Harry Turner, J. G. Jenkins, M.P.	Senior Deacons
A. Kemp, T. De Cean	Junior Deacons
R. L. Mestayer, J.P.	Superintendent of Works
G. C. Knight	Director of Ceremonies
W. Cate jun.	Deputy D.C.
J. Le M. F. Roberts	Assistant D.C.
J. T. McLean	Sword Bearer
T. De Cean, H. Hampson	Standard Bearers
Jane Shakespeare	Organist
J. E. Thomas	Assistant Secretary
A. Simpson	Pursuivant
John Nicholson, J.P.	Assistant Pursuivant
W. Burnet, J. C. Harris, B. H. Laker, A. Lindsay, C. A. Murphy, C. L. Meyer, G. E. C. Stevens, J.P., R. H. Leader, F. W. Holder, M.P., C. Hoffmeyer, H. J. Bailey, T. D. De Cean	Stewards
N. Kildael	Tyler

Board of General Purposes—Seven elected new members—Bros. H. M. Addison, P. Sansom, F. Olifent, E. Saint, H. Turner, J. J. M. F. Roberts, and I. A. Plummer.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland stating that the whole matter of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of South Australia would be re-opened, and foreshadowing the re-establishment of fraternal relations between the two Grand Lodges. Upon the motion of the G.M., seconded by Bro. the Hon. M. Salom, M.L.C., a resolution was passed, expressing in highly complimentary terms the general estimate of the valuable services to the South Australian Freemasonry of Bro. H. C. Mais, ex-Engineer-in-Chief. A graceful eulogium was pronounced by the Grand Master and endorsed by several other brethren upon the personal character and Masonic services of the deceased Bro. J. H. H. Vockins, who had been in England a prominent Mason, and in this colony one of the most useful and enthusiastic amongst the brethren. It was decided to send to his widow a letter of condolence and to exhibit in more practical ways the general estimate of the value of the labours of Bro. Vockins. After the Officers had been invested the Grand Lodge closed in the usual form. The ceremonial was well conducted throughout by the Director of Ceremonies.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CHAPTER, No. 12.

THE first meeting of the season was held on Wednesday, 25th April, at the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide, the occasion being the installation of the First Principal M.E.C. George Gozzard Martin, and of M.E.C.'s J. Le M. F. Roberts and G. C. Knight as Second and Third Principals respectively. The ceremonies of installation were performed by the outgoing Z., M.E.C. Philip Sansom, in the presence of a large number of the members of the Chapter and numerous visitors, amongst whom were Past Z.'s W. N. Crowder, J. C. Hawker, and W. Sumsion. Apologies were received from the Supreme Grand First Principal, M.E.C. the Hon. S. J. Way, Chief Justice, who was away on circuit duties, and Past Z.'s H. E. Downer, M.P., His Honour Judge Boucaut, W. Fiveash, S. Solomon, M.P., and R. L. Mestayer, C.E. On the completion of the ceremony the M.E. First Principal, on behalf of the Chapter, presented to the retiring Z. a handsome Past First Principal's jewel, which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to M.E. Comp. Philip Sansom P.Z., by the South Australian Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, in recognition of the many valuable services rendered as J., H., and Z. during the past three years. Adelaide, April 25, 1888." The Officers were invested by the M.E.C., and the Chapter then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banqueting-room, where an agreeable repast was prepared, on the completion of which several toasts were presented.

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ST. GEORGE LODGE, No. 1152.

AT the Masonic Hall, Singapore, on Monday, 30th April, the Installation of Bro. D. G. Presgrave, as W.M. for the ensuing year, took place in the presence of a considerable number of the Fraternity, including the R.W. D.G.M. Colonel Dunlop, R.A., C.M.G. W. Bros. Hooper, Cargill, E. A. Thompson and Jennings, Past Masters, gave their assistance in the carrying out of different portions of the ceremony. The W.M. having been duly installed and saluted according to custom, proceeded to appoint his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Hooper I.P.M., Braddell S.W., McKie J.W., Currie S.D., Charlwood J.D., Evans Treasurer, Sturrock Secretary, Garrard I.G., Lannon O.G. As is usual on St. George's evening, the ceremony was followed by the regular Installation banquet, which was held at the Singapore Club, by the kind permission of the Committee. A few brethren were unavoidably absent, but over thirty sat down to a repast which proved to be excellent in quality and a credit to the caterer. The company assembled was presided over by the newly installed W.M., with the R.W. D.G.M. at his right hand, and comprised the majority of the leading brethren in Singapore, together with several of the Officers of H.M.S. *Orion*. Due honour having been done to those loyal toasts which so intimately connect Royalty and the Craft, a few others of a character peculiarly appropriate to the occasion were given, and responded to with warmth and cordiality. After duly acknowledging the toasts of "The Guests," the company rose and adjourned to the billiard and card rooms, and after availing themselves for a short time of the amusements provided therein, the brethren separated, well pleased at the success of the whole evening's proceedings, which had been eminently sociable, agreeable and fraternal.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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HARBOUR OF REFUGE LODGE, No. 764.

ON the 12th inst., the annual installation in connection with this Lodge was held at West Hartlepool, the W.M. Elect, Bro. Henry Lamb, being impressively installed by Bro. H. B. Oliver, the retiring W.M., and Bro. E. Hudson. The Officers chosen were Bros. J. Sinclair S.W., W. Hodge J.W., R. Harpley Treas., J. Monkman Sec., E. Clennett S.D., R. Lupton J.D., Hexmouth Org., W. S. Ryan I.G., and Kelly and Tueland Stewards.

NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 1264.

THE Annual Festival was held on Monday, the 4th inst., in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. The Lodge, which was consecrated about 20 years ago, numbers nearly 100 on its roll, and is at present one of the most flourishing offshoots of Freemasonry in the province. In addition to the numerous body of members that assembled to witness the investiture of the officers for the ensuing year, many visitors (mostly officers in superior positions) attended from other Lodges. The W.M. elect, Bro. Samuel L. Fraser, was presented for installation by Bros. Peter B. Gee and Pemberton, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Ashworth. Bro. Fraser in turn invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. W. Fish I.P.M., William Jones S.W., W. Köhn J.W., Alexander Cotter P.M. Treas., John J. Harley Sec., Jas. Ashworth P.M. D. of C., Edmund B. Ironside S.D., J. H. Linaker J.D., W. F. Pemberton I.G., William Hudson Org., Edward Edwards S.S., John Harrison J.S., Edwin Berry A.S., John S. Rimmer A.S. Before the closing of the Lodge a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Ashworth, the Installing Master. The brethren afterwards dined together, and after the repast, which was served by Bro. Casey the House Steward, the toasts of the Queen, and the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family were given in succession by the W.M. Bro. Gee P.M. proposed the health of the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge. The Earl of Lathom, the W. Dep. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, submitted by the W.M., was responded to by Bros. R. Foote, W. Mellor, and J. B. Mackenzie. The W.M. replied in appropriate terms to his health, which was given by Bro. Ashworth, and Bro. Fraser in toasting the I.P.M. (Bro. Fish), took occasion to present him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel on behalf of the members of the Lodge. The subsequent toasts were the Installing Master, the Past Masters, the Masonic Charities, &c. During the evening an admirable musical programme was rendered by Bros. H. J. Nicholls, W. Hudson, T. C. Farghar, and E. B. Ironside.

ST. MAURICE LODGE, No. 1855.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual meeting on the 12th. instant. There was a large attendance of brethren, including over twenty P.M.'s. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Martin, was installed. Bro. R. Hambly was the installing Officer, assisted by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A. The W.M. appointed the following Officers:—Bros. W. H. Lister I.P.M., Captain G. S. S. Lowe S.W., John Folley J.W., T. J. R. Chalice Treasurer, R. Hambly Secretary, F. Hunt S.D., J. C. Revell J.D., S. G. Osbond D.C., C. B. Shuker A.D.C., Jas. Williams O., Jos. Pearse and John Pearse Stewards, J. Gidley Tyler. Bro. R. Hambly was re-elected the representative of the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. T. J. R. Chalice as Charity Steward. In the evening the brethren dined at Bro. Hick's, George Hotel.

HENDON LODGE, No. 2206.

THE ordinary meeting of this flourishing young Lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Old Welsh Harp, Hendon. There were present Bros. W. H. Scurrah P.M. 2048 P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, J. Thom S.W., Fraser J.W., W. M. Stiles P.M. Treasurer and acting I.P.M., A. H. Scurrah Secretary, G. Lewis S.D., A. R. Nottingham J.D., A. J. Hearne D.C., W. B. Parsons A.D.C., W. Langley I.G., E. W. Wheeler Organist, A. M. Parsons W.S., B. Whiting Tyler, and a numerous company of brethren and visitors. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and resumed. Brother Anderson, of the Hendon Lodge, and Bros. Lackland and Petrie, of the Royal Savoy Lodge, candidates to be raised to the third degree, answered the usual questions and retired. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the last named brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. in due form. Lodge was closed to the 2nd and 1st degrees, and Bro. Rice, of the Royal Savoy Lodge, and Bro. Denman, of the Henry Levander Lodge, candidates to be passed to the second degree, were tested and retired. The ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen, viz., Messrs. H. Monson and J. H. Gunn, and was declared unanimous in their favour. These candidates being in attendance were initiated into the ancient mysteries in due form. The brethren next proceeded to ballot for a W.M. for the ensuing year. The choice fell upon the present S.W. (Bro. Thom), who returned his warm thanks to the brethren for the acceptance of him as W.M. elect. The Lodge also unanimously re-elected Bros. W. M. Stiles and Whiting as Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Both brethren acknowledged the honour conferred upon them. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., in recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge during the past year, and a jewel was also voted to Bro. Stiles, for the excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of I.P.M. The members also requested the re-retiring W.M. to sit for his portrait, to be placed in the Lodge as a special mark of their regard for him as the first W.M. Bro. W. A. Scurrah said that it would give him great pleasure to do so. Several brethren expressed hearty good wishes, which the W.M. suitably acknowledged. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form. The Brethren afterwards assembled at the Banquet table, where Bro. W. P. Warner had, as usual, provided a capital spread. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were severally honoured. Bro. Stiles Acting I.P.M., in proposing the W.M., said, you all know the worthy and masterly way in which our W.M. as performed his duties in, and for our Lodge during his year of office. He worked hard from the first, and as you know, brethren, has done everything he could for you and the Lodge. Bro. Scurrah has discharged his duties as W.M. in a most able manner, and I am sure that all of you, with myself, hope that we shall be able to retain his services for many years. The W.M. (Bro. W. A. Scurrah), in reply, said, I beg most sincerely to thank the brethren for the kind manner in which they have received and honoured this toast. I have also to return my thanks for many things; first, for making me W.M. of this magnificent Lodge; second, I have to thank the Officers for their great attention and assistance during my year of office, for as you know, without good officers the W.M. is helpless, and as a ship cannot whether the storm unless the captain is supported by good officers and men, so, brethren, should we have been without good officers to assist me, and instead of this Lodge being as it is, a great success, it would have been wrecked and foundered. For this reason I have to thank the officers for upholding me in every way, and let me assure them that I will do all I can to uphold the dignity of the Lodge, and study the welfare of every one of its members in or out of it. I may perhaps be permitted to take this opportunity of thanking my friends of this Lodge, and also those friends, some of whom are here, not belonging to this Lodge, who so kindly and energetically supported me in my candidature for the Board of General Purposes at the Grand Lodge of England on Wednesday last. I am happy to inform you and them that I was returned, third in order, to serve on that Board. Let me in conclusion thank you for having elected our worthy S.W. as your W.M. for the ensuing year. In him you will have a Master to be proud of. He knows the ritual thoroughly, and is one who will carry out his duties in the most conscientious manner. I must thank you for having given me so many initiates during my year of office, brethren who are a credit to our Lodge, and of whom I am exceedingly proud. You have asked me to sit for my portrait, and for this kind mark of esteem, I cannot sufficiently thank you. It is the greatest honour you have conferred upon me; and I trust you will never have cause, so far as I am concerned, to regret your request of to-day. The W.M. Elect, J.W. and Officers, and several other toasts followed, and the brethren separated, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2134.

AN interesting incident marked the proceedings of this Lodge at the ordinary monthly meeting on the 12th inst. Bro. W. Gillett W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Mackail I.P.M., T. T. Davis P.M., T. B. Redfern S.W., W. Woodall J.W., and other Officers. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. M. C. Peck, W Tessyman, C. Cheesman, H. Watson, &c. On the conclusion of the ordinary business of the Lodge, Bro. T. T. Davis P.M. presented on behalf of the members of the Lodge a handsome electro-plated tea and coffee service to the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Gillett, as a token of esteem from the brethren on the occasion of his marriage. Bro. Davis eulogised the Worshipful Master's worth in a few most appropriate and appreciative remarks, and the Worshipful Brother in acknowledging the compliment which had been paid him, said it had come upon him quite unexpectedly. He stated that in order to prevent anything of this nature he had kept his marriage a secret from Bro. Woodall, his oldest friend in the Lodge. He felt deeply the kindness of his officers and brethren, and on behalf of himself and his wife he thanked them for this expression of their esteem and goodwill. The plate bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Worshipful Brother Gillett P.M., P.P.G.St.B., by the members of the Wilberforce Lodge of Freemasons, No. 2134, on the occasion of his marriage. Hull, 4th June 1888."

At the supper which followed, Bro. M. C. Peck proposed the health of the Worshipful Master in eulogistic terms. He pointed out that a Mason should be a good man, a moral man, and a temperate and sober man on all occasions, and all these Bro. Gillett had proved himself to be. He had been a most useful member of the Order, and they had one proof of that in the part he took in the formation of such an excellent Lodge as the Wilberforce Lodge. He wished Bro Gillett long life and happiness. The Worshipful Master acknowledged the compliment. Other toasts followed.

The Government of Guatemala has officially sanctioned the existence of Freemasons in that republic by recognizing their existence as a corporate body, as customary with all societies, but without having more to do with their operations than it would with those of a commercial firm. Less than twenty years ago the suggestion that such a course should be adopted by the Government would have been considered heresy, and the unfortunate suggestors would have been held as objects of suspicion by many of their fellow-citizens. We congratulate the Fraternity on the concession it has thus obtained, but we more warmly congratulate the Government on this fresh proof of liberality it has thus afforded.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—These celebrated Pills are especially useful in preventing the bad effects of luxurious living. They purify the blood, cleanse the stomach, gently stimulate the kidneys, and act as mild aperients. With us some such corrective as Holloway's Pills, the festivity of one day often debars us from all enjoyment for a week. A few doses of this purifying medicine settles the feeblest stomach right, restrains biliousness, steadies the circulation, gives strength to the muscles, and composure to the brain and nerves. The Pills are incapable of doing mischief to the most delicate constitutions. The hypochondriac will find this medicine comfort his miserable nerves. It will increase the appetite, exhilarate the spirits, fill the vessels with pure, healthy blood, and regulate excretory organs.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire of the ancient and honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons was held on the 13th instant, at the Ilfracombe Hotel, Ilfracombe. The large billiard-room was utilised for the occasion, it having been got ready through the kindness of Mr. Grover, the manager. A large number of Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and others came into the town by the first train, and, it is needless to state, not a few made it an occasion for devoting what time they had at their disposal to enjoying the natural beauties of the place. Bro. Lord Ebrington Provincial Grand Master was expected to attend, but at the last moment he was prevented, and his place was occupied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. G. Rogers. The Lodge having been opened at 3 o'clock, and the Prov. Grand Master's absence explained, the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Exeter, on the 2nd day of August last, and of the special Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Plymouth on 28th December last, were read and confirmed. The Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. G. C. Davie read his report, which stated that all Lodges in the Province had made their annual returns, showing a large increase in the number of Masons. Bro. Henry Stocker P.G. Treasurer presented his report, showing a balance in hand of £204. The report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund was received and adopted. The report of the Committee of Petitions, who met previously at 12·15, was received and adopted. It recommended various sums to be voted, amounting to over £200, including 120 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of Bros. John Brewer and the Rev. W. Whittley, who are representing the Province at the forthcoming Annual Festival, over which Lord Ebrington will preside, in London. Bro. Lord was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bros. Cornish and Browning were appointed to audit the accounts for the same period. The following Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested:—

Bro. W. G. Rogers 122	Deputy Master
Major Tracey, R.A., 1247	Senior Warden
Rev. T. L. non, M.A., 189	Junior Warden
Rev. R. Tucke 1181	Chaplains
Rev. R. Cheam 2189	Chaplains
— Lord	Treasurer
C. G. Barnett 1135	Registrar
G. C. Davie 1251	Secretary
G. C. Searle 248	Senior Deacons
B. S. Fisher 444	Senior Deacons
T. C. Lewarn 223	Junior Deacons
A. J. Blainey 1402	Junior Deacons
S. Moas 1284	Superintendent of Works
J. Gifford 2025	Director of Ceremonies
C. Watson 954	Deputy D.C.
W. Stanbury 1099	Asst. D.C.
Major L. Bearne 1138	Sword Bearer
J. P. Rogers 70	Standard Bearers
J. W. Ford 1091	Standard Bearers
— Hearder 105	Organist
— Yeo 1753	Assistant Secretary
— Lose jun. 1847	Pursuivant
J. Kingdon 421	Assistant Pursuivant
H. Shooter 112	Tyler
J. Algar 39	Stewards
H. M. Imbert-Terry 112	Stewards
A. P. Reece 494	Stewards
J. Drennan 710	Stewards
Captain Ivimy 1135	Stewards
W. Adams 1181	Stewards

Bro. Binckes, having requested permission of the acting R.W. P.G.M., before the closing of Provincial Grand Lodge, stated that he attended that day with the full concurrence of Lord Ebrington, his object being to afford any information required, or to answer any inquiry as to the recently extensively issued circular—calumnious, libellous, and anonymous—the allegations in which are so monstrous as to carry with them their own refutation. Were he conscious of foundation for any such charges against the Institution, or its management, he should not have the hardihood to present himself before that large assembly of the Devon brethren. They were aware that their Provincial Grand Master would preside at the forthcoming Anniversary Festival, and on the eve of that event his anxiety was to clear any doubt or misapprehension which may possibly have been raised in their minds.

At 5 o'clock a banquet was held in the Ilfracombe Hotel, where a most *récherché* repast was put up by the manager (Mr. Grover). The chair was occupied by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. W. G. Rogers. After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Arrangements were made whereby Brothers who chose could remain at Ilfracombe over to the next day. The number of Brothers at the Lodge was about 250, and the business transacted for the day was of a very satisfactory character.

OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC HALL.

ON Tuesday, the 12th inst., the ceremony of opening, consecrating, and dedicating the new Masonic Hall, in Stramore-road, Gilford, was performed in the presence of a large assemblage of Freemasons. The new hall, which is in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down, is a comfortable and most substantial building. It has been erected to afford accommodation for the rapidly increasing members of the Craft residing in Gilford and its immediate neighbourhood. The premises, which are both spacious and attractive in appearance, reflect the highest credit upon the Masonic body, and bear ample testimony to its increasing popularity. Previous to the opening ceremony the brethren assembled in the Gilford Temperance Hall, where they were met by the following Officers of the new Lodge:—Bros. William Livingston W.M., John Kirke S.W., Ross Livingston J.W., W. G. W. Flynn S.D., W. Wrey J.D., and W. J. Davidson I.G. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Leslie J. Thompson) having opened the Lodge in the first degree Bro. M'Calmont, G.D.C., marshalled the brethren in order of procession and they proceeded to the new hall, where the grand honours were given. Bro. Wm. Livingston W.M. rose and addressed the Acting Provincial Grand Master as follows:—The brethren of Loyal Lodge, No. 145, being animated with a desire to promote the honour and interest of the Craft, have erected a Masonic Hall for their convenience and accommodation. They are desirous that the same should be examined by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and if it should meet their approbation, that it be solemnly dedicated to Masonic purposes, agreeably to ancient form and usage. The architect, Bro. W. J. M'Keown, C.E., and the builder, Bro. Gaffin, then approached the pedestal, and the former addressed the Provincial Grand Master, who replied. The Lodge was then uncovered, and a procession marched around. The Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. A. Byrne, gave the consecration prayer, to which the brethren responded, and joined in singing the following ode, which was continued during the procession, excepting at intervals of dedication:—

Genius of Masonry descend,
And with thee bring thy spotless train,
Constant our sacred rites attend,
While we adore Thy peaceful reign.

The Provincial Grand Master poured corn upon the Lodge, saying: Invoking the blessing and favour of the all-merciful and gracious Creator, of whose free and universal bounty this corn is the significant emblem, I consecrate this hall to Freemasonry. The grand honours having been given the following verse was sung:—

Bring with thee virtue, brightest maid;
Bring love, bring truth, bring friendship here;
While social mirth shall lend her aid
To soothe the wrinkled brow of care.

The Provincial Grand Master sprinkled wine upon the Lodge, saying:—In the name of the Holy Saints John, I do solemnly dedicate this hall to religion, virtue, and science. The grand honours were twice given, and the following was sung:—

Bring charity with goodness crowned
Encircled in thy heavenly robe!
Diffuse thy blessings all around,
To every corner of the globe.

The Grand Master then sprinkled oil upon the Lodge, saying:—In the name of the whole Fraternity I do solemnly dedicate this hall to universal benevolence. The grand honours were thrice given, and the following was sung:—

To Heaven's High Architect all praise,
All praise, all gratitude be given.
Who designed the human soul to raise
By mystic secrets sprung from Heaven.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain then made the Invocation:—And may the Lord, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, bless the brethren here assembled in all their lawful undertakings, and grant to each one of them, in needful supply, the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy. Amen. An oration having been delivered by Bro. Rev. A. L. Ford, Chaplain of Nelson Lodge, No. 18, the ceremony was concluded. The following resolution, which was proposed by Bro. Rev. A. Byrne, and seconded by Bro. Captain L'Estrange, was passed unanimously:—"That the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down have, with feelings of unmingled sorrow, heard of the demise of our Worshipful Brother Samuel Oldham, Deputy Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland; that in him we all times found a brother whose ripe understanding, independent judgment, and never-failing courtesy rendered his advice invaluable, his information impartial, his friendship a pleasure, and his services to the Order inestimable, and that our Secretary be directed to convey to his family our most heartfelt, sincere, and fraternal sympathy with them in their bereavement. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren repaired to Stramore House, where a most enjoyable luncheon had been provided.

DEATH.

WORRELL.—On the 8th June, at 69 Wiltshire Road, Brixton, S.W. CHARLES, son of Bro. WILLIAM WORRELL, P.M. and Sec. No. 766. Aged three years and three months.

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Obituary.

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THE LATE EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

ONCE more the members of the Craft throughout the world are called upon to sympathise with their brethren in Germany on the death of their Emperor and Masonic Protector, which occurred about 11 a.m. yesterday. Unfortunately this second bereavement, following so closely on that of March, has been daily expected for weeks past, the deceased Emperor Frederick having been suffering from a fearful malady for some months. Now the blow has come, however, it is none the less hard to bear, and we feel assured the German Imperial family, as well as the German nation at large, will receive many expressions of sympathy from those who regarded the deceased monarch as a friend and brother.

BRO. FREDERICK BRASTED, P.M. 1524.

We regret to hear of the decease of Bro. F. Brasted, who was well-known in the North-east of London, both as the Preceptor of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction and as an energetic Mason. Bro. Brasted was initiated in the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, on the 29th April 1875, and filled the chair in 1881. He was exalted in the Duke of Connaught Chapter, on 11th June 1879, and was installed as M.E.Z. in June 1883. He was a Life Governor, and had served as a Steward for the R.M. Benevolent Institution, and was a Life Subscriber to the Boys' School. At the time of his decease he had accepted the Stewardship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He died on the 31st ult., after a brief illness, deeply regretted. He was interred at Highgate Cemetery on the 6th inst., in the presence of a large number of friends, including Bros. Geo. Ferrar W.M. 1524, A. R. Olley S.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer, J. Robinson I.G., E. A. Harding, J. Duncan, J. E. Sheffield 1897, Clayton, J. J. Marsh, &c. We offer our sincerest sympathy to the members of his family in their loss.

BRO. SAMUEL B. OLDHAM.

On Tuesday the remains of the late Bro. Samuel B. Oldham, Deputy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, were interred in Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin. There was a very large attendance, which included all the Grand Officers at present in Dublin, several Provincial Officers, besides representatives from nearly all the subordinate Lodges in Dublin. The funeral left the late residence of the deceased shortly after nine o'clock, and on arrival at Mount Jerome Cemetery the remains were met by the officiating clergymen, the Rev. B. Gibson, Grand Chaplain of Ireland, and the Rev. A. Tabuteau, curate of Baggotrath Church, of the congregation of which the late Bro. Oldham was a member. The first portion of the burial service was conducted in the Mortuary Chapel, where an address was also delivered by the Rev. B. Gibson, Grand Chaplain, who said:—

Before the grave closes on all that is mortal of our dear departed brother a few words may be permitted as a tribute to a memory that will long be cherished in a very wide circle of friends. It is in my relation to our Brother Oldham, as one of his oldest surviving personal friends, that I have been accorded the privilege of assisting in this solemn service in which we are engaged. It was as class fellows in our boyhood that our friendship was originated, and from my intimate acquaintance with him in all the succeeding years of our lives I can testify that in Samuel Bagot Oldham was verified the oft-quoted adage, "The boy is father of the man." His schoolfellows all looked up to him as a model character, worthy of imitation. Gentle in disposition, truthful and noble, industrious, and of superior ability, he won the esteem and admiration, and, I may add, the affection, of his teachers and fellow-pupils. I am speaking in the presence of many who have long known Bro. Oldham in his manhood, and who can vouch for the fulfilment in his honourable and unsullied life of the fair promise of his youth. The foundation of this excellent attainment was laid deep on the foundation—the only foundation on which it is safe to build—of the love and fear of God. He was known as a God-fearing lad. He loved his Bible, which in all the slippery paths of youth was to him a light to his feet, and he was thereby kept from falling. In all the relations of his after life he was enabled to maintain the high reputation of his early years. We may not unveil the sanctities of his home. It may suffice to know that as a husband, a father, and a friend, he adorned the doctrines of God his Saviour, and that he has left us a bright example. But to most of those in this large assembly it was as a brother Mason Samuel Bagot Oldham was best known. As one of his brother officers in the Grand Lodge of Ireland I had opportunity of being intimately acquainted with his Masonic worth and erudition. His attainments in Masonry were of no ordinary character. His exalted position and high degrees witness to his proficiency in the mysteries of the Craft, and the loss which the Order has sustained by his lamented death cannot be over estimated. I might refer to his devotion to the interests of our Order in every part of the civilised world as our Deputy Grand Secretary, and more particularly to those which pertain to our ancient and honourable Craft under the Irish Constitution. His labours on behalf of our Masonic Charities very largely contributed to their present flourishing condition, and the name of Sam Oldham was a beloved household word in our Masonic Orphan Schools. We mourn with his bereaved family in the great affliction that has befallen them, and we pray the God of all comfort to sustain the widow and her children in their sore trial, and that their faith fail not. To our Heavenly Father we desire to offer our humble acknowledgments for the grace manifested to our departed brother in his protracted suffering which was so patiently endured. There was no mourning, no complaint escaped his lips in the weary months of his last sickness. In passing through the water he was not overwhelmed; in walking through the fire, the flame was not suffered to kindle on him. "In the furnace there was one with him like unto the Son of Man." Our brother's labour is ended; there remains for him the "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." He has been called to take his place in the Grand Lodge above, and to stand in the presence of the Supreme Grand Master, to enter into rest, to receive the stone with the new name written which no man knoweth, but he that receiveth it to be "made the pillar in the temple of his God, from which he shall go no more out." May this solemn event be sanctified to every one of us. May we each in our several spheres labour more diligently than we have done heretofore, that our work may be approved in the great day of inspection, as worthy of being received for the building of the temple, knowing that to each of us the night cometh when no man can work, and then endued with such fortitude that in the hour of trial we faint not, but that, passing safely under the protection of the Almighty Architect of the Universe, through the valley of the shadow of death, we may finally arise from the tomb of transgression to obtain everlasting life, and to shine with the stars for ever and ever. So mote it be. Amen.

The coffin was then conveyed to the grave, where the latter portion of the burial service was recited.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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LODGE QUATUOR CORONATI, No. 2076.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you allow me to call attention of those interested to our advertisement in another part of your paper? We wish it to be distinctly understood that our portals are open to all Masons without special invitation. The paper on "Masters' Lodges," by Bro. J. Lane, is sure to be exceedingly good and interesting, because he is a recognised master of the subject. Bros. Hughan and Gould will also take part in the discussion. Such a conjunction of bright stars in the Masonic firmament is of rare occurrence.

May I further trespass on your space to state that from the 14th to the 24th inst. I shall be on the continent, and so crave the indulgence of our 320 Correspondence Members, if their letters should remain unanswered for a few days?

It is with deep regret that I learnt that one of our most esteemed members, Bro. G. P. Brockbank, entered into rest on the 2nd. His gain is indeed our loss, a great one.

Yours fraternally,

G. W. SPETH,

Secretary 2076.

ROSE CROIX.

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FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No. 85.

THE annual installation meeting was held on the 27th April, in the Masonic Hall, Smith-street, Natal. Bro. T. Cook presided, in the absence of the M.W.S Bro. F. A. Noyce, who has removed to Heidelberg. There was also present Bros. T. W. Bower, J. E. Brown, W. Parfitt, E. H. Bingham, J. H. Lawson, H. C. Richardson, J. Wright, F. Brownlee, &c. The Inspector-General, Bro. R. I. Finnemore, visited the Chapter. After the usual routine business of confirming minutes, balloting for candidates, &c., Bro. Cook installed Bro. Brown as M.W.S. for the ensuing year with the usual ceremonies, and the following Officers were appointed:—J. Schulz, M.D., Prelate, J. Wright 1st General, H. C. Richardson 2nd General, E. H. Bingham Treasurer and Recorder, T. W. Bower G. Marshal, F. Brownlee Outer Guard. The other offices were left vacant, in view of the impending accession of members, two more candidates having been elected and two joining members proposed. The Chapter expressed their cordial congratulations and good wishes to their Inspector-General Bro. Finnemore, on the birth of his son. After other business of a merely formal character, the meeting terminated about ten o'clock p.m.—*Natal Advertiser.*

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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.

It is generally expected the exceptional efforts which have been made throughout the Craft this year on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will have the effect of lessening the support given to this Institution. It is fervently hoped such may not prove to be the case, but rather, that the grand success which attended the Centenary Festival of the sister Institution will act as an incentive to Brethren to make special exertions on behalf of the Boys' School.

VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P.

RIGHT WOR. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF DEVON,

HAS KINDLY CONSENTED TO PRESIDE AT

THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,

TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 1888.

The Services of Brethren as Stewards are earnestly solicited.

SPECIAL REASONS

in justification of a renewed Special Appeal for Support.

1.—The FUNDED PROPERTY is only ... ... while that of the	**£17,000 0 0**		
R. M. I. for Girls is			£63,500 0 0
R. M. Benevolent Institution—Male Fund	£39,450 0 0		
Do. —Widows' Fund	26,075 0 0		
			£65,525 0 0
2.—The SECURED ANNUAL INCOME is ... ... while that of the	**£755 0 0**		
R. M. I. for Girls is			£2,211 0 0
R. M. Benevolent Institution—Male Fund	£1,986 0 0		
Do. —Widows' Fund	1,548 0 0		
			£3,534 0 0

3.—The efforts made to meet the increasing demands, by the extension of the number of Boys maintained and educated—from 72 in 1861 to 258 in 1887.

4.—At the last election (April 1888) **Fifteen** Candidates only out of Sixty-five could be elected.

5.—In the Preparatory School a further number of 20 Boys could be accommodated, did the condition of the Funds warrant such increase.

6.—The universally recognised importance of a sound system of discipline and education in formulating the habits and characters of the Citizens of the Future, especially in the cases of those under the care of this Institution, many of whom, in due course, will probably undertake the obligations of Freemasonry.

These constitute a strong plea. Several considerations in addition will suggest themselves to those who attentively watch the operations in the various organisations associated with the Order.

Communications are earnestly invited, addressed to

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Sword Bearer), Secretary.

Office—3 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

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THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
WILL BE HELD AT
FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C.,
ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 1888,
UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P.
R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Devon.

PRESIDENT BOARD OF STEWARDS:
R.W. Bro. Col. MALET DE CARTERET, Vice-Patron of the Institution, Prov. Grand Master Jersey.
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FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G.Sword Bearer), V.-Pat., Secretary.
OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
May 1888.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are most urgently needed this year, as, owing to the confidently anticipated and naturally to be expected exceptional support assured to the Centenary Celebration of the sister Institution, the gravest apprehensions are excited as to the realisation of the amount absolutely required to meet the ordinary annual expenditure.

The Annual Stewards' Visit, Entertainment, and Distribution of Prizes to Pupils, will take place at the Institution, at Wood Green, on Saturday, the 23rd June.



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20th FESTIVAL, IN JULY 1888.

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF
The Most Hon. the MARQUESS OF HERTFORD
R.W. Dep. G. Master of M.M.M. and Prov. G. Master of Warwickshire.

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 a sum of nearly £2000 has been distributed in grants of relief.

Thirty-six children have reaped the advantages of the Educational Branch at a total cost of £950, while at the meeting of Grand Lodge in June 1886 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 over £120, the Educational Fees amounting to nearly £300.

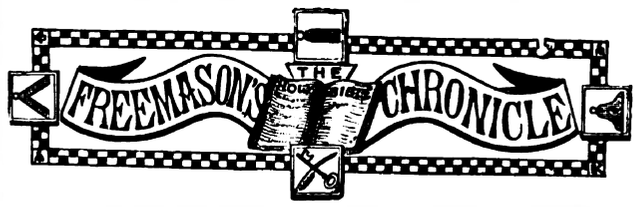
Two Brethren are at present recipients from the Annuity Fund, and the Board will gladly consider the claims of necessitous Brethren or Widows of Brethren, being empowered to grant the sum of £20 and £16 per annum respectively to accepted Candidates after election.

The names of Brethren willing to act as Stewards will be gratefully received by the Secretary,

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PROV. G.L. LEICESTER, NORTHAMPTON, DERBY, AND RUTLAND.

A MEETING of the above Grand Lodge was held at Leicester, on Monday, 4th inst., under the banner of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 4.30 p.m. in due form. There were present :—

Bros. William Kelly P.G.M., T. Cox D.P.G.M., W. J. Freer P.S.G.W., D. Young as P.S.J.G.W., Butler Wilkins P.G.M.O., E. Jervis as P.G.S.O., J. Howell P.G.J.O., Rev. C. W. Groves, M.A., P.G. Chap., S. Cleaver P.G. Treasurer, S. E. Marris P. G. Registrar, Miles J. Walker P.G. Secretary, Edgar Horne P.G.J.D., J. D. Harris P.G.D.C., W. Boogben P.G.A.D.C., G. Ellard P.G.S.B., G. M. Bond P.G.I.G., R. L. H. Mole, J. C. Webb and J. N. Whitehead P.G. Stewards, J. Tanser and W. Stone P.G. Tylers, C. F. Matier P.G.W., Percy Wallis P.G.D., T. Worthington P.P.S.G.W., J. T. Thorp P.P.S.G.W., G. Toller P.G.D., J. T. Hart P.P.G.M.O., J. Harrison P.P.G.I.G., T. Coleman P.P.G.I. of W., Rev. C. H. Wood P.P.G. Chap., Arthur Stubbs P.G.S.O. Notts., W. H. Goodwin, T. G. Charlesworth, Hon. S. Knight P.P.G.A.C., C. W. Trollope, F. S. Preston, H. Hodges, G. M. Huntley, G. T. Edmund, R. Mitchie, H. Eagle, A Oram, R. B. Barratt, &c., &c.

The Reports of the Worshipful Masters of the several Lodges in the Province showed that the Degree was progressing. The Treasurer's Report also showed a very good balance in hand. W. Bro. W. J. Freer P.P.S.G.W. (the newly appointed Clerk of the Peace for the County of Leicester) was nominated as Steward to represent the Province at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and ten guineas was voted from the funds to be placed upon his list. The R.W. P.G.M. accorded a hearty welcome to Bro. C. F. Matier, and trusted that he would honour the Lodge by his presence for many years to come. Bro. Matier thanked Bro. Kelly for his greeting, and said it would afford him much pleasure to attend this Provincial Grand Lodge in future years. The R.W. P.G.M. appointed the following brethren to office for the ensuing year :—

Bro. Thomas Cox	-	Deputy Master.
The Earl of Euston	-	Senior Warden.
George Thomas Wright	-	Junior Warden.

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Samuel Knight	-	Master Overseer.
Arthur Sabbs	-	Senior Overseer.
Edgar Horne	-	Junior Overseer.
Rev. Chas. Westly Groves	-	Chaplain.
Rev. Samuel Wathen Wigg	-	Chaplain.
Samuel Cleaver	-	Treasurer.
Samuel Arthur Marris	-	Registrar.
Miles J. Walker	-	Secretary.
John Cooper Webb	-	Senior Deacon.
John Edward Beazeley	-	Junior Deacon.
William Boughen	-	Inspector of Works.
John Harrison	-	Dir. of Ceremonies.
Abraham Woodiwiss	-	Assistant ditto.
Walter Hugh Goodwin	-	Sword Bearer.
John Ellis Whitehead	-	Standard Bearer.
George Thomas Edmund	-	Organist.
Reginald Blake Barratt	-	Inner Guard.
T. Gillot Charlesworth	-	Stewards.
Frank Samuel Preston	-	Stewards.
Harry Hodges	-	Stewards.
Geo. Maxwell Huntley	-	Stewards.
Benjamin Asher Derrick	-	Tylers.
William Stone	-	Tylers.

The Lodge was then closed in due form at 5.45 p.m. The R.W. P.G.M. afterwards presided at the banquet held in honour of the event.

LOVE AND HONOUR LODGE, No. 94.

THIS Lodge held their annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Falmouth, on Thursday evening, the 7th instant, when Bro. S. Tressider was installed as W.M. by Bro. J. M. Carne. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested Bro. J. M. Carne as the I.P.M., and his Officers as follow:—Bros. G. T. Olver S.W., W. Anderson J.W., G. Carter M.O., T. R. Grylls S.O., H. Liddicoat J.O., Rev. M. J. Sutton Chsp., W. F. Newman Treasurer, Williams Reg. of Marks, H. Tucker Secretary, J. Martin S.D., R. C. M. Pooley J.D., W. J. Carne Org., W. M. Harrison I.G., E. J. K. Nicholls Steward, J. N. Francis Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Royal Hotel, and partook of an excellent repast, provided by Bro. R. Carter.

ELPHIN LODGE, No. 321.

THE annual installation took place on the 13th inst., at Carnarvon, Bro. Cornelius Davies being the Installing Officer. Bro. N. Bunnell, who was installed W.M., nominated as his Officers Bros. J. Poole I.P.M., Segontium S.W., C. Rowland J.W., Rev. W. Morgan M.O., Edward Roberts S.O., R. W. Newton J.O., C. H. Rees Treas., G. Challinor Sec. and R. of M, Cornelius Davies Dir. of Cer., J. Williams S.D., W. C. Whisken J.D., E. G. Humphries I.G., Owen Evans S., W. Watkins Tyler. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren. The banquet was served at the Royal Hotel.

Mark Masons in Devonshire will be afforded an opportunity of proving themselves operative as well as "free and accepted Masons" at the laying of the corner stone of the church at Rose Ash, near South Molton, which is being rebuilt. The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge for Devonshire will meet in the school-room at Rose Ash in the early part of July. The brethren will then march to the site of the church, and the corner will be laid by the Masons in memory of the late Colonel Tanner-Davy, for many years the respected P.G.M.M.M. The Masons will also place the keystone in the arch, and the characters peculiar to the degree with the mark of Colonel Tanner-Davy will be engraved on the stone. This will be the first time in the history of Mark Masonry that such a duty has been performed by the Masonic brethren, and Devonshire ought to feel proud that they have the first opportunity given to them.

The meetings of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction, held at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, have been adjourned until September next.

ROYAL VETERANS ENCAMPMENT.

A MEETING was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-square, Plymouth, on the 8th inst., when Comp. W. H. Dillon was installed as Sir Knight. A Provincial Priory of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta was afterwards held under the banner of the "Royal Veterans" Encampment and Priory of Malta, for the purpose of conferring the degree of Knight on such Sir Knights of the Order of the Temple as might present themselves after ballot approval. As this was the first Provincial Priory held for twelve years—the last having been held at Exeter—the event was of an interesting character. The V.E. Sir Knight Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31st deg. Provincial Prior of Devon, occupied the throne, and was numerously supported. The Priory being duly formed, the degree of Knight of St. John of Jerusalem was conferred on Sir Knights J. F. Dupre, J. R. Lord, Henry Stocker. 18 deg., Francis Crouch, Frank R. Thomas, W. H. Dillon, and Henry Rogers. The Knights subsequently adjourned to the Masonic Club, where they sat down to an excellent supper provided by Bro. Symons, and were joined by Sir Knight T. S. Bayly P.E.P., E. A. Davies P.E.P., and W. H. Phillips.

PLEASURES OF THE IMAGINATION.

NO one better than the Freemason can plume his imagination for a lofty flight, no one better than he can soar to the azure of the skies, and there in the midst of the clarity of the upper air gaze not only far to the east and the west, the north and the south, but even, sitting at home in his easy chair can peer into the distant future and the remote past. In the profane world the earth's grovellers—those self-limited creatures who are the prisoners of ignorance, whose minds are dominated by their bodies—rarely think a noble thought, scarcely raise their eyes, much less their thoughts to heaven, but ever, as it were, dance clog dances on the earth for the delectation of those as ignorant as themselves. They live in a darkness which may be felt. But the Freemason has been "brought to light." His eyes are wide open. His intellectual sight is perfect. His moral insight is clear. He has learned to know himself, to care for his fellows, to love his brethren. Such a one is gifted with a new sense, a second sight. He sees everything in a new light. He is not "brought up like a rude Macedonian, and taught to call a spade a spade." To the bricklayer a trowel is *but* a trowel; but what is it to the Freemason? To the carpenter a square is but a square; but what is it to him who has been taught the language of the Craft? To the geometrician the compasses are but the compasses; but what are they to the "Son of Light?" Xerxes offered a reward to any one who would invent a new pleasure. He lived in the fifth century B.C.—why did he not seek initiation in the Ancient Mysteries of the East? They would have afforded him new and even regal pleasures, they would have banished his *ennui*, they would have taught him the restful joys of Faith, the expectant pleasures of Hope, the present enjoyment of Charity. They would have revealed to him the only true and living God, and the sublime doctrine of the immortality of the soul.

The Freemasons of to-day are the heirs of the ages. Upon us have descended the intellectual wealth of all our ancestors in the Craft. Their knowledge and their achievements are ours. Morally and intellectually there are no blind Masons—unless they are wilfully blind, and have closed the eyes of their minds so as to exclude the light of truth. Strength supports the Masonic world, Wisdom governs it, Beauty clothes it. Or, if you translate these Masonic powers to the blue canopy of heaven, Wisdom is our Sun, Strength is our Moon, while Beauty in a million forms gems the sky with Stars.

Did it never occur to you that the present moment is the most insignificant point in time? So puny is it, so quick to vanish away. Yes, but some will say, it is all important to us! Is it? Do we really enjoy the present as much as we may or do, the past or the future? We believe with Henry Home, that "such is the power of imagination that even a chimerical pleasure in expectation affects us more than a solid pleasure in possession." Now, Freemasons are millionaires, if they only knew it, and proprietors of more "castles in Spain" than the wealthiest Spanish baron. Let us enumerate a few of the Freemason's possessions.

First—In the past. We have the noblest of ancestors, whose works survive them, and we are the heirs of their intellectual wealth. They were the Temple builders of all time. Never was there reared a structure which seemed the work of the Divine Architect rather than the production of human hands, that Freemasons did not build it. Temple, cathedral and castle are all ours, and ours the rich inheritance of their glory. Of each of them it may be said, as Emerson wrote of the architect of St. Peter's at Rome:

> The hand that rounded Peter's dome,
> And groined the aisles of Christian Rome,
> Wrought in a sad sincerity;
> Himself from God he could not free:
> He builded better than he knew:—
> The conscious stone to beauty grew.

Next—in the present. We have the best of personal experiences—intimate association and friendship with the choicest spirits of our time; instruction in the loftiest spiritual truths and the highest moral duties, since we are taught Faith in God, Hope in Immortality and Charity for our Brethren and all mankind; and by the symbolism of the Craft we are impressively instructed in all of the higher knowledge which appertains to Freemasonry. We have our own alphabet, our own teachers, our own object lessons, our own selected band of learners.

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No *profane* can enter the magic circle, whose boundary is the mystic tie.

Finally—as to the future. Who can predict it, either here or hereafter? Its climax is the Grand Lodge above, where all the errors of the Lodge below will be rectified, all the Craftsmen justly rewarded, all the Truth perfectly revealed. The law of love which we *seek* to make as universal as the Craft here, will be controlling there. Faith will be lost in sight, Hope in fruition, and Charity sovereign throughout the endless ages of eternity.

Brethren of the Mystic Tie, it is your privilege to enjoy the highest pleasures of the imagination. Enter into your inheritance—*Keystone.*

BREADTH OF FREEMASONRY.

FREEMASONRY is an exceedingly broad institution. It includes purposes of a varied character. It seeks to do more than one kind of work and accomplish more than one sort of good. It has within itself, regarded as a system and an organization, resources that are ample for abundant ministries to its members and to the world. As these capabilities are understood and drawn upon its true greatness becomes apparent.

A mistake is made by those within or without the Fraternity who only regard some one feature of the institution, and note but a single line of its service and blessing. There are those who thus err by estimating Freemasonry as merely a charitable association, an organization designed to minister to the relief of the destitute. We are glad when this province of Masonic duty is pointed out, and when emphasis is put on the benevolent work to which members of the Craft are sacredly pledged. It is to the credit of the Ancient Society that so much has been done in caring for the weak and unfortunate members of the communion, in ministering relief in wider circles, and in building and supporting Homes and Asylums which do a blessed work of education and charity. Masonry can never justify its existence unless it makes expression of itself in this way of practical helpfulness to the poor and needy. But this is not all there is of the system or organization. Freemasonry is designed to do more than merely administer charity—to establish Homes and care for the unfortunate. It is a mistake to regard the Institution only as an organized ministry of benevolence.

Equally in error are they who think of Freemasonry only as a club—an association formed for the purposes of festivity and good cheer. Too many enter the Lodge influenced by this idea; and we regret to say that they find there those long connected with the Fraternity to sustain them in the view taken. Fellowship and social enjoyment are indeed to be included among the objects which Freemasonry approves and provides for; but they are by no means the only matters of consideration. Indeed, the social side of Freemasonry, as illustrated by its suppers and festivities, its friendly meetings of one sort and another, represents only that which is of lesser value in a justly discriminating estimate of the Brotherhood.

It is the moral and intellectual elements of Freemasonry which most dignify and adorn the organization. Were it not for these characteristics it would have no such binding force as now upon an intelligent constituency. When brethren come to realise what the Masonic tie means as a bond of comradeship, and when they learn by pleasant experience of its festival joys, they will praise the Masonic Institution for its social ministries; but men of thought and culture will not be content to approve Freemasonry on such grounds alone. They will be drawn to the system—held to it by a strong attachment—because it invites to intellectual activities, and furnishes so much varied food for the mind and heart to feed upon. Its philosophy, its scientific unfoldings, its rich and varied symbolism, its inculcation of truth in so many forms, will best commend Freemasonry to those who inquire most carefully and judge most intelligently as to its merits. Its practical helpfulness, good fellowship, and social privileges, are excellent features in its crown of excellence; but beyond these gifts and graces are other contributions that are never to be overlooked, for they minister more directly to the mind and soul. The first-named characteristics recommend organized Freemasonry to many brethren, for they enjoy the pleasant communions to which it opens the door, while they have a quick and generous appreciation of its Charities. This is well, but may we not plead for the yet larger estimate that takes into account the worth of Freemasonry as affording a solid nutriment for the intellect of man, giving zest to his mind and heart by unfolding principles of divinest import, while it opens the way to thought, reading and argument by this best expression it makes of itself? May we not ask that Freemasonry be considered on its higher ranges, to the end that its moral and intellectual worth may never be obscured?—*Freemason's Repository.*

A NEW COMMANDERY.

HIRAM LODGE MEMBERS WILL NOT SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO THE GRAND LODGE.

FOR several weeks past there has been an air of comparative quiet in New Haven Masonic circles. The war between the Grand Lodge and Hiram having been waged bitterly, after a protracted campaign the weapons were laid down. The armistice was not considered enduring, however, and it was believed that the strife might be precipitated again at any time.

Just now there is a new status to the Masonic inharmonious conditions. While the Grand Lodge is not directly involved, a body which is in allegiance to the Grand Lodge, and a division of Hiram members are involved. The object of a new movement now on foot is briefly stated, but without detail, in the following communication:

NEW HAVEN, 19th May 1888.

We, the undersigned, members of Hiram Lodge, belonging to the New Haven Commandery and Franklin Chapter, do most respectfully petition that Sir Knight James D. Dewell be requested to call a meeting of said members to convene in the Lodge room of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, Masonic Temple, at an early day for the purpose of taking such action as may be deemed necessary for the interests of all concerned.

Signed,

C. M. Ingersoll, H. L. Harrison, William Hillhouse, J. Martin, L. B. Hinman, J. R. Cummins, Henry W. Sanford, Enos S. Kimberly, John P. Augur, L. Bostwick, Chas. E. Hoagkirk, S. S. Thompson, T. J. Donvan, Robert Dyas.

Agreeably with the above a meeting will be held at Masonic Temple, corner of Chapel and Union Streets, in the Blue Lodge room on Thursday evening, 31st May, at 8 o'clock.

JAMES D. DEWELL.

The object of this meeting of Hiram Lodge members is understood to be the formation of a new Commandery of Knight Templars. It is well-known that members of Hiram Lodge who were identified with New Haven Commandery, No. 1, and Franklin Chapter, are not allowed to participate in the meetings of these bodies without they sign their allegiance to the Grand Lodge. This course the members of Hiram have been unwilling to follow. They have preferred to be loyal to Hiram and relinquish their connection with both the Commandery and the Chapter rather than to swear allegiance to the Grand Lodge.

It seems, however, that there has very recently been a movement on foot whereby several members of Hiram Lodge were invited to resume attendance at the Commandery meetings. In order to resume their relations with the Commandery they were obliged to swear allegiance to the Grand Lodge. To offset any further movement in this line the old, loyal Hiramites have decided to start a Commandery of their own.

When questioned about the movement, one of the prime movers had this to say:—"I can hardly say what will be done, but the object is to start a new Commandery. Over one-half the members of New Haven Commandery and of Franklin Chapter are members of Hiram Lodge, and they could hardly run these bodies without us. I understand that since this trouble with the Grand Lodge and the exclusion of Hiram members from the Chapter and the Commandery the two latter bodies have been in a weakly state. No parades have been held and there has not been much enthusiasm. Recently the Commandery secured several members of Hiram in order to build up the organisation, and these few were induced to swear allegiance to the Grand Lodge. I do not believe there will be any more induced to swear away their rights, however. When Hiram has over one-half the membership of the Commandery and they have been denied the right to sit in the meetings, it is about time that another Commandery was started, and this we propose to do. What has the Grand Lodge to do with the Commandery? Nothing at all. Then why should members swear allegiance to the Grand Lodge. Why, until 1811 it was not necessary to be a Mason in order to join the Commandery! I do not know what our number will be. It may be No. 1, as that is the number of Hiram Lodge. I cannot state exactly what will be done until the meeting is held, however."

The United Service Lodge, No. 2258, will be consecrated at the Metham Masonic Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday, 2nd July. The D.P.G.M. Bro. W. George Rogers will act as Consecrating Officer, the public engagements of the P.G.M. Lord Ebrington, M.P., not permitting him to attend on that date. A special choral service is being arranged, and the ceremony will probably be of a most imposing character.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 16th JUNE.

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)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
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
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. 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
2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
R.A. 1326—Lebanon, Lion Hotel, Hampton
R.A. 2096—George Price, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M.—Rose and Lily, Four Swans, Waltham Cross

MONDAY, 18th JUNE.

22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
2174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
2180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
2548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
2733—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
2475—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1691—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—Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly
K.T. 128—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, Golden Square
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
331—Phœnix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 19th JUNE.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, Victoria 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, Chilton Road, Maida Hill, at 8, (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
860—Lothaire, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Anna Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1381—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Crampton, Albion Hotel, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, South 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, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1913—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. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1348—Ebury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

160—True Friendship, Old Ship Inn, Rochford
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Tombland-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemasons' Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1312—St. Mary, White Hart Hotel, Bocking
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Boodle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
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. 206—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 20th JUNE.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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, Barlett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
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
1472—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1622—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (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.)
1731—Choumeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 151 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 93.—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W
R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
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.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hockmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Susex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Lambeth
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
680—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
681—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
694—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
693—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worcester
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Rooms, Mossley, near Manchester
1255—Dulcibs, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
1301—Brigantes, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Manchester, Lancaster.
1360—De Grey and Ripon, 103 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holmes, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1654—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.

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1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
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. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
R.A. 406—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 726—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

THURSDAY, 21st JUNE.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 9 (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)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
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)
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, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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. 765—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. 199—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
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blythe
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northampton
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Roya' Oak Hotel, Choadle
1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray
R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
R.A. 1235—Phœnix of St. Ann, Court Hotel Buxton
R.A. 1385—Gladamuir, 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, 22nd JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 8
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.)
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)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1612—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Great Castle Street, Oxford Circus. (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)
R.A. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.
R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Brighton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
490—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
566—St. Germain, Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Selby
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
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 8
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 164—Southdown, Station Hotel, Haywards Heath, Sussex
K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne
R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 23rd JUNE.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1298—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
305—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1962—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MASONIC MYSTERIES.

IT is in consonance with the mysterious secrecy of Freemasonry that a stringent regulation should prevent the unenlightened public from ever gazing upon processions of the brethren, clothed with the insignia of the Order, except upon very rare occasions. The curiosity which all mankind inherit from their mother Eve has always been much piqued by the fidelity to their obligations of the members of a world wide Order, and the fact that, with the exception of one or two instances of doubtful historical value, even woman's wit has failed to pierce the veil, has led some to the disrespectful conclusion that in reality there is nothing to conceal. No Mason would contest with them this solution of the difficulty, for he is not in a position to suggest any alternative. The Order does not court public discussion in any way, and even keeps very much to itself the knowledge of the splendid Benevolent Institutions which it maintains at an annual cost of many thousands of pounds, raised by voluntary subscription, and the Centenary of one of which is to be celebrated next Thursday at the Albert Hall, with the Prince of Wales in the chair. But in different countries and at different times it is regarded sometimes with suspicion, sometimes with scoffing. Of the former feeling there can happily be nothing in this country at the present time, and with regard to the latter the brethren may be allowed to take such an opportunity as presented itself on the 1st inst., of showing that they have no reason to be ashamed of their association with the Order, whose watchwords, as the guests at the luncheon were told, are "charity and loyalty." It has been the immemorial custom of Freemasons to take formal part in the erection of important public buildings and the like, and we believe we are entitled to say that the ceremony which they performed in College Green impressed all the citizens who were present to witness it with a sense of solemnity and dignity. In addressing his guests in the afternoon Bro. W. A. F. Powell, the veteran, who has been the actual ruler of the Freemasons of Bristol for the long period of thirty-four years, prided himself upon the perfect order and regularity of the proceedings. This, without doubt, gained the admiration he claimed for it, but we believe that in addition many of the onlookers were convinced that there is something real and ennobling in Freemasonry, that it appeals to the better part of human nature, and that it is a power for good in the world. It will probably be many years before the Order makes another public appearance in Bristol, but if what we have said be well founded, it has no reason to regret the part it played on this occasion, and we believe the proceedings will be regarded as satisfactory by all who were concerned in them.—*Bristol Mercury.*

De Witt Clinton had this to say to the cranks of his day of our grand old institution: "I know that Freemasonry, properly understood and faithfully attended to, is friendly to religion, morality, liberty and good government, and I shall never shrink under any state of excitement or any extent of misapprehention, from bearing testimony in favour of the purity of an institution which can boast of a Washington, a Franklin and a Lafayette as distinguished members, and which inculcates no principles and authorises no acts that are not in perfect accordance with good morals, civil liberty and entire obedience to government and the laws.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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GLEANINGS.

CURIOUS RELIC OF MASONRY.—Mr. A. Will has shown the *South African Freemason* a beautiful relic of ancient Freemasonry, of which he does not believe the counterpart exists in the Colony. It consists of a Masonic apron, about the size of this sheet, containing all the Masonic emblems upon it. The apron is of lambskin, and the emblems are painted upon it in colours. There are the two columns surmounted by Faith and Hope, while Charity is represented in the centre. In the middle of the apron are the Masonic arms surmounted by the Ark, and the motto "Holiness to the Lord." There are the sun, moon and stars, the three lights, the temple of Jerusalem, the square and compasses, the mallet, square, plumb, gauge, level, and Bible. At the head of the apron is the all-seeing eye with the motto, "Let there be light and there was light." This remarkable relic bears date 1st May 1798, and will no doubt be an object of the greatest interest to the Masons in Grahamstown.

THE MASTER WORKMAN.—To excel is a very natural and laudable ambition; indeed a constant struggle urges us onward toward the point of unsurpassed excellence. It is apparent in all societies, among tradesmen and in the ranks of the mechanic, as it is in the professions; in brief all men, both young and old, are continually labouring to hold in their grasp the coveted jewel, Excellence. To our mind, this desire is innate with all intelligent beings, and more especially is it observed within the confines of the great Masonic fraternity. The lessons taught there to a Craftsman, from his first communication with Masonic teachers, leads him to seek for new beauties in the golden fields that have been open to his sight, and as he progresses in his new manhood, yes, his new life, he acquires knowledge that more fully equips him for the great battle of life on this earth and for that accounting of stewardship which must so surely follow. The *true* Mason lives ever on the alert in his desire to reach excellence. He may become a master workman among his fellows; he may have filled every station of honour within the gift of his brethren; yes, he may have been exalted a chief by the united voices of the Craft, or a noble among its grandest philanthropists. Even here the perfect Mason does not tarry or weary in his work. There is yet a point of excellence to be secured and that is only to be gained when the tired workman shall stand at that Altar were final awards are made to those who have excelled in the work allotted them by the Divine Grand Master above.—*Lancaster Daily Examiner.*

The views of writers and others concerning Masonic Correspondence differ widely as to the duties involved in such reports and their usefulness to the Craft. That their usefulness is now conceded is apparent from the fact that in nearly every Grand jurisdiction the necessity of a Report upon Foreign Correspondence is admitted, and its absence, through financial or other reasons, deplored. In this connection, however, so much depends upon the proper conception upon the part of Committees of the dignity and character of their official duty; and upon the part of the Grand Body whom they represent, of the qualifications and experience necessary to the discharge of its duties, that a more general discussion of the subject could hardly fail to be productive of good results.

Looking over the multitude of Masons gathered here from all parts of our large State, the representatives of seventy-seven constituent Lodges, from the borders of California and Nevada to the Columbia River, and from Idaho to the Pacific Ocean, and comparing this gathering with the little handful of Masons who assembled thirty-seven years ago to organize the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon, we may well feel that Masonry has kept step with the growth and progress of our commonwealth. Indeed has Masonry grown with the growth and prospered with the prosperity of our State. It has done more,—it has led the van. Frequently in advance of the church, and sometimes even in advance of the school-house, has the altar of Masonry been erected in almost every village in our jurisdiction.—*G.M. Fullerton.*

There is still a disposition among Craftsmen to consider Grand Masters as invested with something more of authority than what would belong to them as the presiding officer of some other society. Our thought is that this feeling should be encouraged, not discouraged, and therefore we are not affected by the cry of "dangerous imperialism." There are plenty of dangers threatening Freemasonry, but it does not seem as though the allowance of powers and prerogatives to Grand Masters, such as always have characterised that office, constitutes the greatest danger.—*Repository.*

SQUARE.—One of the most important and significant of Masonic symbols. It is often seen in churches, as an emblem of the old operative builders, and is no doubt of very early use. Upon the metal square found in Ireland, near Limerick, these words, of date 1517, are inscribed:—

I will strive to live with ease and care,
Upon the level, by the square.

If this is the operative teaching of 1517, it of course points to mediæval teaching, akin to present speculative application of the working tools of the operative Mason.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia.*

Queen Victoria's father was "one of us." One evening in the ante-room of a Lodge he was addressed as "Your Royal Highness." No reply was vouchsafed, and again he was so styled. "Excuse me, Brother," said the Duke with a polite bow, "there are no Royal Highnesses here."

La Chaine d'Union, in briefly noticing Bro. Sadler's work, "Masonic Facts and Fictions," pertinently remarks that if it be true that "the proper study of mankind is man," it may with equal justice be said that "the proper study of the Mason is the history of Masonry."

Two hundred and thirty Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Mississippi are noted as owning the halls which they occupy.

CALEDONIAN ANNAN LODGE.

AT the ordinary meeting on Wednesday, the 6th instant, the R.W.M. Bro. Underwood in the chair, the Lodge was presented by Bro. W. Murray, Kinmount, with a handsome set of mallets for the use of the Master and Wardens. The mallets are neatly turned from selected pieces of cedar wood, and are chastly mounted with silver. Bro. Murray, in making the presentation, expressed the pleasure it gave him to certify in some enduring manner to the interest he felt in the prosperity of the Craft in Annan, and the R.W.M. in accepting the gift, spoke of its highly useful and ornamental character and assured Bro. Murray that his thoughtful kindness was highly esteemed by his brethren in the Lodge, who would long keep it in grateful remembrance.

The *Brighton Daily News* states that a Masonic Lodge is about to be formed at Bexhill, application having been made for a warrant.

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THIS Lodge will meet at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 25th June, at 5 p.m. Bro. JOHN LANE will read a paper on "Masters' Lodges." All Masons are cordially invited to attend. Dinner at 7·30 p.m. (3s 6d, exclusive of wine). Visitors desiring to join the Lodge at Refreshment would oblige by sending a post card to the Secretary,

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CRITERION. — At 8·15, WHY WOMEN WEEP. At 8·45, DAVID GARRICK.

GAIETY. — At 8, THE TAMING OF THE SHREW.

PRINCESS'S. — At 8, THE BEN-MY-CHREE.

SAVOY.—At 8.45, THE MIKADO. Preceded by MRS. JARRAMIE'S GENIE.

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ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, THE SQUIRE.

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OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8, MASKS AND FACES.

GLOBE.—At 8·30, BOOTLES' BABY. At 7·45, Farce.

COMEDY.—At 9, THE ARABIAN NIGHTS. At 8·10, SUNSET.

TOOLE'S.—At 7·45, A RED RAG At 8·30, THE DON.

AVENUE.—At 8·15, THE OLD GUARD. At 7·30, A WARM RECEPTION.

STANDARD.—At 7·45, A WOMAN'S VENGEANCE.

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THE R.M. INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

"Give me th' avow'd, th' erect, the manly foe,
Bold I can meet—perhaps may turn his blow;
But of all plagues, good Heaven, thy wrath can send,
Save, save, oh, save me from the candid friend!"

WE are within a few hours of the day fixed for the celebration of the Ninetieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the actual gathering being arranged for Wednesday next, the 27th instant, on which occasion the Right Worshipful Brother Lord Ebrington Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire will preside at the dinner, to take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, when we hope he will be supported by an influential body of Craftsmen and their ladies, and that the result of the meeting will be all that his lordship and his friends can desire.

Notwithstanding this close proximity of the Festival, we are sorry to find that the Institution is not enjoying the full meed of popularity which is so essential just previous to one of its annual gatherings, and more particularly so at the present time, when the members of the Craft have but just completed one of the grandest works on which they have ever been engaged—the celebration of the Centenary of the Girls' School. The cause of this unpopularity is to be traced to the action of one or two men, who, to serve their own dishonourable purposes, are attacking the Boys' School by means of anonymous circulars, the Institution having been blessed, or cursed we may rather say, during the last few weeks, with the attentions of a "candid friend," an infliction which, in the words of the author quoted above, is one of the greatest plagues kind heaven can impose on mankind. It is no use shutting our eyes to the fact that the Institution is suffering in consequence of the attacks which are just now being levelled against it, but we are convinced that ultimate good will result, and that so far from the anonymous and libellous utterances doing any permanent harm, they will have just the opposite effect, a result which, notwithstanding the statements put forth, is, we imagine, very far from what is desired by those who are at the bottom of the conspiracy, their sole object appearing to be to make as much stir and do as much injustice as possible; but they are particularly careful to do all they undertake in an underhand manner, in the hope of keeping themselves free of the prosecution they so justly merit and would assuredly experience if they were known.

We have said we anticipate ultimate good from the attacks which are just now being made on the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and in support of our opinion we may refer to the business to be transacted at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, to be held on Monday next, at High Wycombe. On that occasion Bro. John Tomkins Prov. S.G.W. will move:

That this Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks respectfully requests Grand Lodge to take into consideration the present condition of the Masonic Boys' School, and, if thought fit, to appoint a Committee to inquire into its discipline and management.

We fervently hope Bro. Tomkins will be supported in this proposition, and that the matter may be referred to Grand Lodge with such support as will ensure an inquiry being instituted by the ruling power of the Craft. This would be the fairest way of deciding the questions at issue between the Institution and its libellers, and we should be very much surprised if it did not lead to a better understanding on several points than exists at the present time. But will Grand Lodge entertain the question? Where is the need for inquiry? What are the complaints? and who is there to support them? In answer to these queries we say that we do not believe Grand Lodge will consider the matter within its province, and will not interfere, although we should very much like to see a Committee appointed and an official inquiry instituted. The need for the inquiry may be said to exist in consequence of the statements, which have recently been circulated, but unfortunately those which call for action are useless, from this point of view, because anonymous. Grand Lodge would not place any reliance on them, and we are afraid the men who circulated them have not got the courage to establish their identity; while the rulers of the Craft would be very unwise to take action on anonymous complaints, supported only by brethren equally in the dark as to their origin—or professing to be so.

It is ridiculous to suppose that the circulars to which we have referred have been as widely circulated as they have been without some one knowing their author, and we must at once express our contempt for brethren who support the utterances contained in them, or refer to them as worthy of consideration, and at the same time profess ignorance of their origin. We do not hesitate to say that in many cases they are telling deliberate falsehoods, and for this reason we think an official inquiry should be instituted. Surely Masons would not appear before Grand Lodge and declare they knew nothing of circulars they had paid for, addressed or helped to circulate, when their sole object in distributing them was to "act in a fair spirit, with the good of our Institution in view . . . . in order that the matters referred to might see a little daylight and be investigated." The authors of the complaints have been "candid" enough to state their grievances, and to give a reason for so doing; would they be equally candid in answering questions put to them by a Grand Lodge Committee?

Our readers are tolerably well acquainted with the anonymous attacks which are being made on the Institution, and to which we have referred, to need any further account of them necessary on the present occasion. We have also said what we hope will be the result of the Berks and Bucks proposition. All we can now do is to express a wish that every

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Provincial Grand Lodge will take similar action; then, perhaps, Grand Lodge would see the necessity of moving in the matter. But we are afraid the subject will be considered as outside the scope of Grand Lodge interference, and as we have all along said, the prime movers take particular care to keep their utterances outside the scope of a legal inquiry; were it otherwise we should soon hear of a decision one way or the other.

Having disposed of this part of the subject, we may revert to the original purpose of our present remarks, and draw attention to the rapidly approaching Anniversary Festival of the Institution. The Boys' School has this year had both numerous and severe obstacles to surmount in preparing for its Annual Festival, and the wonder is, not that it is behindhand, but that it has been able to achieve so much. The Festival of the Girls' School, just concluded, has been the all-absorbing topic among the charitably disposed members of the Craft, and the splendid success of that celebration has exhausted the resources of many who would have been ready and willing to work on behalf of the companion Charity. This cause alone leads us to anticipate a heavy falling off in this year's returns, but whether our surmise will be confirmed or not the future alone can decide. We hope not, but we are sadly afraid that the result of the coming Festival will be anything but that we desire, and on this account we once more ask our readers to give the Institution as much support as lies in their power.

PHILOSOPHY OF MASONRY.

An Address by Bro. Joseph W. Congdon, Past Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey, at Anniversary Exercises of Ivanhoe Lodge, and first published in "The Royal Craftsman."

DISSERTATIONS upon the ethics of Freemasonry have been so oft repeated as to have almost taken on stereotyped forms. The elucidation of the particular system of principles, rules, symbolisms, and customs of Freemasonry has been so ample that it is his own fault if a brother is ill informed concerning them. But, while the ethics of the institution are perhaps clear, the philosophy of Masonry is always a storehouse, whose corners yield some new and refreshing subjects of thought. While causes may be accurately determined, the resultant effects are often still widening and unknown, therefore the application and operation of a reason, towards the fullest attainment of its legitimate object, is usually a more interesting study than the search after the source or cause of a movement. The operation of the principles of Masonry is, therefore, a higher study in metaphysics than is the study of the source and reason of the existence of the institution.

The antiquity of Masonry is, of course, attractive. There is a possibility that in practical uses it existed before David sang his Psalms and Isaiah uttered his prophecies; that the Masonic emblems found underneath the monster plinth of Heliopolis, which the great Cæsar brought to Alexandria to please a woman, were placed there almost as far back as the days of Moses; and that the wonderful pyramids, reared by the hands of unexcelled masters of their art, were built with the help of Jewish slaves of earliest days, to say nothing of the magnificent temple where the highest wisdom, strength and beauty were exemplified. This antiquity certainly lends a charm to Masonry.

The astonishing vitality with which Masonry has survived the changes of history, and the transfer of art and civilisation from one locality of the globe to others in turn, are fascinating studies. There is no more interesting contemplation than the transmigration of the architectural art from Egypt to the Holy Land, to Greece and Rome, to the time of the dark ages when the Catholic church saved it and protected its development, to the days when the Templars and Knights Hospitallers of Jerusalem found equally engaging service in defending the guilds of the workers and the pilgrims to the Holy Sepulchre, to the transfer to northern Europe in the time of Charlemagne, thence to Britain, where its uses most brilliantly shone in the re-building of London after the great fire of 1666, and its subsequent transmigration into a theoretical and honorary society by Sir Christopher Wren.

Again, a source of loyal pride in Masonry is the long list of distinguished men, in all ages and countries, who have found honour and pleasure in giving allegiance to the Craft. As has been well said, "Its history is illuminated by a galaxy of names that make up the brightest constellation of wisdom, talent, patriotism, and virtue." And yet the antiquity of Freemasonry, the wars, vicissitudes and revolutions it has outlived, and the long category of illustrious names inscribed upon its banners, are simply incidents in its history. It is not these things that constitute its true glory and dignity. It is in Masonry as it is, and not as it was, nor for what it was, that we must seek to find the potent influences that account for its cohesiveness, its constant growth and its abiding vitality.

What is it that brings men together, in formal and regularly recurring convocations as Masons, while they are such in theory only, using the tools of the Craft in similitude and symbolisms simply? It is not alone for the charity extended. The brotherhood affords charity supposedly for members only when in distress, and the widow and orphan are beneficiaries only according to the necessities of individual instances. Masonry is not a life insurance association, nor an accident indemnification society. Some such meretricious schemes are invested with forms of initiation and mystery, in the endeavour to establish something of such inscrutable secrecy as is supposed to give a glamour of attraction to Masonry for weak-headed men and over-curious women.

The secrecy of Masonry is not its charm of attractiveness. In fact this has operated to its disadvantage so far as its greatest possible development goes, if simple growth be regarded as of unequivocal advantage—which it is not. In actual fact there is very little that is secret about Masonry. The great truths it promulgates are no secret. Its illustrations of similitudes are published. The lessons it endeavours to inculcate by the exemplification of ancient customs and certain events are no longer absolute secrets. Its practical operations in brotherly love and relief are public in general. And the personal, moral restraint, the whisper of approaching evil, and the word of warning to brethren in danger, are not sufficiently frequent and effectual to excite the enmity of foes to secrecy.

Furthermore, it is not theatrical representations of tragedy and drama that draw men to witness repetitions of familiar scenes. No theatrical spectacle, nor historical or philosophical play that a Shakesperian genius might evolve could draw men together in thousands of places simultaneously and thousands of times. No elaborate costumes, brilliant accessories and most entrancing actors, would so congregate men, who often sit attentive listeners to bunglers of speech and action, or to the parrot-like enunciations of Masters and Deacons whose greatest elocutionary achievements are frequently but tests of memory.

There is no more actual enchantment in the simple repetition of the Ritual, beautiful as it is in thought and verbiage, than in some repeated sermons under which familiar deacons and elders consider themselves privileged to sleep. Nor is it with the symbolism of Masonry that genius chains the interest even of those who can most appreciate beautiful sentiment and allegory. In truth, the significance of the emblems is in some places forced, and one fails to comprehend the consistency of such illustrations as the lessons of the bee hive, the ark, and other features of the Ritual which bear no relation to the industrial art. Neither is the emblematic expression of Masonry so grand in conception and forceful in representation as to be inapproachable in comparison with what might be represented of other avocations.

The bee hive might be one of a class of most interesting emblems in husbandry—such as the plough that opens up the barren soil for the seed which nature, by amazing process, develops into nourishment for man.

The unpoetical advocation of the ironworker might serve for the deduction of the lesson that, as the rough metal is melted in a fiery furnace, so are our natures resolved into purified material by the trials of life; as the iron is moulded into useful forms in the clay, so may our characters be symmetrically formed; and as the rough surfaces are cleared away by contact with like pieces revolving, so are our minds brightened and the rough

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excrescences of our innate imperfection smoothed away by attrition and intercourse with fellow men.

The life of the sailor is capable of beautiful expression in symbolism. He is launched upon the sea of life, uncertain whether at the last he shall reach a port where the sun shall shine, and birds will sing, and flowers bloom, or whether in a dark and stormy night of evil he may be wrecked by the unfriendly sea on cruel rocks. But he has his conscience for a rudder, he may have the Bible for his compass, the help of friends and kindly words to aid him as breezes fill the sails, and, above all, the light that his Maker gives him, like the north star, by whose constant and unchanging ray he steers his course.

Neither is Masonry a moral hospital to which men flee for cure. It is not a refuge for moral wrecks wherein to endeavour to regain lost character. It does not invite reprobates to retrieve lost opportunities and regain respectability. It offers no attraction of this nature, nor does it ask the allegiance of its members in beneficent endeavours to gather figs from thistles. So we see by this logic that we are not to judge of the beauites and benefits of Freemasonry by its antiquity, its vitality, its membership, its charitable usefulness, its secret power, its histrionic or literary nature, the charm of its symbolic structure, nor as an asylum for the morally diseased.

Its effectual influence on the social architecture of the world truly commands our admiration; but to determine its entitlement to our regard, and to analyze the reasons for the devotion of its adherents, we may find far more pleasing and conclusive arguments for its perpetuation, and of its power for the accomplishment of great good, in contemplating its moral characteristics. In this field of investigation we find five salient features—two that challenge our admiration, as tending to establish the solidity of its foundation, and the axiomatic truths of its logic, and three which demonstrate its abundant usefulness to men.

First. The fundamental scheme of Masonry is completed. Its principles, lessons, customs and landmarks are wholly established. Unlike any other human Institution, to it there is nothing to add, from it nothing can be taken. "It stands upon the ancient ways." All theories, sciences and doctrines of philosophy in the run of the centuries are subject to continual and ever varying change, save this. There are many religions, and but one Masonry. There are many methods and codes of civil law, and but one Masonry. There are many medical and physical systems of science, and but one of Masonry. Surely there must be consistency in the theory and plan of an institution so long unaltered, and now unalterable in its general plan.

Second. The truths which it announces are undeniable; the argumentation of Freemasonry is unanswerable; no hypothetical course of reasoning is presented for discussion; its propositions are beyond the pale of debate. The insistment that there is an Omnipotent and Omniscient Creator and Ruler of all things, that man is the creature of His hand, that man is mortal, that all men are by nature equal, that the interests of all men are mutual, that man's happiness involves the happiness of his fellow men, that the highest happiness comes from proper living and thinking, and that man is largely the arbiter of his own greatest possibilities for personal happiness and the elevation of his kind, are truths not to be denied save by the fool who "hath said in his heart there is no GOD."

Third. Masonry is an active and positive instrumentality for the establishment of friendships. Heaven grants no greater earthly blessing than that of true friendship. With man constituted as he is, receptive, responsive, and intense in sentiments and passions, his life would not be worth the living without the friendship of others of his kind. Freemasons the world over can bear witness that there is no more facile medium for the cultivation of friendships than the intercourse that Masonry affords, and within the walls of the homes of the Craft, brothers of no common blood become brothers indeed, whose affection and confidence are never broken, save by the scythe of time, to be renewed, we fondly hope, and as our faith inspires, in the eternal presence of the Father of us all.

Fourth. The direct influence of Freemasonry in its teachings and associations is unquestionably ennobling and elevating. This influence is positive, and like all waves of influence, we know not how far its concentric rings may ultimately carry the effect that radiates from the pure thoughts, the beautiful illustrations, the inspiring hopes, and the solemn words of warning and advice, to which expression is given in the workings of a Masonic Lodge consistently conducted. It may be boldly asserted that he is unworthy of the Craft, unfit for the society of the best of his fellow creatures, unworthy of the confidence of honest men, who has not realised the ennobling, restraining, mollifying influences of Masonic intercourse and practice.

Fifth. And most important, Masonry teaches man, without the formulation of a religious creed, and the exaction of adherence to the stipulations of certain dogmatic principles, that God, his Creator, is his Father and Protector, in whom his unbounded faith may be placed, who will deal with him according to his merits, and who will reward him for purity of heart, uprightness of life and devotion to pious principles. From the fact that there is a God, that nature demonstrates the indestructibility of matter, that like causes like, that violation of physical law causes physical suffering, that virtue is its own reward, and that this life is not complete in its own sphere, the only hypothesis in Masonry—faith in a future life—is made reasonable and acceptable; and the brother of ordinary conception of mind is led to confidently believe that God cares for all the creatures of His hand, that the soul of man is not to be obliterated in the destruction of the material world, and that in *another* life will be righted and equalized the apparent inconsistencies and incongruities of this.

In the mountains of Switzerland the clouds often rest athwart the snowy peaks, so that one knows not where the towering apexes end nor where the ethereal begins; and it seems as if one might climb on and up through the fleecy banks, upward even into the very gate of heaven. On the ocean, in the gorgeousness of a refulgent sunset, the blue of the ocean and the azure of the sky are often so blended, commingled and overshot by the golden beams of the retiring sun, that no dividing line may be distinguished, and it seems as if one might sail on and off directly into a realm of glory, like that which we may believe heaven itself to be. Likewise in Masonry, pure, undefiled and undebased, we find it so interwoven with divine philosophy, in such close contact with religious faith and practice, that we may not demonstrate where the earthly ends and the heavenly begins. Thus clearly and satisfactorily may be demonstrated the actual practical value of the teachings and influences of Freemasonry.

The case is proven, and the verdict will be safe in the judgment of intelligent minds. Then let the brotherhood be united, true and faithful, and Masonry shall endure. May the Father prosper it for all in it that is pure and noble. May weak and stumbling man continue to find help and guidance, encouragement and hope, in its purifying influences, its impressive lessons, its precious friendships, and in the faith it inspires in the Divine Being and a life hereafter.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence took place on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. James Brett acted as President, with Bros C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. and W. Hopekirk G.P. supporting him. The first business was the confirmation of the recommendations made at the last meeting. The brethren then proceeded with the new list, which embraced the names of forty-one applicants. They were relieved with a total of £990, composed of two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each; nine recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, and thirteen of £30; four grants of £20 each, five of £10, and two of £5. Four cases were deferred, one of the petitioners had died since his petition was sent in, and one case was not entertained.

The W.M. and Officers of Concord Lodge, No. 1135, Ilfracombe, intend presenting to Brother Samuel Jones, of Exeter, who was the founder of the Lodge, and has acted as installing master for 20 years, a handsome silver salver, on the occasion of the next annual meeting, which will take place on Monday. He will then, for the 21st time, act in the capacity of installing officer, and instal as W.M. Bro. St. Paul P.M. P.Z. The salver is inscribed in the centre as follows:

"Presented to W. Brother Samuel Jones P.P.J.G.W., by the W. Master, Past Masters and Officers of the Concord Lodge, No. 1135, as a slight recognition of his valuable services as a founder of the Lodge, and installing master for 21 consecutive years. Ilfracombe, 25th June 1888."

Bro. W. J. Hughan has kindly consented to give a Masonic Lecture at Sunderland, on Tuesday, 17th July, in the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace.

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BLUNDERING SECTARIAN SYMBOL-MONGERS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

NEW religions are promulgated either by arguments or by miracles, but when the priesthood becomes powerful, religious persecution is resorted to for driving people into the church and for preventing others from leaving it. In the middle ages, besides persecution, Jews have often been challenged by Christian clergy to public or private discussion, and Prince de Joinville, in his Chronicles of the Crusades, relates several anecdotes which were told to him by St. Louis, one of which is as follows:—

"At another time the holy King told me, that during the great disputation at the monastery of Clugny, between the monks and the Jews, an old Knight happened to be present, who requested the abbot of the monastery to allow him to say a few words; this with difficulty was granted to him. The old Knight, raising himself on his crutches, desired the more learned clerk and first rabbi of the Jews to come near to him, which being done, the Knight put the following questions to the rabbi: Do you believe in the Virgin Mary, who bore our Lord Jesus Christ in her womb, and then in her arms, and that she was a virgin when delivered, and is now the Mother of God? The Jew replied that he did not believe a word of all this. The Knight said, 'Verily, stupidly hast thou answered, . . . and lifting up the crutch, he smote the Jew such a blow on the ear as felled him to the ground. The other Jews, seeing their rabbi wounded, fled away, and thus ended the disputation between the monks and the Jews.

The abbot then advanced to the Knight and said . . . You have done a very foolish thing in thus striking the Jew, but the Knight answered, 'You have permitted a much greater folly in permitting discussion in such an assembly, and suffering such a disputation of errors; for here are numbers of very good Christians, who might have gone away unbelievers in consequence of the arguments of the Jews.

I therefore tell you, continued the King, that no one, however learned or perfect a theologian he may be, ought to dispute with the Jews: but the layman whenever he hears the Christian faith contemned, should defend it, not only by words, but with the sharp edge of the sword, with which he should strike the scandalizers and disbelievers, until it enters their bodies, as far as the hilt."

Now, I entertain no very high opinion of the intelligence of either of the above Christian worthies, but nevertheless in one respect they displayed more common sense than our sectarianizing Masonic luminaries do in our Lodges. The old Knight as well as St. Louis had sense enough to perceive the danger to Christianity by provoking discussion with Jews upon religious questions, but our luminaries imagine that no harm will result to Christianity from such discussions. The arguments our sectarian luminaries artfully introduce into their writings or lectures, are usually based upon symbols. They say, that symbolism must have begun very early in the history of religious rites, and that the Masonic Lodge is a continuation of King Solomon's temple, that Solomon was the author of our Masonic ritual, with three degrees, three great lights, three lesser lights, and a dozen other threes, and as the priests in those days were symbolizers, Solomon must also have been a symbolizer: hence, all these threes in the ritual, they say, were undoubtedly designed by Solomon as symbols of the Trinity, and hence Solomon was an orthodox trinitarian.

The truth however is, that the old fables were originally designed to be believed literally, and for a long time people believed in the fables as facts, but in the course of time these fables began to be doubted and laughed at, then, and not till then, in order to save the sacred books from falling into contempt, a theological genius discovered that old stories were never designed to be understood literally, but were always intended as allegories and symbols to point out most important truths.

Take, for instance, the English version of the Pentateuch, and you will therein find but twice the word "devils," viz. Lev. xvii. 17, and Deut. xxxii. 17. A Jewish translator made it read "evil spirits." Be this as it may, there is no evidence in the whole book that the author believed in the existence of such a personage as the devil, or Satan, or the great tempter, such as Christians talk about. Even the Satan who figures in the Book of Job is not described as an enemy to God. The early Jews, therefore, had no notion of such a personage as the more recently described devil. In the third chapter of Genesis we find the well-known story about Eve and the serpent in the garden of Eden. This story, I have no doubt, was believed for hundreds of years in the literal sense as it was written: but in the course of time the story began to be doubted, especially after the Pentateuch was translated into Greek: then a mystic school arose, among the Alexandrian Jews, who adopted allegoric and symbolic explanations; the early Christians imbibed from the Alexandrian school the same notions, hence one of these luminaries transformed the serpent into Satan, the Christian Church adopted that explanation as a revealed truth, after which if a Christian happened to doubt the existence of the devil, and his doubts became known to the Holy Inquisition, the said Inquisition burnt the heretic's body in this world, and consigned his soul to the devil in the next.

And now I will give some curious specimens of symbol-mongering. In Vol. IX. pp 178 and 179 of the "Anti Nicean Fathers" I find that Father Irenæus, who evidently could not swallow the story of Balaam's ass, explained it as follows:—

"And he mounted his ass (Num. xxii. 22, 23). The ass (said he) was the type of the body of Christ, upon whom all men, resting from their labours, are borne as in a chariot; for the Saviour has taken up the burden of our sins."

Philo, the Greek, if not the founder of the Alexandrian Jewish mystic and mystifying school, said,

"To take literally the words 'God planted a Paradise in Eden,' is impiety; let no such fabulous nonsense ever enter into our minds. The real meaning is, that God implants terrestrial virtue in the human race."

The last I copy from Farrar's "History of Interpretations," to which work I shall refer again. At present, however, I shall give quite an original idea about the cross being a Masonic symbol.

I have stated more than once that on the front of the Boston Masonic Temple there are several crosses, that in its principal hall there is a figure holding up a cross, and a similar picture is engraved on the Massachusetts Masonic certificates. Now, Bro. William R. Alger, a Unitarian clergyman of the most liberal school, doubtless saw the inconsistency of having the sectarian emblem in a Masonic Lodge; but as he is a Knight Templar and Scotch Riter too, it seems to have conflicted with his loyalty to those Christian organizations to urge the removal of the cross from blue Masonry, so he went to work and metamorphosed the cross into a symbol of universality. In 1882 he addressed the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts as follows:—

"As employed in Kingly tradition, the cross surmounts the globe, and is a token of complete empire; affixed to the end of a mace, it may be used to strike down an inferior, sacrificing the subject to the Master . . . In the ecclesiastical tradition the cross represents the Supreme Ruler sacrificing himself for his subjects in the crucifixion. The true inference from this would be, that his representatives should in kindred self-denial subordinate themselves to their inferiors; but they have perverted it to an opposite purpose. . . . In fact, the cross in his [the priest's] hands is an expression of his power to command submission of those who see in it the condescending sacrifice of God. It expresses not the duty of the priest to sacrifice himself to men, but their duty to sacrifice themselves to him. The priest uses the cross, not like the King, to bruise the body, but to crush the mind. Here the true meaning of the cross is given by geometry and duty; it is the rudest outline of the form of man, and it points in all the six directions of creation, . . . Its head points to the zenith, its foot to the nadar, its back to the north, its face to the south, its left arm to the east, its right arm to the west. Thus it explicitly betokens universality."

The above speech was of course received in the Grand Lodge with applause; but privately it was pronounced as "a smart piece of buncombe." And now for a few more extracts from Dr. Farrar's book.

"St. Augustin (he says) adopted a system of tropology in which 'leaven' might everywhere stand either for 'truth' or for 'wickedness,' and a 'lion' either for the 'devil' or 'Christ.' In the narrative of the Fall, the fig-leaves become hypocrisy, the coats of skins, mortality; and the four rivers of Eden, the four cardinal virtues. In the story of the deluge, the Ark is pitched within and without with pitch to show the safety of the Church from inward and outward heresies. The drunkenness of Noah is, shocking to relate, 'a figure of the death and passion of Christ.' . . . Psalm civ. is evaporated at a touch. *The sun which knoweth his going down* becomes Christ, who was aware of his own death."

Enough I hope has been given to prove that, with symbols, types, figures, and allegories, it would not be difficult to prove the world was made of green cheese.

I admit that our symbol-mongers are *tremendously* pro-

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found, and *awfully* learned. For instance, we have had a Hutchinson, an Oliver, a Mackay. We have the great Rob Morris, and, above all, we have the author of "The Threefold Division of the Temple," who beats all the rest in every kind of scholarship; who discovered among other things that "The Ark of the Covenant was a symbolical coffin." In short, each of the said luminaries was supplied with pounds of learning, but unfortunately they lacked the necessary ounce of common sense. The author of the "Threefold Division of the Temple," gives this as an additional proof that Solomon was a Trinitarian. Now, assuming that Solomon was the author of our Masonic ritual, with all the *threes* therein, including our three degrees, and that he divided the Temple into three parts, what then?—Why! about fifty years ago, the rabbis and the beadles in the London synagogues used to wear three-cornered hats, but yet, I know that the three-cornered hats did not make them believers in a trinity, and, in like manner, the three degrees, and other threes, do not necessarily prove that Solomon believed in a trinity.

Again, had Solomon believed in a Triune God, he would not have conveyed his belief to Masons only in such vague hints, that no one found it out before the appearance in the last century of Masonic Symbol-mongers. The fact that he never publicly made his Trinitarianism known, is sufficient proof that Solomon was not a Trinitarian. But I go further; I do not believe that any man in the days of Solomon was a Trinitarian. I am aware that theological luminaries have persuaded themselves that because in some of the old religions they had three Gods, therefore (say they) there must have been a primeval revelation about the Trinity, &c. But Professor George Rawlinson—who in addition to pounds of learning was supplied with common sense (which our Masonic luminaries lack)—well, in the first chapter of his Religion of the Ancients, Professor Rawlinson explodes that nonsense, and proves that Trinitarianism was unknown to the old pagans. Nay, more; I do not believe that St. Paul knew anything about a Trinity. I have carefully read all the letters ascribed to the pen of Paul; herein I find that he believed in the existence of Satan, in the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, &c., but not a word about the Trinity. Now if Paul had thought that belief in the Trinity was essential to salvation, he would have made it known, once at least, but as he did nothing of the kind, who can tell whether Paul ever heard of a Triune God?

With regard to Solomon's temple accounts are conflicting; thus the Bible gives to it three chambers or galleries, and Josephus says that it was divided into two parts, and was surrounded with thirty chambers. I think it also had a court for women, and another for gentiles. It is, therefore, absurd to symbolise four or five chambers into a Trinity.

And with regard to our three degrees, I am sure that Solomon knew nothing about Masonic degrees; and I am also sure that no one else knew about *three* Masonic degrees before 1717. Such is the opinion of D. M. Lyon, W. J. Hughan, R. F. Gould, G. W. Speth; and if I am not mistaken, such is also the opinion of Bro. S. H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary of England.

BOSTON, U.S., 6th June 1888.

SHALL I BE A MASON?

Translated from the French of Bro. P. Temples, by Bro. G. W. Speth.

DO not offer yourself without due consideration. Read a history of Masonry: there is no lack of them. Read the libels published against Masons; the Bulls of Excommunication; examine the charges made. Read some earnest work on its tenets, for example, "Morals and Dogma," by the learned and Venerable Bro. Pike.

Do not present yourself out of mere puerile curiosity; you will only be disappointed.

Do not join the Craft except with a firm resolution to study the Institution. It partakes of the nature of certain natural phenomena, of certain masterpieces of art, of the genius of certain men. The first view destroys the illusion; one must study them to comprehend them.

If, combined with the love of the true and the good, you have not also a slight mental attraction toward the poetry resident in all things, and a judgment tempered by feeling and sentiment, enter not, you will be bored. He who, with the culture of progress, combines that of old memories; who, whilst pursuing exact science can yet understand all the charm of a venerable myth; who loves custom because it is old, antique forms because they are beautiful, even prejudice, because it is at the root of human history, such a one will find full play for his instincts as an archæologist. But, should you inquire how it will benefit your pocket, or influence the elections—go not in!

If, in religious matters, you start with the assumption that your opponent is a fool or a knave, venture not to approach. But, if you respect every sincere opinion, or if, being of a religious temperament, you can bear with those who are not so, or rather, are so differently from yourself, then go; no one will wound your susceptibilities, and you will hurt no one.

If, as regards God and your soul, you appreciate the majesty of the issue, whilst possibly of the opinion that the science of some does not differ greatly from the agnosticism of others, your aspiration may probably encounter comforting support.

If, as a physician or lawyer, a tradesman or merchant, official or clerk, you seek to find there either clients or patrons, you will be grievously disappointed. As an official you would inspire the good-humoured contempt of the minister, were he a Mason, and his successor would, perhaps, send you about your business. As a merchant you would cause both your Masonry and your merchandise to be regarded with suspicion.

If, being ambitious, you have capabilities equal to your ambition, go; many will learn to know you thoroughly. But if you merely seek to acquire stilts for your too diminutive legs, keep aloof; and for the very same reason.

As a politician, do not dream of making partisans in a Lodge: you will only prevail with those who already follow you; and you will possibly lose them and have to endure their reproach that you have imported discord within the sacred precincts: your success will be short-lived.

If you hold opinions which possess *you* rather than you *them*, if your disposition be such as to render you too prone to blame others, or if you have no pride in your birthright independence in all matters that concern yourself, the education of your children, the actions of your religious, civil or family life, you will never possess the requisite Masonic qualifications, you will never understand those who do.

If you be entirely absorbed by your profession, your associations, your position in society, approach not! Why should you undertake obligations which will be onerous to you?

If you owe all your time and resources to your family, abstract nothing from a duty which is above all others. The Lodge is an incentive to outlay. You would either regret not being able to do even as the others, or you would violate our statutes in consecrating to your pleasure that which is justly claimed elsewhere.

If you be a hypochondriac, keep away; but if you love a word in season and a merry jest, enter in.

And cherish no illusions! Do not allow yourself to be carried away by the idea that you owe a sacrifice to humanity, to progress and all the rest? Masons are apt to laugh at high-flown notions of self-sacrifice.

Join the Masons only if you desire it for your own sake; whoever you be, they can get on excellently well without you.—*Transactions of Lodge Quatuor Coronati.*

THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

UNDER the presidency of Bro. Councillor W. J. Lunt P.P.G. Treas., a special meeting of the court of governors of the above named institution was held on the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The minutes of the General Committee with reference to the resignation of Bro. R. Martin, one of the honorary secretaries, and the appointment of Bros. T. H. W. Walker P.M., and Captain J. Macnab S.W. W.M. elect, as secretaries, in conjunction with Bro. G. Broadbridge, were unanimously confirmed. Several children, recommended by the General Committee, were elected on the foundation of the institution, involving an additional outlay of about £100 a year. It was reported in the course of the proceedings that the invested capital of the charity, which in 1881 was £16,840, had now reached £20,345. The annual income in 1881 was £1,584; in 1887 £2,633; and the annual outlay on behalf of children in the former period was £1,212, which had increased to £1,792 in 1887. The number of children on the foundation of the institution in 1881 was 165; in 1887 203, of whom 20 were on the combined fund, which includes their entire maintenance and education. A vote of thanks to Bro. Lunt for presiding closed the proceedings.

THE ALPASS BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE progressive nature of Freemasonry in West Lancashire within recent years has been amply illustrated by the success of its three charitable institutions, the "West Lancashire," the "Hamer," and the "Alpass." The last named is the youngest of the three, and the annual report shows gratifying prosperity. The second report states that the income from Lodges, Chapters, and private individuals during the past year had reached the sum of £840 18s. The great success attendant upon the efforts on behalf of the institution had been attained without detriment or injury to the sister institutions of the province, for, according to the report issued, the capital of the Hamer Benevolent Fund had been greatly increased, and the income of the educational institution from Lodges and Chapters had been about doubled, thereby proving there was ample room for an institution of this character, which was evidently highly appreciated by the brethren. There had already been five annuitants elected on the foundation, and there were five more applicants for the three vacancies declared. The annual festival was held at Southport in October last, when the Stewards' lists amounted to £782 16s, the Hartington Lodge (1021) heading the amount with the handsome sum of £58, the Lodge of Prudence (2114) coming next with £31. As the demands upon the funds are increasing each year, the committee earnestly solicit a continuance of the support hitherto so kindly given, in order that the institution may be placed on a footing of equality with the sister institutions of the province, which have been enabled to elect every eligible applicant on their foundation.—*Liverpool Mercury.*

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 371.

ON Tuesday, 12th instant, a meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Maryport, for the purpose of installing Bro. Joseph Abbot as W.M. A large number of members and visitors were present. The ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Kenworthy, of the Sun and Sector Lodge, assisted by Bro. Clifton Thompson. After the newly installed W.M. had nominated his Officers, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, prepared by Mrs. Kendall.

CROXTETH UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 786.

THE annual investiture of Officers for the ensuing year took place, on the 14th instant, in the Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. Thomas Sowden, the retiring W.M., was supported at the commencement of the proceedings by Bros. Edward Sherwood I.P.M., P.M.'s Bro. Dr. Francis J. Bailey, W. H. Tyerman, P. B. Denchns, W. Townshend; W. W. Jones S.W., William Marwood J.W., Charles Wise P.M. Treasurer, John Chisholm Secretary, R. Robertson S.D., John A. Gray J.D., Charles Turmeau and C. E. Percival Stewards, &c. There were several visitors from other Lodges. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. W. Jones, was presented for installation by Bro. Dr. F. J. Bailey P.P.S.G.D. P.M., and Charles Wise P.M. Treasurer, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. Sowden, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. Sherwood I.P.M. Subsequently the W.M. elect invested the undermentioned Officers for the year:—Bros. T. Sowden I.P.M., W. Marwood S.W., J. Chisholm J.W., Dr. F. J. Bailey P.M. P.P.G.S.D. D.C., E. Sherwood P.M. Treasurer, R. Robertson Secretary, J. A. Gray S.D., G. Jackson J.D., J. A. Sherwood I.G., A. Cornett S.S., C. E. Percival J.S., R. Wilson Organist, and J. Nevill Tyler.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 1035.

ON Thursday, the 14th inst., the twenty-third anniversary was held at the Skelmersdale Hall, Westminster-road, Kirkdale. This lodge was originally an offshoot of the Downshire, 594, many of whose older members are subscribing brethren of 1035. During the past year, under the judicious management of Bro. W. Addison W.M., the Lodge has improved in its financial position, and the attendance was quite up to the average, while many visiting brethren of high rank and influence were present. The Lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Addison, supported by Bros. G. Mitchell I.P.M., W. Donkin P.M., John Newell P.P.G. S.W. P.M., John Tunstall P.M., Lewis Peake P.M., C. Burchall S.W., W. Forester J.W., T. Macreavey Treas., R. Bulmer Sec., John Davies S.D., J. H. Barton J.D., J. Pesling I.G., &c. Bro. Newell most effectively performed the installation ceremony, and placed Bro. C. Burchall, a deservedly esteemed member in the chair. The Officers appointed were Bros. W. Addison I.P.M., W. Forrester S.W., R. Bulmer J.W., G. Mitchell P.M. Treas., John Davies Sec., J. P. Bryan P.P.G.O. Org., J. H. Barton S.D., W. Peters J.D., G. Billyard I.G., M. W. Wells S., John Tunstall P.M. D.C. W. Watson was re-elected Tyler. Bro. W. S. Vines afterwards catered very satisfactorily for the brethren, and a very enjoyable musical programme was rendered, under the joint direction of Bros. G. Eyton and Bryan, by Bros. W. Griffiths, J. Heginbotham, W. E. Williams, and W. Forrester. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the Lodge.

DUNDAS LODGE, No. 1255.

THE annual meeting was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on Monday, 18th inst., to install Bro. F. J. Piper S.W. The Installing Officers were Bros. W. L. Lavers, Geo. Lee, and S. J. Hearle. There was a large board of Installed Masters. The Officers were invested, as follow:—Bros. George Lee I.P.M., S. J. Daniel S.W., A. B. Toms J.W., W. Bell P.M. Treasurer, S. B. Harvey P.M. Secretary, James McBryde S.D., G. Pinkham J.D., T. Easterbrook I.G., W. T. Fitch D.C., W. Wallace A.D.C., G. W. S. Townsend Organist, W. H. Botterell S.Stwd., S. Warren J.Stwd., M. Parker Assist Stwd., T. B. March Assist. Stwd., W. H. Phillips Tyler. Bro. S. B. Harvey P.M. was chosen as the representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. John Hammond P.M. was appointed Charity Steward of the Lodge. At the close of the business the brethren, to the number of forty, adjourned to the Farley Hotel for their annual banquet.

NEWTON LODGE, No. 1661.

ON Friday, 8th instant, the annual meeting was held at the Savings Bank, Lombard Street, Newark, and was largely attended. After routine business a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. E. M. Hutton Riddell, for his valuable services to the Lodge during the past year. The Master for the ensuing year (Bro. James H. Tomlinson) was installed by Rev. F. Vernon Bussell. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. Samuel Ironmonger S.W., George Wilson J.W., Rev. Frank G. Lys P.M. P.G.D.J.D. Madras Chaplain, Rev. F. Vernon Bussell P.M. P.G.Chaplain Eng. Treasurer, Henry George P.M. P.P.G.D. of C. Secretary, George Attar S.D., Henry W. Hutchinson J.D., Chas. Johnson P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. D. of C., John Crossley Organist, William Bradley I.G., Henry Friend and Edward F. Milthorp Stewards, James Dooley Tyler. At the conclusion of the Lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a banquet was provided.

STANFORD LODGE, BRIGHTON, No. 1947.

A MEETING was held at the Town Hall, Hove, on Wednesday, 20th inst., when the members embraced the opportunity of congratulating Bro. A. DuPont D.C. on the celebration of his Silver Wedding, and of making a presentation to him as a further mark of their fraternal regard. The W.M. Bro. James Eborall P.P.G.Pursit. presided, and was supported by his officers and several visitors. After the ceremonies of a raising and two initiations had been concluded, the W.M. Bro. Eborall, said the pleasing duty devolved upon him of tendering the congratulations of the brethren of the Lodge to Bro. A. DuPont and his wife on the celebration of their Silver Wedding. In Bro. DuPont the brethren recognised a thorough, true, and genuine Mason. The brethren had already sent to Mrs. DuPont a silver pincushion on the occasion of the happy event, and were anxious to show their personal attachment to Bro. DuPont by asking his acceptance of an illuminated address. He trusted that Bro. DuPont and his good partner would be spared for many years to each other, and that their esteemed Brother would, on looking at the address, recall the happy moments he had spent in the Stanford Lodge. The chastely illuminated address was as follows: "Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England: Stanford Lodge, No. 1947. To Brother Alfred DuPont D.C. We, the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Stanford Lodge, assembled at the Town Hall, Hove, desire to offer to you and your wife our sincere heartfelt felicitations and congratulations upon the occasion of your Silver Wedding. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and your wife and family with health, happiness, and every blessing for many years to come. Signed by the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge. 28th May 1888." Bro. DuPont, in acknowledging the presentation, said he desired to express his heartfelt thanks for such a token of brotherly regard, and for the present his wife had received. He was, however, sure words would fail him, and he therefore craved the indulgence of the brethren, and a further mark of their goodness, in asking them to accept the will for the deed. He had heard a bridegroom, at the ordeal of the wedding breakfast declare, that the happiest moment of his life; he had also heard Brother Masons, on reaching the summit of their aspiration and being installed into the chair say, that was the happiest moment of their lives. Their feelings were similar to his.

FIDELITY AND SINCERITY LODGE, No. 1996.

AT the annual meeting, on Monday, 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. J. Gill, was installed by the Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master of Somerset P.G.D. England Bro. R. C. Else. The Officers were invested as under:—Bros. R. Knight I.P.M., J. S. Haddon S.W., J. Bowyer J.W., G. Knowling P.P.G.C. Chap., M. Toller Treas., F. T. Elworthy P.P.S.W. Secretary, T. Tyler S.D., J. Ebdon J.D., J. Sharland D.C., H. G. Crowe P.P.G.O. Organist, W. Gregory I.G., E. T. Howard and N. T. Beckingsale Stewards, C. Macey Tyler. At the close of the Lodge business a banquet was served at the Squirrel hotel, the Worshipful Master presiding.

GEORGE PRICE LODGE, No. 2096.

THE installation meeting was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, the 9th instant. Bro. Francis T. Ridpath W.M. occupied the chair and opened the Lodge, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Audit Committee's report was then presented and unanimously adopted. The W.M. elect, Bro. James S. Fraser (P.M. 174), was presented by the I.P.M. Bro. H. M. Hobbs P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, and was installed by Bro. Ridpath in a most impressive manner. The new W.M. subsequently appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. E. Samuel S.W., M. L. Levèy J.W., J. C. Leaver Treasurer, J. D. Langton P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Surrey Secretary, W. G. Goode S.D., F. Cambridge P.P.G.Org. Surrey J.D., F. W. Leaver D.C., W. S. Hoyte P.G.Org. Surrey Organist, E. C. Leaver and C. Holden Stewards, and W. Lane Tyler. The remaining Officers—Bros. E. D. Lennox Harvey, M.A., P.G.Chap. Surrey Chaplain, and E. C. Holdsworth I.G., were unavoidably absent. Among the other members present was Bro. F. West P.G.D. Dep. P.G.M. Surrey. Visitors—Bros. J. T. H. Woodward P.G.Std.B., Gordon Smith G. Std., F. Nichols W.M. 463, W. F. Brown P.M. 90, J. Newton P.M. 174, C. H. Webb P.M. 174, W. D. Lowenstark P.M. 25, J. C. Atkinson P.M. 2182, W. H. Ranson P.M. 1790, W. Brindley P.M. 1604, A. Toulmin S.D. 1503, E. Rolls S.D. 12, C. Sargent 1261, A. H. Price J.W. 1321, and A. Burn 1321. The Lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to banquet, where the usual toasts were given; Bro. J. T. H. Woodward responded for the Grand Lodge, Bro. F. West D.G.P.M. Surrey for the Prov. Grand Lodge, and Bro. F. Nichols, W. F. Brown and J. Newton for the Visitors. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. F. T. Ridpath I.P.M. for his valuable services to the Lodge during the past year. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. Cambridge P.P.G.Org. Surrey, and gave great satisfaction. He was assisted by Bros. W. S. Hoyte P.G.Org. Surrey, Lester and Atkinson, and Mr. James Budd.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—A meeting was held on Monday, at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at eight p.m. Bros. C. J. Free W.M., S. Toye S.W., W. J. Barnes J.W., A. W. Fenner Preceptor, W. Hayward J.D., C. Schmidt I.G.; also Bros. T. Taylor and others. After preliminaries, Bro. Fenner worked the first four sections, assisted by the brethren, the information derived thereby being much appreciated by the Lodge. Bro. Toye was elected to preside at the next meeting, when after a ceremony has been rehearsed, Bro. Fenner will rehearse the ceremony of installation. A goodly attendance of brethren is requested.

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President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

It is generally expected the exceptional efforts which have been made throughout the Craft this year on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will have the effect of lessening the support given to this Institution. It is fervently hoped such may not prove to be the case, but rather, that the grand success which attended the Centenary Festival of the sister Institution will act as an incentive to Brethren to make special exertions on behalf of the Boys' School.

VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P.

RIGHT WOR. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF DEVON,

HAS KINDLY CONSENTED TO PRESIDE AT

THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,

TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 1888.

The Services of Brethren as Stewards are earnestly solicited.

SPECIAL REASONS

in justification of a renewed Special Appeal for Support.

1.—The FUNDED PROPERTY is only	**£17,000 0 0**		
while that of the			
R. M. I. for Girls is			£63,500 0 0
R. M. Benevolent Institution—Male Fund	£39,450 0 0		
Do. —Widows' Fund	26,075 0 0		
			£65,525 0 0
2.—The SECURED ANNUAL INCOME is	**£755 0 0**		
while that of the			
R. M. I. for Girls is			£2,211 0 0
R. M. Benevolent Institution—Male Fund	£1,986 0 0		
Do. —Widows' Fund	1,548 0 0		
			£3,534 0 0

3.—The efforts made to meet the increasing demands, by the extension of the number of Boys maintained and educated—from 72 in 1861 to 258 in 1887.

4.—At the last election (April 1888) **Fifteen** Candidates only out of Sixty-five could be elected.

5.—In the Preparatory School a further number of 20 Boys could be accommodated, did the condition of the Funds warrant such increase.

6.—The universally recognised importance of a sound system of discipline and education in formulating the habits and characters of the Citizens of the Future, especially in the cases of those under the care of this Institution, many of whom, in due course, will probably undertake the obligations of Freemasonry.

These constitute a strong plea. Several considerations in addition will suggest themselves to those who attentively watch the operations in the various organisations associated with the Order.

Communications are earnestly invited, addressed to

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Sword Bearer), Secretary.

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THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
WILL BE HELD AT
FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C.,
ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE 1888,
UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF
VISCOUNT EBRINGTON, M.P.
R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Devon.

PRESIDENT BOARD OF STEWARDS:
R.W. Bro. Col. MALET DE CARTERET, Vice-Patron of the Institution, Prov. Grand Master Jersey.
HON. TREASURER:
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Full particulars will be duly announced.
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G.Sword Bearer), V.-Pat., Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
May 1888.

The services of Brethren as Stewards are most urgently needed this year, as, owing to the confidently anticipated and naturally to be expected exceptional support assured to the Centenary Celebration of the sister Institution, the gravest apprehensions are excited as to the realisation of the amount absolutely required to meet the ordinary annual expenditure.

The Annual Stewards' Visit, Entertainment, and Distribution of Prizes to Pupils, will take place at the Institution, at Wood Green, on Saturday, the 23rd June.



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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER AND LODGE OF LONDON AND THE METROPOLITAN COUNTIES.

THE KNIGHTS COMPANIONS will meet in COUNCIL, at 33 Golden Square, W., on Saturday, 14th July, at 2.30 p.m. for 3 o'clock precisely, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master desires the attendance of all duly qualified brethren.

Names and addresses of Candidates, with name of Lodge and Chapter, must be sent to me not later than the 9th July.

The Annual Banquet will be held at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, N.W., at 6·30 precisely, Members paying 10s, and Visitors £1 1s.

By order, FRANK RICHARDSON, Prov. G. Sec.
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Bro. the R.W. Sir DANIEL GOOCH, Bart.
DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER:
V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, P.G.C.

Market Place, Reading,
1st June 1888.

BY command of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, a Provincial Grand Lodge will be holden at the Auction Mart, High Wycombe, on Monday, the 25th of June 1888.

ROBERT BRADLEY, P.G. Sword B. Eng.,
Prov. Grand Secretary.

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.

The Banquet will take place at the Town Hall, at 3 o'clock punctually. Tickets for which (at 6s 6d each) can be procured of the following Provincial Grand Stewards and Brethren:—

Sydney Payne, Wallingford; Dr. C. H. Tench, Reading; H. J. Stollery, Staines; Joseph Greenaway, Reading; G. H. Charsley, Slough; John Line, Newport Pagnell; Geo. Tottle P.S.G.D., High Wycombe.

Railway Arrangements.

Return Tickets at Single Fares will be issued, on production of the Summons at the Booking Offices of the Great Western Railway from the following Stations:—London, Slough, Windsor, Reading, Oxford, Newbury, Abingdon, Swindon, Wallingford, Farringdon, Aylesbury, Marlow Road, Taplow, and Maidenhead; and at all Stations on the London, Wokingham and Reading Railway between Waterloo and Windsor.

A Special Train will leave Wycombe on the return journey, at 5'5 p.m., arriving at Slough in time for the 5'42 p.m. down train from Slough to Reading, and the 6'7 p.m. up train to London.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

THE R.W. COL. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.
Past Grand Senior Warden of England,
Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland,
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the Memorial Hall, Stanmore, on Saturday, 7th July, at Three o'clock p.m.

By command of the Provincial Grand Master,
J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.G. Sword Bearer,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

Comberton, Mowbray Road, Norwood, S.E., 21st June 1888.

Brethren to reach Stanmore in time for the opening of the Lodge must leave by train for Edgware Station, Great Northern Railway:—Moorgate, at 12'40; Broad Street, 12'48, arriving at Edgware at 1'43. Edgware is about 2 miles from Stanmore. All passengers will change at Finchley. Or by London and North Western Railway from Euston to Harrow:—Euston, 1'40; arrive at Harrow, 2'11. Harrow Station is about 3½ miles from Stanmore.

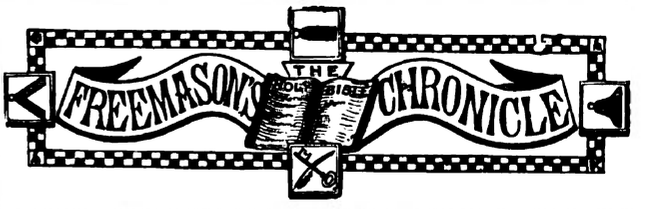
Brethren must look to July Time Tables to see if there are any alterations in these trains. Conveyances will meet the trains at Edgware and Harrow Stations. By Edgware is the most direct route.

Banquet at the Abercorn Hotel at 5'30. Tickets 8s 6d each (exclusive of wine).

N.B.—Brethren intending to remain for the Banquet are requested to send their names to the Prov. G. Secretary, with a remittance, *not later than Tuesday, the 3rd of July*, as tickets will not be issued after that date.

There will be a short service at the Parish Church at 4'45 p.m.

MORNING DRESS.



ROYAL ARCH.

GEORGE PRICE CHAPTER, No. 2096.

THE installation meeting was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, the 16th inst. Comps. H. M. Hobbs P.P.A.G.D.C. Surrey Z., J. D. Langton P.G.A.S. Surrey H., and J. S. Fraser P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex and Essex J. The Chapter having been opened by the Principals, and Companions admitted, the minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Wm. Pile P.M. and Sec. 1892 P.P.G.Std.Br. Surrey, and he was duly exalted. The next business was the installation of Principals. Comp. J. D. Langton was installed Z., J. S. Fraser H., and M. H. Dicker J. The following were also invested:—A. Stewart Brown Scribe E., M. L. Levèy Scribe N., Arthur Adams Treasurer, F. Cambridge P.G.Org. Surrey P.S., Gordon Smith 1st A.S., R. W. Wilson Steward, and W. Lane Janitor. The remaining Officers, elected at the last Convocation, Comps. C. H. Woodward Prov. G. J. Surrey, and E. C. Holdsworth, were unavoidably absent. The following members of the Chapter were present:—Comps. C. Holden, G. S. Horsnail, J. C. Leaver, F. W. Leaver and W. Gunner. Visitors:—C. H. Webb P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, C. Daniel P.Z. 65, and J. H. Bishop 1194. The Treasurer, Comp. H. Adams, congratulated the Companions on the financial position of the Chapter. The report of the Audit Committee was unanimously adopted. The Convocation being closed, the Companions adjourned to the banquet table, where the usual toasts were duly honoured. During the evening a P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. H. M. Hobbs, for his services as the first M.E.Z.

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ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 19th instant, when among those present were Bros. Brackstone Baker P.G.D. W.M., Major G. Lambert P.G.Sw.B. acting I.P.M., Adolphus Clark S.W. W.M. elect, F. Kedge J.W., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. Chap., J. B. Cumming Treas., G. Reynolds Sec., Consul-General T. M. Waller S.D., J. J. Woolley J.D., G. H. Reynolds I.G., H. Wilkie Jones D.C., H. H. Schartau Organist, J. Skinner and J. Woodward Stewards, together with a large number of visitors. The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th ult. having been confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Edward Jackman, who was proposed by Bro. George Lambert I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. George Reynolds Sec. The result being favourable Mr. Jackman was initiated by Bro. Lambert. Bro. Alfred Barnard was passed, and Bro. Charles Offord Burgess raised, the former ceremony being performed by Bro. Corby and the latter by Bro. W. C. Smith. Bros. John Coltart P.M. 749, Frank Lemarchant Clark 1535, and Joseph Rayner J.W. 1681, were elected as joining members. The proposed new bye-law respecting admittance of foreign brethren as members of the Lodge was adopted, and then Bro. Clark was installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. Corby. He appointed and invested the Officers, as follow:—Bros. Brackstone Baker P.G.D. I.P.M., F. Kedge S.W., Theodore H. Tilton P.D.G.M. 7th Dist. N.Y. City, U.S.A., J.W., Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. Chaplain, J. B. Cumming Treasurer, George Reynolds Secretary, J. J. Woolley S.D., G. H. Reynolds J.D., H. Wilkie Jones I.G., John Skinner D.C., Herbert H. Schartau Organist, James Woodward Steward, R. Fairclough and A. Harris Assistant Stewards, R. Potter Tyler. Bro. General Shryock, who visited the Anglo-American Lodge last summer, had afterwards very kindly presented each of the members with Centennial jewels of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. This kindness the brethren had expressed a wish to suitably acknowledge. Consequently, an artistic illuminated address had been prepared, and it was now submitted for the approval of the Lodge. Bro. Kenning had been entrusted with its production, and the execution of the work reflected credit on his establishment. The following is the full text:—

ANGLO-AMERICAN LODGE, No. 2191.

BRO. BRACKSTONE BAKER P.G.D. W.M.

Extract from the Minutes of the Lodge held on the 17th day of April 1888:—

W. Bro. George Lambert P.G.S.B. and acting I.P.M. proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the M.W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland, U.S. of America, for the gift of a Centennial Medal of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to each of the members of this Lodge, as a souvenir of his visit to the Anglo-American Lodge, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, London, on the 20th September 1887.

That Bro. George Reynolds, the Secretary, be ordered to enter the vote on the Minutes, and that he be requested to communicate the result of the vote to the M.W. the Grand Master of Maryland, with the hearty and fraternal greetings of the Lodge.

The proposition was seconded by Bro. J. B. Cumming P.M. and Treasurer, and carried with acclamation.

BRACKSTONE BAKER P.G.D. W.M.
GEORGE REYNOLDS S.W. 1614 Secretary.

Bro. Brackstone Baker now rose, and addressing the brethren in his accustomed humorous vein said: They were told by classical writers that a golden apple was presented as a prize in competitions for personal beauty. He could not call Bro. Major Lambert the most beautiful, but there was such a thing as "handsome is as handsome does." For the services Bro. Lambert had rendered, he was entitled to a signal mark of their approbation, as an acknowledgment of the time, energy, and expenditure he had given in aid of the Lodge. In the midst of his military, civil, and business duties, Bro Lambert had never hesitated to pay proper attention to the affairs of the Lodge. This was a lesson that should be followed by a great many of them. The Lodge had voted that brother a special jewel as I.P.M., which he now had the pleasure to hand him, trusting he would remember the happy days he had spent in the bosom of the Anglo-American Lodge. Bro. Major Lambert returned his sincere thanks for the honour conferred upon him. He had no idea of such a thing being done, but he accepted it with a great deal of pleasure. He had discharged the duties of I.P.M. to the best of his ability, and was indebted to the members for their consideration and forbearance. Now he had vacated the chair of I.P.M. he had not the slightest idea of leaving the Lodge. He hoped soon to introduce a genuine Boston man to be initiated. The W.M. next presented a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Baker I.P.M., in recognition of the admirable manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the Lodge during the past year. Bro. Clark said the ancient Greeks gave wreaths of laurel to those who had distinguished themselves, but in that Lodge they gave something more substantial, something that could be handed down to posterity. Bro. Baker said they had sprung a mine upon him, and had reduced him to the condition of not being able to find words to express his thanks. No man deserved to be rewarded for doing his duty, and he had done no more. Their testimonial was more a special mark of good feeling than a reward for having done his duty. He felt that the progress they had made was due more to the kindness, indulgence, and forbearance of the brethren than to his merits. Reluctantly did he accept the chair, but the Lodge fell into the sentiments he had been nourishing since 1878, and he accepted. Ten years ago Bro. George Kenning entertained 25 Philadelphia Masons, amongst whom was Bro. C. E. Meyer, at a banquet in Freemasons' Tavern. He (Bro. Baker) remembered the pleasure it gave him to make the acquaintance of Bro. Meyer on that occasion, and he then thought. Here are these men who pay us a visit, and there is no Lodge where we can receive them except as visitors. The idea had lingered with him, and had resulted in the establishment of the Anglo-American Lodge. They had received American brethren, not only as visitors but as members, and had fulfilled during their brief career all it was intended to do. Bro. J. B. Cumming Treasurer said a proposition had been made by the brethren that some mark of esteem should be made to their Secretary in recognition of the labour, time, and attention he had bestowed upon his work. The members had ordered a special jewel for Bro. Reynolds, but as they wished it to come from the Lodge, he proposed a motion that the jewel should be presented to the Secretary for the valuable work he had done. Bro. Reynolds intended visiting America this year, and it was thought he should have some special token to show the esteem in which he was held by their Lodge. After a few words from Bro. Brackstone Baker the motion was carried, and the W.M. presented the jewel to Bro. Reynolds, who thanked the brethren most sincerely for the token of their respect. He appreciated it very much, and hoped he should continue to give satisfaction as long as he was Secretary of their Lodge. Several letters of regret were received, amongst them being communications from the Grand Secretary, the Lord Mayor, Bros. Wood, Fenn, Woodall, Gayton, and Gottlieb. A vote of condolence was passed sympathising with Bro. Gottlieb in the loss he had sustained by the death of a daughter. There was also a letter from Bro. Hedges thanking the Lodge for services rendered to the late Centenary Festival of the Girls' School. This closed the business, and the Brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where a récherché banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. Mella. The hall was decorated with English and American flags, and the tables with a profusion of choice flowers. An elegant "button-hole" was presented to each of the guests by Bro. T. A. Dickson, of Covent Garden. On removal of the cloth the Loyal toasts were given by the W.M. "The Grand Officers" was entrusted to Bro. Kedge S.W., who eulogised the services rendered by those brethren. In that Lodge they were particularly favoured by having several as members. There was not a large array of Grand Officers present that evening, but those in attendance were fully capable of representing the rest. Bro. W. M. Bywater P.G.S.B. replied. The duties of the Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M. were well known to all, and they were also aware of the efficient manner in which those duties were discharged. The Pro G.M. had recently returned from the south of the globe, where he had capably discharged a most delicate mission. The D.G.M. had frequently shown with what zeal he performed his duties in Grand Lodge. The functions of Grand Officers were by no means light, as he had found, and it must be gratifying that the M.W.G.M. had made such an excellent selection for the present year. "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States," proposed by Bro. Brackstone Baker, was a toast unusual in most Lodges, but it was a very propitious one, and ought never to be avoided in the Anglo-American. He was glad to see that at the first banquet after he had quitted the chair the toast was still given. The Grand Lodges of the United States were representative in America similar to the single Grand Lodge in this country, it was the community of that fraternisation that was the true spirit of Masonry. Whatever they could do in their Lodge to identify themselves with the other side of the Atlantic was rendering a great service to the cause, and he took great credit to himself for being one of those who endeavoured to promote the union of Masons on both sides. As the King of Sweden had very properly said—they worshipped the same Divinity—God. He was their Father both on this side of the Atlantic and the other. Without further preface he gave them the toast, and coupled with it the name of their respected, highly honoured and estimable Bro. Waller. Bro. Consul-Gen. T. M. Waller said that was a crucial time for him. He had responded to that toast so often during the three happy years he had been with them in England that it was difficult for him, on a convivial occasion like the present, to find a new line to follow. Before the Anglo-American Lodge was instituted there was a representative in this good old country, this Masonic England, of 18 of the Grand Lodges of America. Who was that representative? Why, their Bro. Brackstone Baker who had proposed this toast. He was delighted to think that when he went back to America—for the policy of that country sends all good men back in four years—and met representative Masons in gatherings like the present and was called for a speech, he should always have ready a powerful subject. He should say that of the Masons over in England, great historic England, that splendid country, one-third were occupied in tracing their lineage, one half trying to find fortunes, and one half bothering the Consul-General. Perhaps they would ask him what the representative of so many Grand Lodges was like. He should tell the Masons of his country that he had seen their representative, who was not 600 years old, but there was not an Englishman or any man in the world who would not pray God that he might live 600 years, and for ever be as joyous and as gay as they saw him that night. It was difficult to be serious when every one present seemed so full of merriment. They were seated at the banquet table of the first Lodge representing the English speaking people across the ocean. It was an experiment. He honoured and congratulated Bro. Baker on the success of that experiment. A Masonic Lodge had been founded that recognised the fact that Masonry was—all the world over—like love, and had the same language. There might be different ways of expressing it, but the aim was the same, the joy the same. Bro. Baker was the father of the Lodge. He (Bro. Waller) had been one of the founders. Moreover, he was one of the original Officers. His delight was that in that world to which all good Masons go, he should look down upon his successors when they gazed upon the records of their Lodge and found that T. M. Waller was a founder, and the first Senior Deacon. He undertook the office on the express condition that he should not act. But there the record would remain for ever and ever. Bro. Hancock performed the duties of S.D., and he trusted that 500 years hence the successors of that brother would find a record that he acted as S.D., and not Consul-General Waller. There were 67 Grand Lodges in the world, and how many of them were in

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America? He could imagine some brethren present guessing three, four, perhaps five. His was a great country, Masonically, for of the 67 Grand Lodges they possessed 48 in America. By-and-bye, if they were not careful, they would have them all. If they did, he was sure of one thing—they would have the Royal representative of Masonry in England at the head, for there was not a country where God's sun shone where the fact was appreciated more than in America that the Prince of Wales—that splendid representative of this country, that man who would be a great man in any country where men were appreciated for their merits—that he was the head of the Order in England. In his country not only had they most of the Grand Lodges, but they had more than that, they had 700,000 Masons in America that night, and Bro. Baker was a Father to them all. One thing he could wish, that was that the Masons in America could see that splendid gathering of the Anglo-American Lodge in England. If the brethren present were in the midst of those American Masons they would hear such a cheer for the present W.M. and the founders of the Lodge, as would make them thankful to their God. In speaking to the toast of the W.M. Bro. Baker remarked he did not merit the exordium of praise bestowed upon him by Bro. Waller. If he had been a good Master he was glad they now had a better one to succeed him. Whatever enjoyment he might have afforded them at the festive board, they now had a perfect Master who would do credit to his election and honour to the Lodge. They wished Bro. Clark all the success that he (Bro. Baker) had had during the past year, and he need not assure that brother that he would have the support of the Officers and past Officers in the creditable position of life through which he was passing. Bro. Adolphus Clark, in reply, said he was sincerely obliged to the I.P.M. for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they received it. He could realise some of the responsibilities attaching to the office and the duties he was obliged to perform during the year. He knew he should receive the support of the Officers who had been appointed, and that the work would be done in a fairly good manner; he trusted to the satisfaction of all. There was no doubt a good deal depended upon the W.M., and particularly in such a Lodge as theirs. It was with a good deal of diffidence he accepted the office, for he felt he should not perform his duties satisfactorily. However, he would try, and having passed the chair before, although in a different Lodge, he determined to do his best to give satisfaction. He had taken a great interest in the formation of that Lodge. He should always have its interest at heart, and anything he could do for the members, or the benefit and progress of the Lodge, he should be pleased to do. He thanked one and all for the reception given him. After the Initiate had received a cordial greeting, which he gracefully acknowledged, Bro. Baker proposed "The Charities." He need not tell them that Charity was one of the distinguishing characteristics of a Freemason's heart. He was reminded that Bro. Binckes would be glad of a few more Stewards at his Festival next week, to help to provide for the 260 boys now in the Institution. Bro. Fredk. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, thanked Bro. Baker extremely for the kind way in which he had alluded to the Masonic Institutions. With reference to what the I.P.M. had said of the success of the Girls' School Centenary Festival, every one naturally felt great pride that that celebration was attended with such an enormous amount of success, and all joined in one feeling of congratulation. When they came to speak of the effect upon the Boys' Institution, he need not say he addressed them with feelings of great apprehension. In that Lodge there were two sections whom he might address. Firstly, those in this country who were conversant of what was done for the Charities; and, secondly, those American brethren who were represented there, and whose sympathies were with them. He did not know how to appeal to them that evening. Bro. Major Lambert had kindly undertaken the duties of Steward for the Lodge, and he hoped that, although Bro. Tilton was so magnificently supported for the Girls, there might be found some ready to support the Boys' School. It seemed a pity if the success of the Girls' Centenary was reared on—he was about to say—the ruin of the other Institution. He was overwhelmed with anxiety as to the result of his Festival next week. Their good friend Bro. Lambert was an energetic worker, and the brethren would not neglect him. They had listened to many eloquent appeals that evening, and it would ill become him to trespass on their time, but he begged them to do something for the Boys' School. They would forgive him if he alluded to the attacks being made upon its management. He could tell them that he stood there as the official representative of that Institution, and while he claimed the possession of some amount of moral courage, and never shrank from expressing his own opinion, he would not have the hardihood to appear before them that evening, if in that abominable circular which had been issued there was a tittle of truth. They courted investigation, they invited inquiry. Those who had leisure should visit the Institution on Saturday at the distribution of prizes, and see if they could detect neglect in the management in any shape or way. They were charged with being in bankruptcy. The Institution was never in a better condition. The funded property had increased from £11,000 to £17,000—this was small enough he was prepared to admit; the new building was paid for; their liabilities were small; and the property at Wood Green had increased. He again invited them to visit the School, and see the happy faces of those receiving its benefits. If it were deemed advisable he should do so he was prepared to publish the testimony rendered during many years, not only from ex-pupils, but also from friends and relations of the boys. Let them regard the establishment of an Old Masonians' Institution, which now numbered between 70 and 80 members, associated for the purpose of maintaining the traditions of the Boys' Institution, thus proving how they value the benefits they had received, and say if that Institution was deserving of the abominable attacks made upon it. He stood before them fearlessly challenging inquiry and courting investigation; he asked their warm sympathies for an Institution that was maintaining 260 sons of Freemasons. He asked at their hands such an amount of sympathy and support that would help, through their Steward, Bro. Lambert, in continuing the management of that Institution in a condition of efficiency, and which, he hoped, it was destined to remain for many years to come. As far as his part was concerned, he was specially made the subject of attack. But his services had been before the Craft for thirty years, and he was prepared to submit himself to their investigation, and ask if he had endeavoured to discharge the duties devolving upon him. In the unfortunate position in which the Institution was placed, he was there, as he had been lately before many meetings, prepared to answer questions. He confidently appealed to them to give the Institution that support they felt it deserved, and help them in their exceptional need and difficulty. It seemed that the Boys' Festival of the 27th would be a failure, but he begged them to make that failure as light as possible by their fraternal sympathy. He asked for the support of the influential members, not only the support of their money, but their moral support at the forthcoming Festival, proving that the unmannerly attacks had no weight with those who brought the good judgment of a right mind. They would forgive him for speaking warmly, but he felt warm in his advocacy of a right cause. The remaining toasts, in consequence of the lateness of the hour, were necessarily curtailed, but the proceedings throughout were of the most agreeable character. Bro. Shartau superintended the musical arrangements.

THE CYCLIST LODGE, No. 2246.

THE members of this new Lodge celebrated the occasion of their first meeting since its consecration by inviting lady friends to take part with them in a water trip, and afterwards in joining them at the banquet table. Saturday last, the 16th instant, was the day fixed, and at the early hour of 10·15 a.m., the W.M., Bro. E. C. Mulvey opened his Lodge at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey. Bro. Mulvey was supported by D. P. Cama I.P.M., Henry Holmes S.W., W. J. Mason J.W., A. Goodchild Treasurer, Charles Sheppard Secretary, C. A. Itter S.D., Thomas Clark J.D., H. T. Bangs I.G., J. K. P. Cama Organist, S. C. R. Western Steward, T. R. Sheppard Tyler, O. Enderline, S. H. Parkhouse, W. R. Hatton, A. S. Lyons, &c. There were present the following Visitors:—C. W. Rea 2202, J. R. Clark 28, T. Chandler P.M. 1656, Shirley P.M. 1491, Embley 2202, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, G. Davis P.M. 1642, R. Trurie 1642, &c. After the minutes of the Consecration meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Walker, who was proposed as a candidate for initiation by Bro. C. E. O. Walker, and seconded by Bro. E. C. Mulvey W.M.; also for Mr. Alfred Solomon Lyons, who was proposed by Bro. E. C. Mulvey W.M., seconded by Bro. O. Enderline. Both gentlemen were accepted, and Mr. Lyons was initiated. The following were then proposed as joining members:—Bro. Malcolmn J. R. Dundas, of United Strength Lodge, No. 1361, and Bro. W. R. Hatton, of Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, both proposed by Bro. W. J. Mason J.W., and seconded by Bro. H. Holmes S.W.; also Bro. William Tomson, of Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, proposed by Bro. T. Clark J.D., and seconded by Bro. C. Sheppard P.M. and Secretary; all were elected. Bro. D. P. Cama P.G. Treas. and Acting I.P.M. then generously presented the Lodge with a Life Subscribership for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and likewise a collar and jewel for the office of I.P.M. Bro. S. H. Parkhouse P.M. 511 1642 also presented the Lodge with a Life Subscribership for the Masonic Institution for Girls. After suitable acknowledgment had been made to Bros. Cama and Parkhouse, Lodge was closed and the brethren rejoined the ladies. A capacious and well-appointed steam launch was now in readiness, and the company having taken their seats, the journey up the river was made, as far as Chertsey. The weather was favourable, and the several points of interest were fully appreciated. Moreover, a capital luncheon had been provided, and justice was done to the special efforts of the caterers. After the party had made the return journey, a reasonable time was allowed for the ladies and brethren to prepare themselves for the banquet, which was served by Bro. John Mayo with every regard to the comfort and enjoyment of his guests. The Worshipful Master, Bro. E. C. Mulvey, made a capital president, and the worthy Secretary, Brother E. Sheppard, exerted himself—as indeed did all the Officers—to make the gathering a happy one. The toast list was, of course—considering the "mixed" nature of the gathering—somewhat shorn of its "Masonic" proportions, but the meeting will long be remembered by the "Cyclists" as a red letter day, and we trust that those who took part will be present at many a future happy gathering that may yet have to be chronicled in the Lodge's history. We append a list of the ladies who graced the day's proceedings:—Mesdames L. Mulvey, M. A. Turner, M. Jackson, J. Emberlin, L. A. Elmes, E. Wickins, C. Parkhouse, L. C. Parkhouse, E. Clark, S. A. Beldan, F. M. Beldan, E. M. Sheppard, A. E. Sheppard, Millie Barton, A. Hatton, L. Chandler, M. S. Mason, L. Davis, E. Mason, S. Goodchild, L. Goodchild, B. D. P. Cama, A. C. Beldan, &c.

We are compelled to hold over several interesting reports.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 23rd JUNE.

Stewards' Visit and Distribution of Prizes, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green
179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1388—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
304—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1962—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 25th 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)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
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, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1663—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
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.)
2076—Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. 128—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, Golden Square

Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, Auction Mart, High Wycombe
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
348—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
507—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
582—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon.
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall

TUESDAY, 26th 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 (Inst. ction)
880—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at, 8 (Inst.)
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. (Inst. uction)
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)
1511—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, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
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

Prov. Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, Auction Mart, High Wycombe
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Grammer-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Barnsley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Lockeard
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1366—Elkington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2026—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
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, 27th JUNE.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C
2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—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)
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
888—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
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 8. (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)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
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. 765—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 810—Duke of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane
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
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
309—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
382—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth
436—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Derbyshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1095—Huntington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Rybarn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Raylogh
1967—Beaconsfield Court, Ghuzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 320—Integrity, Junction Inn, Mottram
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Coughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 606—Segontium, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 28th JUNE.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-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)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1331—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
1420—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
1557—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1574—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1707—Sir Hugh Myddleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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)
1747—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)
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, Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George Ashton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
21[illegible]—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Hasling[illegible]
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bury

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348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
433—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
59 —Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
78 —Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
90 —Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rot ham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' H , Islington Square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1335—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
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 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. 449—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 84 —St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 29th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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)
1065—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1238—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1292—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1667—H. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
2000—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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. 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)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 233—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
R.A. 243—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 30th JUNE.

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
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

QUIPS AND CRANKS BY A QUIZZICAL CRAFTSMAN.

YOU will never offend a man who is the proud possessor of what we vernacularly term a "handle" to his name, by impressing the fact on him with as much iteration as possible. The more you remind him of his titular superiority the better he will like it. Whether he be a peer of long descent, a Knight of no descent, or even an "Honourable" by the suffrages of a colonial constituency, never omit in season and out of season to acknowledge as much as possible his superlative right to a style or title above his insignificant surroundings. There may be some people who regard a colonial knighthood as a redundant growth, an excrescence of our social economy, though it may be a coveted award for merit, or one coveted and conferred for no merit at all; who think the prefix of "Honourable," sanctioned and allowed by a paternal Government, with restricted territorial limitations which its *pro tem* possessor invariably disregards, as a distinction that as often as not marks the people's misrepresentative, and a very misleading patronymic embellishment to boot. But this is very bad form on their part; they should know we cannot all have greatness thrust upon us. We must confess to a preference for a good assortment of high-sounding titles amongst us; our ideas and sympathies have been educated up to it—it is a perquisite which the Colonist likes to have and to hold, even if he enjoys it vicariously. It may be asked, "What has this to do with Freemasonry?" We may say with Captain Bunsby, "the bearings of this observation lays in the application on it." We have been reading some correspondence in the London *Freemason's Chronicle* on "outside titles in Freemasonry." An Inner Guard started the subject, by stating his difficulty in announcing some brethren attending his Lodge, who might claim in society to rank as something more than plain Mr. Acting on the plausible assumption that all members of the Craft were on an equality when met together as Masons, he, in pursuance of that belief, concluded that the simple unadorned title of "Brother" should suffice in all cases, and so acted on his conviction, much to the scandal of others of his Lodge, who considered he had done that which was to the detriment of certain brethren's dignity and social pre-eminence above their fellows wherever assembled. This led the Inner Guard to seek enlightenment through the columns of the paper named, with the usual result of eliciting a great diversity of opinion and wide divergence of practice on the point, which left him as much in doubt as when he started on his quest.

Brother Inner Guard, if you had profited by a study of human nature—which is an open book before you—instead of trying to assert an abstract principle that won't wash, you would have learnt that in respect to titular distinctions, however derived, a man is jealous of his possession, and never a consenting party to its being ignored or omitted, on any pretext or occasion, Masonic or otherwise; that whatever rank or title he may have, whether unfairly acquired or honestly gained, whether his claim to such be genuine or bogus, he fully understands the value of it to himself, and a confiding public will generally take him at par and even quote him at a premium.

Should your poor Quizzical Craftsman ever rise to the sublime height and important post of Inner Guard, he would make a very exhaustive study of those mystifying initials with which some Masons' names are rigged fore and aft, which must puzzle the profane as much as the cuneiform characters of a Babylonian inscription do most of us. His announcements should be models of completeness, and every one should have his due in the matter of titles, rank, distinctions, both outside and inside the Craft, though they were as numerous and as extensive as those of the present august Grand Master of England, or his worthy contemporary brother, the M.W. I.S.G.W.S.A.C. Equality among Masons, indeed, pooh! bah! 'Tis a mere delusive sentiment, and like Macbeth's phantom dagger—"a false creation: there's no such thing."—*South Australian Freemason.*

THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION.

A STEAM LIFE-BOAT.—For several years the Committee of the Royal National Life-boat Institution have been earnestly endeavouring to find a means of propelling Life-boats mechanically. In April 1886, a Special Sub-Committee was appointed to inquire fully into the question. This Committee, after visiting the Liverpool International Exhibition, with a view to examine the various models of steam and other mechanically propelled Life-boats exhibited there, and hearing the evidence of the Life-boat coxwains who had had the greatest experience in the help to be obtained by the employment of steam tugs, in assisting to perform Life-boat services, regretfully reported that they were "unable to recommend the adoption of any pattern of steam Life-boat at present." The following May, nothing daunted by the lack of success in former endeavours, the Committee of the Institution offered gold and silver Medals to competitors all over the world, for, "models or drawings of a mechanically propelled Life-boat best adapted to meet the conditions under which Life-boats are called upon to perform their work." In response to this offer, numerous models and drawings were received from all parts of Great Britain, the Continent, and even from the United States. These were submitted to Sir Frederick Bramwell, F.R.S., Sir Digby Murray, Bart., of the Board of Trade, and Mr. John I. Thornycroft, gentlemen of world-wide celebrity for their knowledge of kindred matters, but in no way connected with the Institution. These judges, after a careful and lengthy examination of all the models and drawings which had been sent in, reported that not one of them was suited for the purpose for which it was intended. The Committee, although disappointed at this termination of the competition, nevertheless still hoped that science might yet help them in the matter. At the beginning of the present year a model of a steam Life-boat was submitted to the Institution by Messrs. R. and H. Green, the well-known shipbuilders at Blackwall, which, having passed through various modifications as the result of consultation with the Committee and their Professional Officers, was accepted by the Institution, and Messrs. Green have been instructed to build, as an experiment, a steam Life-boat on the proposed principle. The new boat is to be 50 feet long with 12 feet beam, and to be propelled by a turbine wheel, worked by an engine developing 170 horse-power. Such a boat, if successful, will necessarily only be able to be used at a limited number of stations. The Committee are to be congratulated on the energy and determination with which they have persevered in their endeavours to bring the Life-boat service to the highest pitch of perfection, and it is to be sincerely trusted that success may crown their efforts.

A banquet took place on Wednesday, at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Mather P.G.A.D.C., to celebrate the appointment as manager of that establishment of Bro. J. A. Berther, who has for some years been associated with the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London. There were about fifty gentlemen present to support Bro. Mather. In the course of the evening Bro. Berther was presented with a valuable gold watch, which bore the following inscription:—

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IRISH MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of this Institution was held on Tuesday, 12th inst., at the new premises, Richview, Clonskeagh, when the members of the Board attended in considerable number. After the transaction of the regular business the W. Master and Officers of Lodge 25 handed in a cheque for £203 3s, being the balance resulting from the ball held by that Lodge on 11th May, in aid of the building fund of the School. In making the presentation the W.M. expressed the regret experienced by the brethren of this Lodge that they had not a larger amount to hand over, and the hope that even this sum may in some measure assist so admirable an institution. The warmest thanks of the Governors were then voted to the brethren of Lodge 25, and especially to the Ball Committee and its hon. secs., for their highly successful efforts on behalf of the Charity. The school has now fifty pupils on its lists, and surrounded by its charming grounds, in all the beauty of summer, is well worthy of a visit, and of the largely increased support of such members of the Masonic Order as have not yet enrolled themselves as governors.

Irish Exhibition.—One of the most useful and interesting sections in connection with this Exhibition was opened on Monday last, viz., the Old Irish Market-place, a canvas and paint presentment of a piece of old Belfast, wherein articles are to be sold of all kinds made by the peasants of Ireland. Every arrangement had been made for a formal opening, it was hoped by a member of the Royal Family, but the death of the German Emperor prevented anything more than the simple opening of the shops for business purposes. Eighteen Irish Girls have been brought over from Ireland, who will serve at the shops, dressed in characteristic costumes. There are thousands of industrious Irish peasants able and willing to produce lace, embroidery, knitted work, &c., of the highest class, and it is to benefit these workers, by affording them a market for their products, that the old Market-place is opened. Early in July the places of the ordinary attendants will be taken by ladies who are interested in the Exhibition, who, attired in Irish peasant garb, will sell at these mimic shops.

HANDEL FESTIVAL.—The Royal boxes have been erected and splendid preparations made at the Crystal Palace to receive the Royal personages, who were to have honoured each day of the Festival with their presence, but the lamented death of the Emperor of Germany makes the intended Royal visit impossible. In regard to the musical outcome the most satisfactory results are expected, and it is anticipated that if it be possible the choral effects will surpass all former achievements. This will be due in the main to the extraordinary energy and musical power of Mr. Manns, who has diligently rehearsed the provincial singers at various local centres in the Midlands, Lancashire, Yorkshire, &c., as well as the main body of choralists in the metropolis. But this is not all. All weak voices have been taken from the choir and substituted by young and vigorous singers, in a degree never before carried out. The effect of this proceeding will be felt not so much in the volume of tone as in the quality of it, in the vivacity and the attack. There are certain vocal effects obtained at these Festivals that are only to be heard when similar conditions as to the number of singers and of individual proficiency can be obtained—and when can they be obtained anywhere else? The whisper of four thousand performers is vast but not loud. There is reason to hope that these rare effects will be more than ever prominent during the Festival next week. Another of Mr. Manns' labours will have great effect this time. He has assembled the executive musicians other than the regular members of his great and practised band, and has diligently rehearsed them together, so that as a whole the immense display will have more unity in performance than it has ever had before. The solo singers are those of highest fame in Europe.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire will be held at Newport on Thursday next, 28th instant, under the banner of the Silurian Lodge. The members will assemble at the Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, and march in procession to Holy Trinity Church, where service will be held. In the evening they will dine together at the Westgate Hotel.

The annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland will take place on Friday next, the 29th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. The Companions will assemble at 4 o'clock; Provincial Grand Chapter will be opened at 4.30.

The annual Convocation of the Royal Arch Chapter of the Province of Durham will be held at Durham, on Tuesday, 10th July, at 5 p.m. The annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Gateshead, on Tuesday, 25th September. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M., will preside at these meetings.

Bro. T. Y. Strachan, of Messrs. Strachan, Hill and Co., accountants, Newcastle, has recently been appointed general manager of the Mortgage Insurance Corporation, Winchester House, London.

Schamir.—It is said that as Solomon was about to build the Temple without the use of iron, his wise men drew his attention to the stones of the high priest's breastplate, which had been cut and polished by something harder than themselves. This was Schamir, which was a worm of the size of a barley corn, but so powerful that the hardest flint could not resist him.

Good Advice.—Dr. Johnson, nearly a century and half ago, gave this good advice: "Never to solicit the knowledge of a secret. Not willingly, nor without many limitations, to accept such confidence when it is offered. When a secret is once admitted to consider the trust as of a very high nature, important as society and sacred as truth, and therefore not to be violated for any incidental convenience or slight appearance of contrary fitness."

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THE FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE third and last Festival of the year in connection with the Charitable Institutions of the Craft has passed, and if we are to adopt the popular verdict we must record its result as a failure. But are we justified in using so harsh a term in connection with a gathering which has added upwards of £8,600 to the coffers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, within three weeks of the grand announcement made at the Albert Hall in connection with the Centenary celebration of the sister Institution? Should we not rather say that it has proved a success, judged on its merits; hardly equal, it is true, to what was anticipated, or what has been achieved during recent years, but sufficient to prove that the Institution still retains its place in the estimation of the Craft, and is still accorded as much sympathy as the special events of the year allow. It is not necessary to go beyond the Centenary celebration to which we have just referred to find the cause for the falling off in the contributions to the Boys' School this year, indeed it is a surprise to many that so much has been secured, with such strong counter attractions directing the energies of the Craft into another channel, and after such a handsome result as that announced by the Most Worshipful Grand Master on the 7th of the present month.

Of course, it does not require much calculation to discover that the amount subscribed at Wednesday's Festival is quite insufficient to maintain the Institution for the current year, and as a natural result the reserve of the Charity will have to be heavily drawn upon to meet the calls for current expenses. This is very much to be regretted, as the Boys' School is already the worst off in the matter of Invested Funds, and is the least able to afford the reduction in its permanent income which must arise if its dividends are curtailed. On this account, if on no other, we hope that special exertions will be made to ensure a grand success for next year's Festival, and that the Ninety-first Anniversary celebration may result in such a return as will not only enable the Institution to retrieve the position it must lose this year, but also add a little to the surplus it has already accumulated. It is very early yet to express this wish, but it is not too early to make a start in the endeavour to do good on behalf of an Institution which is sorely in need of it.

In another column we give a report of the proceedings at the Festival, together with a list of the amounts collected by the several Stewards. From this latter it will be found that altogether the Board comprised the names of two hundred and eighteen brethren. London was represented by one hundred and thirteen, and their contributions reached a total of £4,186 2s, while the Provinces sent up £4,487 10s, at the hands of one-hundred and five Stewards, so that it will be seen honours were pretty equally divided between the two great divisions of the Craft. There are many matters in connection with the Festival to which reference might be made, but we leave their consideration until another occasion, contenting ourselves at the present with a simple record of the proceedings.

IS FREEMASONRY A QUESTION OF PRICE OR OF PRINCIPLE?

HAD such a question as that which heads our present remarks been put to us a week ago we should have been stedfast in our endeavours to uphold the good name and reputation of the Craft, but the events of the last few hours have so shaken our ideas, that to-day we hardly know whether we could show a clear case, if we were severely pressed, in regard to the disinterestedness of Freemasons in their practice of Freemasonry. There is an old saying that no one knows where the shoe pinches but he who wears it, and it is equally true that no one knows how the show is worked but those who are behind the scenes. We do not wish to imply that we are behind the scenes so far as Freemasonry is concerned, but our official position affords us many opportunities of gaining information which is not available to the world at large; but, like many others similarly circumstanced, we are frequently prevented from making use of the knowledge thus acquired, because our informants will not allow their names to be used should any action be taken as the result of what we might publish. Hence it is that we are often quiet when our desire is to be stirring, and we are sometimes compelled to be silent witnesses of injustice, because the means at our disposal are not sufficient to check it. But there have been occasions when we have been in a position to publish what we know, and at the same time be prepared to prove the truth of our statements. In such cases we have done what we considered to be right, and if we have not always won the approval of the multitude we have at least had the satisfaction of knowing that we attempted to do our duty, while our action has been endorsed by many who value the good name and reputation of Freemasonry.

Our present task is anything but a pleasant one, but we accept it as part of our duty, and if in the execution of it we give offence to any brother with whom we are personally acquainted, or who is only known to us by name, we can only express our regret that circumstances have arisen calling for special reference at our hands. On Thursday, the consecration of the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265, took place at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, and although we have little beyond personal observation on which to base our remarks, we feel that the meeting was not a success from a Masonic point of view. It is not our province to inquire the why and wherefore which induced the

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Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England to warrant a Lodge named after a gentleman who is not a Mason, and, so far as we know, has never done anything for Freemasonry, while he is equally unknown in the outside world, except as the fortunate possessor of a valuable property in the diamond fields of South Africa. The question of Lodge nomenclature is, and always has been, a mystery to us, but at the same time we admit the subject is a difficult one to deal with, and it would perhaps be unwise if the rulers of the Craft were to forbid the naming of Lodges after men who are, or are supposed to be, worthy of so great a distinction; but surely they should draw the line within the bounds of Freemasonry, not even recognising the possibilities of the immediate future as to whether a certain individual might or might not become a member of the Order. We speak in this way because we do not consider that Mr. Barnato's name has any special Masonic signification: but perhaps the use of it may be defended on the ground that there are many others equally open to criticism.

Going from the name of the Lodge, we may ask if it comes within the scope of Freemasonry for the gentleman after whom the Lodge is named, and who is proposed as the first initiate, to present to each of the founders a costly jewel, valued, it was publicly stated, at some forty guineas each, and to be present at the proceedings after the Lodge banquet, taking part, or at least having an opportunity of doing so, in the Masonic "fire" accorded the toasts? We do not know there is any particular objection to a non-Mason taking part in our festivities, especially as there are many who urge that the action of the M.W. Grand Master at the recent meeting at the Albert Hall did away with the secrecy in regard to the Masonic "fire," but until it is regularly announced that we may entertain non-Masons in our midst, we venture to urge that no Lodge has the right to depart from the recognised custom of the Craft, even though the gentleman on whose behalf the members transgress has been proposed as a candidate for initiation, and has given his name as the title of the Lodge to which he seeks admission. We only need put one question to prove the error of such a course, and, we hope, prevent its recurrence in the future. Can any man be made a Mason without undergoing the ordeal of the ballot? Supposing that the gentleman to whom we have referred is rejected when he is put to the usual test? What then becomes of his sponsorship? Of his costly presents to the founders who have glorified his name by calling a Lodge after it? Or of the action of the Master who allowed innovation, by permitting the presence of a non-Mason at a recognised Masonic assembly?

It may be urged that the attendance of the Grand Secretary of England and other Grand Officers at the gathering to which we have alluded gave the necessary sanction for the innovations. If so, we urge that the principles of Freemasonry rest on a very shallow foundation. We are prepared to admit that the Grand Master may adopt or allow any divergence from established custom, but we shall be surprised to learn that his example may be followed indiscriminately. We do not think it would be politic to sanction such a course, and we are certain it would have a most damaging effect on Freemasonry if the presence of individual Grand Officers were to be accepted as an excuse for violating the established customs and recognised ordinaces of the Craft.

We fully appreciate the delicate ground on which we are treading in thus making public our views in regard to this particular event, and perhaps we are doing an injustice to those more intimately associated with it, but we hope not. We do not for one moment question the motives which induced the founders to establish this new Lodge, and usher it into existence with all the pomp and splendour it is in the power of the magical diamond to secure, but there is such an air of "purchased glory" surrounding the whole affair as to leave them far from blameless. If their proceedings are allowed to go unchallenged we feel it will be a scandal to the Craft, likely to have a most detrimental effect on the future of Freemasonry, because then it must be recognised that even within the Order it is possible to purchase position, glory and honour, just as we are told it is possible to do in the every-day walks of life. There are certain principles underlying Freemasonry which have hitherto been zealously guarded, and it will be a great misfortune if those principles are to be set aside in future, or made subservient to the baser, but perhaps equally powerful influences of gold and diamonds.

One word in regard to ourselves. We attended the Barnato Lodge as a guest. Unfortunately we were prevented by other business from being present until late in the evening, and what we saw and what we heard took place after the banquet. It is the after-dinner proceedings on which our present remarks are based and if we have abused the hospitality offered us we can but express regret. We attended in our official capacity, and our duty is to the Craft at large, not to any section or individual members thereof. It is true our duty is a self imposed one, and perhaps there are some who will question the good taste or the policy of our present remarks. To all such we may say that we are acting in good faith, and if our comments are severe they are at least made more in sorrow than in anger, and with the sincere wish that they may prove of ultimate good to the Order with which we are proud to be associated.

MASONIC TOLERATION.

THERE is a great and sacred truth lying at the foundation of Freemasonry, which pervades every bone, every sinew and every blood-vessel of its constitution and its organisation. It expresses itself in the words of the Masonic regulation, which all men are required to adhere to, and that truth is, Toleration! Here each of us holds his own religion; here each of us tolerates the religion of his brethren. We come together not to propagate our own creeds, but to meet those who are our equals, and to make each other feel that there are good moral qualities, and high virtues, and things worthy to be remembered and respected among all men of all creeds. To my mind, away back in that far past, one hundred and sixty years ago—I do not know but more, for I am not to be bounded and limited by any of these common periods of time in my belief of the antiquity of the breadth and spiritual character of Freemasonry—but away back as far as we know it in our English history, the element which gave vitality to Masonry, the element which created brotherhood among its members, the element which gave force and impetus, and sent it forward as the great pioneer of liberty throughout all the world, to raise the oppressed, to break the bonds and proclaim the brotherhood of man, the equality of man, aye, and the equality of the races, was that same clause that we should tolerate the religion which our brothers professed; and that while we claimed the individual and independent right to hold our own creed, we should give our brother the equal right to hold his creed and to worship God in the same purity and with the same independence that we claimed for ourselves. We started there, and that spirit spread throughout the world; and whenever you will point to me a religious persecution during the history of the Masonic organisation—and there have been many such—I will show you that it was born of bigotry and intolerance. The Church led in the persecution, and in was liberty and independence and religious toleration that resisted.

I remember the time, since I have been a Mason, when there was hardly a country in Europe where Masonry was not under the ban, where it was not oppressed, where it was not attacked; and yet now, throughout the whole broad expanse, from Siberia to the Atlantic, from the Atlantic to the North Pole, and from the North Pole to the Pacific, Masonry is an honoured institution. You can

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hardly imagine how in those dark days—those days of feudal mediævalism—Masonry alone held up the candle of liberty to the oppressed of all races and all nations. From the church and state down to the lowest bigot or mercenary in rank, all combined to put out the light, but the light would not be put out; and, though the blood of our brothers has been shed in every country in Europe, yet the blood of our brothers has been the blood of martyrs, which was the seed of the Masonic church—aye, and the seed of the church of liberty throughout all the world. There has not been a step of progress for the last two hundred years that the light of Freemasonry has not shone in front, leading the way and pointing to the equality of man and to the elevation of the human race. The day has come when things are changed completely, and now kings, dukes, and lords, side by side with the humble artisan, seek our altars and our shrines, desire to put on the apron of the workman, to be classed with us, and with Fellow Crafts and Masters, to work in the regeneration of the millions.—*Charles Levi Woodberry.*

CONSECRATION OF BARNATO LODGE, No. 2265.

THIS Lodge was consecrated on Thursday, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, who was supported by Bros. Lord John Taylour J.G.W. as S.W., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg as J.W., Rev. G. W. Weldon P.G.C. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G D. as D. of C., W. A. Barrett G.O., Robert Berridge J.G.D. as I.G., Henry Sadler G. Tyler, John L. Mather] P.A.G.D.C., Major George Lambert P.G. Sword Bearer, W. M. Bywater P.G. Sword Bearer, C. H. McKay P.G.S., Richard Eve Past G. Treasurer, Frederick Binckes P.G.Sword Bearer, C. E. Soppet P.G. Steward, and a large number of visitors. The founders of the Lodge are Bros. Joseph Da Silva (W.M. designate) M. J. De Leeuw and L. Kool (the Wardens designate), T. Honey, M. Bash, P. Rosenthal, J. Joel, E. J. Acworth P.G.S. Esser, C. F. Hogard, Richard Baker, and Henry Lane. The visitors included Bros. S. B. Joel 1017, A. Goldstone 294, J. C. Hayes P.M. 619, John Barnett jun. S.D. 2192, Isaac White 205, Joseph Salin 677 (S.C.), John Da Silva 205, J. H. Gluckstein 205, H. J. Phillips P.M. 205, John A. Gartley P.M. 205, Edward Terry P.M. 29 P.G. Stwd., D. Moss P.M. 1275, John Petch W.M. 1471, T. Caseley S.W. 1693, M. J. Jessop P.M. 1261, S. Gumpers J.D. 205, R. J. Paton 205, S. Genese 188, J. Myers 188, H. H. Room W.M. 1159, James Wight 142, M. J. H. Mayer J.W. 1693, A. Levy (Auckland), Morris Abrahams 564, J. B. Joel 1017, E. H. Norden P.M. 205, A. Robertson 859, Fountain Meen P.M., A. L. Frye 1624, J. O. Schuler 511, B. Fuld W.M. 1668, L. Lazarus P.M. 188, D. Rodrigues 205, Charles Belton 1, C. S. Lane P.G.D. Durham, R. P. Forge P.M. 1693, Max Mendelssohn 212, James Culverwell 261, James Salmon P.M. 2077 P.G.R. Essex, A. J. Henochsberg P.M. 205, 1502, C. Vandyk J.W. 1017, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, Joyce Murray P.M. 1706, Alfred Kenningham 1706, R. De Lacy 97, H. J. Dutton 1706, D. S. Woolf 72, L. Schuler] 1668, W. W. Morgan jun., &c. The consecration being completed Bro. Da Silva was installed, and the officers were appointed. Propositions for initiation and joining were handed in. The Consecrating Officers were elected as honorary members and the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and at its conclusion the Worshipful Master gave the usual toasts. In proposing that of the Queen and the Craft Bro. Da Silva referred to the fact that the day on which they were meeting was the fiftieth anniversary of her Majesty's coronation. The toast was followed by the National Anthem, and then the W.M. gave the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, a name he was convinced would be as enthusiastically received as any he should that night submit. The next toast was one the brethren would drink with a great deal of pleasure, as it was in honour of brethren to whom the Lodge owed much for the success of the day. They had to thank several Grand Officers for their great kindness in attending and starting the Barnato Lodge, and in drinking the health of their rulers they should especially honour those of the number who had attended as Consecrating Officers that day. Bro. Lord John Taylour was the first to respond, regretting that Grand Lodge was not represented by some one better able to do justice to the toast than he was. With regard to what had been said as thanks to the Grand Officers who had assisted in the consecration, he felt that what they had done had been more of a pleasure than a trouble to them, and they heartily co-operated in wishing prosperity and success to the Lodge. Bro. Rev. G. W. Weldon followed. It gave him more than an ordinary amount of pleasure to respond to the toast, as they had been so heartily received that day. He had nothing to add in regard to the principles of Freemasonry to what he had said in his oration in the Lodge, but he again urged them to be true to the principles of the Craft and act up to the lessons it taught. Throughout the day he had heard frequent references to the district of Kimberley, a place which was particularly dear to him, as being the spot where his dear son spent almost his last hours on earth. He hoped some day to pay a visit there, for the sake of him for whom he mourned, and if ever he did so he felt that he should find himself among friends, friends who would know him in consequence of his actions in the Barnato Lodge that day. He should there find brethren of different nationalities and creeds, but they would all meet in the same spirit and on the same grand level of universal brotherhood as that they were acquainted with in their own Lodge and in all parts of the world. He trusted that all present would go forth from the meeting benefited by what they had witnessed, and that they would ever remember their meeting for the purpose of consecrating the Barnato Lodge. The W.M. now adopted a somewhat unusual course, and proposed the health, success and long life of the gentleman after whom their Lodge had been named, and who had been proposed as the first candidate for initiation therein. The toast was vociferously received, and musical honours accorded it. Mr. Barnarto thanked the company for their kind expressions towards him. He was very sorry he was not in a position to address them as brothers, and assured them that on the very first opportunity he should acquire that privilege. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Grand Secretary, whose indefatigable exertions in carrying out his duties in the Craft had endeared him, he said, to the minds of all who had come in contact with him. Bro. Clerke briefly replied, and then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. The toast was no doubt very dear to the members, who, he considered had made a wise selection in appointing Bro. Da Silva as their first Master. It was also a great honour which had been conferred on that brother, so that they all had reason to congratulate themselves. Bro. Da Silva expressed his sincere thanks for the very enthusiastic manner in which the toast of his health had been received that evening. He took it not so much a compliment to himself as a tribute to the Barnato Lodge, and he took the proposition of it as a welcome from the Grand Secretary to them as a new Lodge among the many already existing in the metropolis. He thought a few words were necessary to explain the reason for the foundation of the Lodge. It had been formed to re-unite under the banner of Freemasonry the many brethren who had been admitted under foreign jurisdictions, but who, on their return to this country, wished to be ranked under its Grand Lodge. They wished to re-unite in the Lodge those brethren who had spent years under the burning sun of South Africa, but who had afterwards returned to their native country. They also wished to commemorate in the name they had given their Lodge that wonderful diamond industry—of only a few years growth it was true—which had already made its mark in the history of the world. The unbounded wealth of the mines they celebrated was not to be expressed, it was without limit. The Barnato mine was really the centre of the Kimberley diamond field, and was the largest and richest mine in the world. It had already produced riches which might be compared to the ransom, not of princes or of kings, but of kingdoms and of nations, and yet its wealth was so great that it was estimated they might go on drawing from it, as they had already done, for the next twenty years and for twenty years beyond that without coming to the bottom or exhausting the supply of its jewels. Bro. Da Silva referred to the fact that they had adopted the diamond as the jewel of their Lodge, and hoped the members would shine with the same brilliance as the purest of the gems they had chosen as their emblem. The toast of the visitors was next given, and it having been acknowledged the Worshipful Master submitted that of the Charities. Charity was the one thing in Freemasonry they were taught to remember above all other things. It was the point most eloquently referred to by the Grand Chaplain in his oration, and the point forcibly impressed upon every candidate at his initiation. He wished those around him to honour the toast, not only by drinking to it, but by opening their pockets in support of it. Bro. Binckes replied. The toast was by many of those present that night considered most welcome, and they thanked the Worshipful Master for having found a place for it. He had much pleasure in responding, and in doing so he wished it to be particularly understood that he did not desire to speak solely on behalf of the Institution with which he was more intimately associated, but on behalf of all three of the Institutions of the Craft. Referring to all that had been said that day in regard to the diamond fields of Kimberley he could but remember that he had a material interest in one of the ventures of South Africa, the benefits of which mine had not yet been made apparent, but after the glowing accounts he had listened to he still had hopes that there was something in store for him. They had heard a great deal that night of the riches which had been dug out of the earth, and if they were to believe the old classic writing—effodiuntur opes irrimenta malorum!—they were the attraction which led to all that was evil. He trusted that in the Barnato Lodge they would prove an attraction for good, and that the Masonic Institutions might reap some advantage from the plethora of wealth which appeared to be in the possession of those who had founded the Lodge. The Officers of the Lodge was the next toast, and this having been replied to by the Secretary and by Bro. Hogard the acting I.P.M., the Tyler was summoned and the proceedings terminated. The most elaborate preparations had been made to ensure the enjoyment of those who attended, among other matters being a strong musical programme. The artistes engaged acquitted themselves most efficiently, and wound up their efforts by a grand rendering of the old English glee—"The Clough and Clough," so appropriate for an "opening day."

PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. BAKER.

THERE was a numerous and interesting gathering at the Cock, Highbury, on Thursday, the 21st inst., when a testimonial was presented to Bro. John Baker, who has retired from the management of that well-known Masonic centre, after thirteen years service, on account of ill-health. Bro. Charles Townley (Savage Club Lodge) presided, being supported by Bros. W. Hastings Miller, H. Friend, R. Baker, J. Hollyman, S. Price C.C., P. Forge, Potter, Perry, Phillips, J. Furlong, and a large number of gentlemen representing various societies. The testimonial, which was beautifully illuminated on vellum, was accompanied by a purse containing 100 guineas. During the evening a musical entertainment was given by Messrs. Lovett King, Odell, A. Combes, H. Leffler, M. Ryan, and Geoffrey Thorn.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

THE Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., presided at the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was holden at the Auction Mart, High Wycombe, on Monday last, the 25th inst. The Provincial Grand Master was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., and the Provincial Grand Officers of the year, as follows.—Bros. John Tomkins 945 S.W., Major G. L. de M. Taylor 1899 J.W., Rev. F. R. Harnett 840 Chap., Rev. Henry Lewis 945 Chap., J. W. Martin 414 Reg., R. Bradley 414 Sec., Geo. Tottle 1501 J.D., William Ravenscroft 1101 S. of W., H. S. Hannigton 574 A.D.C., Henry Perks 209 Std. Br., Thos. Slatter 1770 Std. Br., W. Guille 1410 A. Purst., H. J. Stollery 209, G. H. Charsley 1894, C. H. Trench 2043, John Line 1410, Joseph Greenaway 1101 Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 1·30 p.m., when Bro. Bradley Prov. G. Sec. called over the roll of Lodges in the Province, and it was found the whole were represented. The minutes of the annual Provincial Grand Lodge, holden at Windsor, on Monday, the 27th June 1887, were, on the motion of the D.P.G.M., taken as read and confirmed. The financial statement of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and the report of the Charity Committee were both of a very satisfactory character, while the Provincial Grand Secretary's report, as to the condition of the Lodges in the Province, showed a total membership of 834 as against 794 at the corresponding period last year. Bro. Charles Stephens, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, was unfortunately absent through illness; this the Provincial Grand Master felt all present would much regret. However, Bro. Stephens had rendered good service in the past, and all wished him a speedy recovery. He (Sir Daniel) had great pleasure in proposing Bro. Stephens's re-election. This was seconded and unanimously agreed to. Provincial Charity jewels were presented to Bros. Anthony T. Kersley 574 and Reginald Maples 574, and Bro. S. G. Kirchhoffer had bars added to his Provincial Charity jewel. Announcement was now made that in one or two cases where the individuals named did not reside within the Province that dispensations had been granted for their appointment, the following were invested as the Provincial Grand Officers for the next twelve months:—

Bro. Jowett 591	Senior Warden
E. L. Shepherd 945	Junior Warden
Lewis 945, A. Williams	Chaplains
C. Stephens	Treasurer
H. Creed	Registrar
R. Bradley	Secretary
Sydney Payne	Senior Deacon
Tench	Junior Deacon
Finch	Superintendent of Works
Odell	Director of Ceremonies
Seymour	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Fisher	Sword Bearer
R. C. Mount, J. Morris	Standard Bearers
Sherwin	Organist
Sells	Assistant Secretary
J. H. Hawkes	Pursuivant
G. J. Cosburn	Assistant Pursuivant
Page, Lockyer, Bowen, Pratt, Thompson, Tubbs	Stewards
Hemmings	Tyler

Amongst other business transacted the sum of twenty-five guineas was voted from Provincial Grand Lodge to the Charity Fund, and the various Lodges who have subscribed to that Fund were voted grants, amounting in all to 105 guineas, in aid of the several Masonic Institutions. With regard to the notice of motion given by Bro. John Tomkins Provincial S.G.W.:—"That this Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks respectfully requests Grand Lodge to take into consideration the present condition of the Masonic Boys' School, and, if thought fit, to appoint a Committee to enquire into its discipline and management," some considerable amount of discussion ensued. It seemed to be the general opinion that this was a matter that scarcely came within the scope of Grand Lodge to deal with. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master suggested an alternative proposition that should be a recommendation to the House Committee to take further action in the matter. Bro. Charles Belton, a member of that body, stated that his confreres had requested Bro. Philbrick, the Grand Registrar, to appoint a Committee of Inquiry, and that it was fully expected that Bro. Philbrick would undertake this responsibility. It was eventually decided the recommendation of this Provincial Grand Lodge should be forwarded to the Grand Registrar to bring before such a Committee.

In addressing the brethren the Provincial Grand Master congratulated them on the steady progress that was being made. Since their last meeting two new Lodges had been consecrated, and a fuller addition to their roll was shortly to be made. As regards the Craft in general the success of the recent Festival on behalf of the Girls' School was intensely gratifying. He was pleased to see so goodly an attendance that day, and trusted they might have as successful a gathering next year, when the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Reading.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

A luncheon was afterwards served at the Town Hall, where the Provincial Grand Master presided. He was supported by a large majority of those who had attended the Prov. Grand Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

ON the invitation of the W.M. and brethren of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 426, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Spilsby, on Thursday, 31st May. The rooms were beautifully decorated, and it was apparent from the excellent arrangements made that the Spilsby brethren had spared no effort to give the visitors a suitable reception. The Shakespeare Lodge having been opened by the W.M. Bro. Colonel Grantham, the officers and brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered. There was a very large attendance of brethren, 234 responding to the roll call of Lodges. The minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Lincoln on 2nd June 1887, having been confirmed, the finance statement of the Province was read by the P.G. Treas., Bro. C. M. Nesbitt. It was of a very satisfactory character, as were also the returns of the Lodges presented by the P.G. Reg., Bro. H. Watson. The P.G. Secretary, Bro. Vickers, next read the report of the Committee of the Prov. G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence, the Oliver Memorial Fund, the Smyth Scholarship Fund, and the Prov. Grand Lodge Charity Committee. Generally a prosperous condition of affairs was reported, and it would seem that the Charity Committee had been successful in securing the election of its candidates last May. The following were appointed a committee to draw up suitable rules and regulations for the management of the Sutcliffe Memorial Fund, which had been completed this year, the sum of 1000 guineas having been raised: Bros. Bates, Hewson, Clarke, Mountain, Kirby, Sutcliffe, Clitherow, and Bellerby. It was decided that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should be the Charity having the support of the Province during the next year, and Bro. H. E. Cousans was appointed Provincial Steward to work that particular fund. Four of the brethren having had conferred upon them P.G. rank, in honour of the Queen's Jubilee, namely, Bros. C. M. Nesbitt, H. Watson, Col. Grantham and J. Sutcliffe, they were formally invested by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, who made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion. The P.G. Sec. read a communication from the Home Secretary, in acknowledgment of the address sent from the last Prov. Grand Lodge to Her Majesty the Queen, on the celebration of the Jubilee of her reign. The following brethren were invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. G. H. Porter	Senior Warden
H. Clark	Junior Warden
Rev. E. M. Weighall, Rev. C. Laing	Chaplains
C. M. Nesbitt	Treasurer
H. Watson	Registrar
B. Vickers	Secretary
Horobin	Senior Deacon
J. Mansell	Junior Deacon
Challans	Superintendent of Works
W. H. Roberts	Director of Ceremonies
J. C. Basker	Assistant Director of Cers.

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Padley	-	Sword Bearer
Duke	-	Standard Bearers
G. Dunkley	-	Standard Bearers
H. G. Gregory	-	Organist
Robinson	-	Assistant Secretary
F. J. Green	-	Pursuivant
Green	-	Assistant Pursuivant
F. D. Davy	-	Stewards
W. N. Mason	-	Stewards
Collinson	-	Stewards
H. T. Bellerby	-	Stewards
G. W. Ham	-	Stewards
W. F. Reed	-	Stewards
W. Donner	-	Tyler

At the close of the Lodge, the banquet was held in a marquee, about 170 brethren attending. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent.

PRIZE DAY AT THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place on Saturday, when, as usual, an entertainment was given to the Stewards of the year and their friends. The following was the

PROGRAMME.

Glee - - - "Hark! Apollo" - - (Bishop)
Conductor—Bro. H. J. Dutton. Accompanist—Mr. E. Hann.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

First Class.—Scripture, A. Blunt. Latin and Mathematics, J. P. Templeman. French, G. Wilson. English, J. P. Seagrave. General Improvement, F. Coleman, H. R. Graves, S. W. Gibson.

Second Class.—Latin, A. Moore. French, J. Heinke. English, F. H. France. Mathematics, G. B. Hickinbotham. General Improvement, A. Foord, R. Williams.

Third Class.—Latin and French, R. Churchill. Mathematics, W. G. Canty. General Improvement, C. R. Saville, W. E. Tappenden.

Pianoforte Duet - "Sword Dance" - - (Spohr)
J. Heinke and J. H. Hewett.

Fourth Class.—Latin, W. G. Figgess. French, G. O. Fearon. Mathematics, W. Gay. General Improvement, F. W. Higgison.

Fifth Class.—Latin, G. H. Haines. French, L. Harvey. Mathematics, R. Leaman. General Improvement, F. M. Moorcroft, O. Brister.

Sixth Class.—General Proficiency, H. M. Harrison. General Improvement, F. C. Boulter, R. Midgley.

Seventh Class.—General Proficiency, F. E. Carter. General Improvement, R. H. Mason.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

First Class—General Proficiency, R. A. Fortune and J. B. Marless. General Improvement, J. D. Davis.

Second Class—General Proficiency, C. Johnson. General Improvement, W. E. T. Watson.

Third Class.—General Proficiency, B. Patience.

Trio - "To a Nightingale at Mid-day" - (Sterndale Bennett)
The Choir.

Pianoforte Solo - - "Husarenritt" - - (Spindler)
C. J. Saville.

Song - - - "Oh! river, river!" - (J. L. Hatton)
R. Williams.
Accompanist—Mr. A. Izard.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—PRESENTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Writing, 1st H. A. High, 2nd H. P. Richardson. Dictation, 1st J. P. Templeman, 2nd F. C. Douglas. History, 1st A. Blunt, 2nd G. Wilson. Mental Arithmetic, 1st H. R. Graves, 2nd C. J. Crow. Elocution, 1st E. T. Platt, 2nd W. J. Hodge. Efficiency as Monitor, 1st C. J. Crow, 2nd F. Lewis, N. McCuskie. Proficiency in Drill, 1st G. March, 2nd C. E. Stewart. The Band, J. H. Hewett, A. Blunt, W. B. Stevens, J. D. Davis. Vocal Music, R. Williams. Shorthand, J. Heinke.

PRESENTED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Band, 1st H. A. High, 2nd F. Herring. Pianoforte, C. R. Saville.

PRESENTED BY PRIVATE DONORS.

By Mrs. Bowyer, Bookkeeping, J. H. Hewett.

By Mr. Sylvester (Drawing Master), Mapping, G. C. Willett, Freehand, C. E. Rocke, C. Limpricht. Shading, F. Lewis, G. Bailey. Modelling, H. A. High.

By Bro. Augustus Harris, Drury Lane Lodge Prize — English Essay. Dramatic Ability, decided on conclusion of the Plays, W. J. Hodge, H. M. Hare.

PRESENTED BY THE OLD MASONIANS.

For Shorthand, H. R. Graves.

Glee - - - "See, the Chariot" - - - (Horsley)
J. Bloomfield and W. Gay.

Part Song - - "The Fairies" - - (Macfarren)
The Choir.

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Silver Medal for Good Conduct.—Presented by the Institution.—G. Wilson.

Canonbury Gold Medal.—Presented by the late Bro. G. Cox, Vice Patron.—E. T. Platt.

Silver Watch and Chain for General Good Conduct.—Presented by the Supreme Council of the 33° to a Pupil on leaving the Institution.—E. T. Platt.

Song - - - "Now Tramp" - - - (Bishop)
The Choir.

Song - - - - - - - -
Miss Alice Bloomfield.

Pianoforte Duet - "Marionette Overture"
Higgeson and Saville.

Vocal Duet - "Come and find the Fairies" - (Macfarren)
Gay and Cordingley.

Musical Drill.—Preparatory School.

English Plays.

"A NARROW SQUEAK."

A Farce by J. Maddison Morton.

Mr. Triptolemus Topknot	-	E. T. Platt.
Philip Shelton	-	H. A. High.
Lieut. Cutwater, R.N.	-	W. J. Hodge.
Coast Guardsmen	-	J. Seagrave and Stanford.
Old Ben	(Fisherman)	H. M. Hare.
Waiters	-	J. Hewett and F. Herring.
Mrs. Shelton	-	C. J. Crow.
Mrs. Topknot	-	J. Mackey.
Martha	(Servant)	J. Bloomfield.

Part Song - - "O April Night" - - (Donisetti)
The Choir.

Part Song - - "The Mice in Council" - - (Filby)
The Choir.

"PEACE AND QUIET."

Mr. Smashington Goit	-	E. T. Platt.
Mr. Twiterly Flattersome	-	W. J. Hodge.
Mr. Jonas Closefist	-	J. H. Hewett.
Mrs. Flattersome	-	J. Mackey.
Clara	(Daughter)	J. Bloomfield.
Nelly	(Housemaid)	H. M. Hare.

"God Save the Queen"
The Choir.

At the conclusion of the entertainment refreshments were partaken of, and later in the evening the annual Athletic Sports took place. The following is the programme and result of this part of the proceedings:

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Dr. Morris, President; J. L. Mather, Hon. Treasurer; W. J. Barton, B.A., Hon. Secretary; W. A. Beauland, B.A., Starter; F. S. Bishop, B.A., and R. S. Olver, B.A., Judges; G. N. Arnfield, Timekeeper.

Throwing the cricket ball.—H. P. Richardson (distance, 60 yards).

Potato race (under 13).—E. W. Hobson 1; C. Whitehead 2.

100 yards handicap (over 13).—H. P. Richardson 1; A. Blunt 2. A capital race, the first three being within a yard of each other. Time 11¾ secs.

220 yards new boys' race.—Stevens 1; Matthews 2; Brockbank 3. Two yards between first and second, with third a foot behind.

100 yards handicap (under 13).—F. S. Jordan 1; G. L. Mackay 2; H. Emes 3. Won by a yard, third close up. Time 13 secs.

High jump (open).—R. Beaumont (4 ft. 2½ in.) 1; H. B. Richardson 2.

Three legged race (open).—White and Ker 1; How and Stanford 2.

220 yards race (under 12).—H. Plows 1; P. Musgrove 2; W. Moss 3. Won easily by six yards, a yard between second and third.

Egg and spoon race (220 yards).—R. Beaumont 1; A. Blunt 2; A. Baily 3. The three B's had it all their own way, Beaumont wining easily by four yards, while Baily was beaten by two yards for second place.

Quarter mile handicap (over 13).—F. Salter 1; T. White 2; F. Skelton 3. Salter took the lead after going a lap, and won easily by eight yards; a foot between second and third. Time 70 secs.

Quarter mile handicap (under 13).—F. S. Jordan 1; H. Groves 2; E. W. Hobson 3. Hobson, who started from scratch, ran gamely, but could never get up to Jordon and Groves, the former winning by two yards, a like distance separating second and third. Time 76½ secs.

Long jump (open).—R. Beaumont (13 ft. 11½ in.) 1; Frederick Christensen 2.

Sack race (open).—H. Asquith 1; C. Whitehead 2; R. Delafons †; W. Tappenden †. Asquith was first up, and coming right away from the others won by two yards, while two yards separated the second and dead-heaters.

Half-mile handicap (over 13).—F. Salter 1; A. Chiesman 2. Won easily by twelve yards, with four yards separating second and third.

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220 yards old boys' race.—Stevens 1; Chandeller 2. Six runners faced the starter for this race, but three of them fell soon after the start, Stevens in the end gaining the first prize by six yards.

Wheelbarrow race.—Chiesman and Skelton 1; Bailey and Beaumont 2. This was very amusing—all keeping close together.

220 yards band boys' race. — Crow 1; Senior 2; Maynes †; D'Oyle †. Won by three yards, the same distance separating second and thirds. Time 34⅗ secs.

Tug o' war.—E. T. Platt's team beat F. A. Herring's team.

Obstacle race (open).—T. W. White 1; F. Christensen 2; H. A. High 3. This race caused endless amusement. The winner went through the obstacles in first rate style, coming out of the maze with a strong lead, and eventually winning by ten yards, while only six inches divided second and third.

Everything throughout the programme went off without a hitch, and reflected great credit on those who had the management in hand. We were glad to see that the suggestion we threw out last year about a telegraph board was on this occasion adopted, thus allowing the spectators to know the winning numbers without having to call out each time. The band played a capital selection of music, which added to the enjoyment of those present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held on Saturday, the 7th July, at the Memorial Hall, Stanmore, under the presidency of Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master. Prov. G. Lodge will be opened at 3 p.m., while a banquet, tickets for which are 8s 6d each, exclusive of wine, will take place at 5.30 p.m., at the Abercorn Hotel, Stanmore.

The installation of the Baron de Ferrieres as Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire will take place in Cheltenham, on Tuesday, 10th July. Moveable Grand Mark Lodge will assemble in Cheltenham on the occasion, and the ceremony of installation will be performed by the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, Deputy Grand Master. The Baron de Ferrieres succeeds Bro. J. Walker, M.A., who retires after acting for six years as Deputy of the Order in Gloucestershire, and three as Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of Surrey will be held on Wednesday, the 18th July next, at the Public Hall, Carshalton, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G. Master and Superintendent. Provincial Grand Chapter will be opened at 2 p.m., after which the business of Provincial Grand Lodge will be transacted. A dinner will take place at 6 p.m., tickets for which may be obtained from Bro. W. Pile, Westcroft, Carbalton, Surrey.

Warrants have been signed during the last few days by H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, for two new Lodges in Sheffield—making a total of six. Both Lodges will hold their meetings at the Masonic Hall. One is called the St. Leonards, and is No. 2263; the other, which is practically a division of the Britannia Lodge (which the *Sheffield Telegraph* is informed has got too large), is the Hallamshire, No. 2268, and commences with a list of 42 members.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Derry and Donegal recently held its regular Quarterly Communication in the Masonic Hall, Coleraine. Bro. W. E. Scott, of Willsboro', the Provincial Grand Master, occupied the chair. There was a fair attendance of the brethren, Lodges 127, 235, and 754 being well represented. After labour the local Lodges entertained the visitors to a substantial luncheon. Bro. Fred. W. Cohoon, W.M. of 754, presiding.

A Chapter General of the Grand Priory of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem was held at St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, on Saturday, 23rd inst., a large number of members being present. Under the recent royal charter of incorporation, the Prince of Wales became on that day the Grand Prior of the Order, but the installation of His Royal Highness was postponed on account of the death of the German Emperor.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Those who have given these remedies a fair trial freely admit that they inherently possess every property suitable for healing and removing eruptions, ulcerations, piles, abscesses, sores, bad legs, gathered breasts, and all disorders of the glandular system. When carefully rubbed in the Ointment relaxes the swollen muscles, diminishes inflammation, assuages pain, and even alleviates dangerous maladies which may have lasted months or even years. Holloway's excellent preparations are effective singly, resistless in combination, and have been recommended by grateful patients to be resorted to as alternatives when all other means of regaining health have failed. Their action is temperate, not violent or reducing.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

GLAMORGAN LODGE, No. 36.

THE festival of St. John the Baptist occurring this year on Sunday, the annual festival of this Lodge consecrated to this patron saint, was celebrated on Monday, the 25th instant. The Glamorgan is the oldest Lodge of Freemasons in the town, and numbers among its members a large proportion of the old and respected inhabitants. There was a very good gathering of Masons not only of the town, but from the neighbouring Lodges of this Province and from the adjacent one of Monmouthshire. The Lodge was opened in due form at half past three o'clock in the afternoon. The Worshipful Master (Bro. Edward Dawson) having been duly installed, proceeded to appoint his Officers, viz.:—Bros. Sidney Coleman I.P.M., Roberts S.W., Sir Morgan Morgan J.W., Wallace Treasurer, Fisher Organist, Roberts D.C., Clarry S.D., Nicol J.D., Riches I.G., Roberts and Downing Stewards, Jenkins Tyler. Lodge having been duly closed the brethren proceeded to the Royal Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was partaken of, presided over by the Worshipful Master.

TRUE FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 160.

THE installation and annual festival in connection with this Lodge took place at the Old Ship, Rochford, on Tuesday, 19th inst., under the presidency of Bro. G. L. Wood W.M. After some preliminary business had been transacted, the ceremony of installing Bro. J. Ayling as W.M. for the ensuing year was performed by Bro. A. Lucking. The W.M. appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. Wood S.W., Wiseman J.W., Golden S.D., Arthy J.D., Goodman I.G., Harper Secretary, Harrington Treasurer, Hobday and Farmer Stewards, and Martin Tyler. The Auditors' accounts showed the receipts for the year to have been £87 6s 5d, and the expenditure £66 4s 7d, leaving a balance in hand of £21 1s 10d. At the conclusion of the business the brethren sat down to a banquet.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 199.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 11th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Snargate-street, Dover, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. James W. Bussey W.M., Thomas Hearn I.P.M., George James Bussey S.W., George Church J.W., Rev. V. S. Vickers P.M. P.P.G.Chap. Chaplain, E. Lukey P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Treasurer, James D. Terson P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, J. Falconer S.D., Alfred T. Dartnel J.D., F. W. Prescott P.M. P.P.S.G.D. D.C., W. Walker I.G., and several others. The Lodge was opened, and after preliminaries the W.M. elect, Bro. George J. Bussey, was installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. James W. Bussey. The following officers for the year were appointed and invested:—Bros. James Walter Bussey I.P.M., G. Church S.W., J. Falconer J.W., Rev. V. S. Vickers P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Edward Lukey P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Treasurer, James D. Terson P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, A. T. Dartnall S.D., W. Walker J.D, F. W. Prescott P.M. P.P.S.G.D. D.C., G. H. Clifford Organist, E. C. Fielding I.G., W. J. Best and H. H. Goodwin Stewards, G. Wilson Tyler, and L. Marsh Assist. Tyler. Bro. J. D. Terson was re-elected to serve on the Kent Charity Committee. A vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. Gardner, on his celebrating his golden wedding, and a vote of thanks was also passed to the outgoing Master, Bro. J. W. Bussey, for his services in the chair during the last two years and also for having installed his successor. The outgoing Master thanked the brethren for the vote, and, in order to commemorate his Mastership, presented the Lodge with a beautiful engraving of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. The W.M. on behalf of the members of the Lodge of Instruction, presented Bro. James D. Terson P.M., with a gold pendant to mark the appreciation of his services as Preceptor. After the Lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet room and partook of an excellent dinner, which was served in very récherché manner by Bro. A. T. Dartnall.

MERCHANTS LODGE, No. 241.

AMONGST the numerous installation meetings which take place in Liverpool and neighbourhood at this season of the year, that in connection with this Lodge is invariably the most interesting and successful for several reasons. The first is found in the fact that the Lodge has long held the premier place in West Lancashire and general Masonic schemes of charity; another in its standing as a prominent section of the Masonic body in consequence of the quality of its membership; and, further, because of the fine Masonic spirit which pervades all its gatherings. On the 26th inst. the brethren were summoned to assist at the elevation to the supreme chair of a brother (Captain J. Macnab) who has long enjoyed deserved popularity, and whose charitable labours in the Craft have recently secured for him the undivided support of the brotherhood in this division in his election to the office of one of the Honorary Secretaries of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute. The annual installation business of the "Merchants" commenced at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on the 26th instant, at eleven o'clock, when there were about 90 brethren present—an unusually large attendance at this period of the day—there being numerous distinguished brethren from other Lodges, including a large representation of P.G. Lodge Officers. The chair at the commencement of the proceedings was taken by Bro. Simon Jude, the Worshipful Master. After some preliminary business, the W.M. elect (Captain John Macnab) was presented for installation by Bros. P.M. Salter and Whitehead, and most effectively installed by Bro. Simon Jude, his predecessor in the chair. The following were the Officers subsequently invested:—Bros. Simon Jude I.P.M., James Pendleton Treasurer, Roger White D.C., William M'Lachlan S.W., Joseph

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Cornish J.W., Robert Praddah Secretary, Ralph Capner S.D., Joseph West J.D., John Moore I.G., Frederick Norris S.S., T. D. Jones J.S., B. P. Philpot A.S., and A. B. Ewart Organist. Bro. P. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the business the brethren took special train to Southport, the arrangements for which had been made with great success by Bro. T. D. Alderson, a member of No. 211. Dinner was served in admirable style at the Prince of Wales Hotel, by Bro. Wilkinson, the company numbering upwards of 120, the special guests including Bro. Sir James Poole P.P.G.S.W. West Lancashire. The musical brethren who were announced to take part in the subsequent programme were Bros. Hobart, Nicholls, D. Williams, W. E. Williams, J. T. Jones and Ewart. In the course of the day and evening proceedings, Bro. Jude was presented with a valuable P.M.'s jewel, and a silver tea and coffee service for his wife, as a token of the esteem of the brethren. The service and jewel were supplied by Bro. J. Tiedeman. A telegram was received from the Mayor of Liverpool (Bro. Oakshott) expressing hearty congratulations for the W.M.

MINERVA LODGE, No. 250.

ON the 25th inst., the members, together with many visitors from the sister Lodges, assembled in the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, Hull, for the purpose of witnessing the installation of Bro. Randolph R. Hawley as the Worshipful Master. The W.M. elect having been presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. F. Blackburn, he was duly installed in the chair, and Bro. Hawley then proceeded to appoint and invest the Officers, his selections being as follow:—Bros. Blackburn I.P.M., Stephenson S.W., Brekke J.W., Haigh Lecture Master, Peck Treas., Reynolds Treas. Benevolent Fund, Holder Treas. Building Fund, Wells Sec., Torr S.D., McKinna Johnson J.D., Long D.C., Keyworth Almoner, Quibell, Adamson, Aitken, Hampton, Simpson and Fillingham Stewards, King Org., Terrington Gibson I.G., Clayton Tyler.

CHIGWELL LODGE, No. 453.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place last Saturday at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford. The brethren assembled at 3 o'clock. The W.M., Bro. Alfred J. Dixie presided, and he was supported by Bros. Edmund Egan S.W., John Glass P.M. Treas., G. Corble P.M. Sec., J. J. Winser, A. Buck P.M., Fred C. Dixie, John Corble, F. A. Renshawe, Geo. Motion P.M., J. S. Motion, Coxon, J. Homewood, Hobbs, Holloway P.M., &c. Among the visitors present were Bros. Salmon, Massey, Busey, Foxcroft, Parker, Dale, and several W.M.'s of Lodges in the Province. Bro. Edmund Egan having been elected as W.M. at a previous meeting was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon, Bro. A. J. Dixie acting as Installing Master in so admirable a manner that a vote of thanks was subsequently accorded him, which it was decided should be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge. The investiture of officers then took place, Bro. Holloway receiving the collar of S.W. on behalf of Bro. J. R. Breading who was unavoidably absent. The following were appointed:—Bros. F. C. Dixie J.W., Christian S.D., F. A. Renshawe J.D., Hobbs I.G., John Corble P.M. D.C., John Glass P.M. Treasurer, George Corble P.M. Sec., J. S. Motion and Coxon Stewards, and R. W. Goddard Tyler. Previous to the Lodge being closed a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. A. J. Dixie for his valuable services during the past year. The brethren then adjourned for refreshment and a pleasant evening was spent. In commemoration of this being the Jubilee year of the Lodge, during which Bro. A. J. Dixie was W.M., he has presented to the brethren a very elegant collar of unique design for the use of succeeding Worshipful Masters.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE, No. 781.

AN emergency meeting of the members of this Lodge took place on Wednesday evening, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., to suit the convenience of several brethren employed in the mercantile marine service who would be shortly leaving the country in discharge of their duties. Bro. W. K. Bull, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Past Masters Bros. Pringle, Breden, Robinson, Kennett, Daniels, Scheerboom and Rowe; also Bros. Shepherd S.W., Timson J.W., F. Varcoe S.D., Passfield J.D., Lansch I.G., Hayward, C. Riley, Hughes, Patrick, Hancock, A. Timson, Bjorkman, Martin, Huett, O. Cooper, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form in the first and second degrees, when Bros. U. Venen and S. W. Bull answered the usual questions and were subsequently raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, when the ballot was taken and declared unanimous in favour of G. W. Serpiniere, F. J. Spencer, and F. A. Gardner. Bros. G. Gray, J. Laurie and R. W. Groves being candidates for the second degree, answered the usual questions and were afterwards admitted as F.C. The above ceremonies were very ably and impressively conducted by the W.M., who then vacated the chair, and his place was occupied by Bro. Pringle, who proceeded to initiate Bros. G. Horne, F. J. Spencer and F. A. Gardner. At the termination of the ceremony Bro. Pringle delivered the ancient charge to the initiates, with excellent effect. The brethren then adjourned for refreshments. A trip round the Nore and up the Medway has been arranged in connection with this Lodge, to take place on Thursday, 19th July next, in the steamer "Alexandra." As the whole of the profits are to be devoted to Masonic Charities we trust the outing will be successful. Application for tickets may be made to Bro. Breden, 40 Wallwood-street, Limehouse, E.

ROYAL WHARFEDALE LODGE, No. 1198.

THE Festival of St. John and the celebration of the twenty-second anniversary of the consecration of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, Otley, on Friday, 22nd inst. There was a good muster of members, and several visiting brethren were present from Harrogate and Bradford. The balance-sheet, which was read, showed that, whilst the Charities had been well supported, there was a respectable balance to the good. The ceremony of installation followed, when Bro. J. H. Payne S.W., the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. A. Walker, the retiring W.M., and duly installed in the chair by Bro. Laycock P.M. Installing Master. Subsequently the W.M. appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. Albert Walker I.P.M., W. Weigmann S.W., W. H. Dawson J.W., Edmund Walker Treasurer, Fred Cobley Secretary, Philip M. Slater S.D., F. Barraclough J.D., James Etchells P.P.G.O. Norths and Hunts D.C and Organist, T. Houlding I.G., H. Harrison S., and J. Mason Tyler. Brother W. Laycock was unanimously re-elected as representative of the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

ANCHOR LODGE, No. 1337.

ON Thursday, the 21st inst., the monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Northallerton. Bro. J. S. Winn W.M. presided. Bros. Naylor and Charlton were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being gone through in an efficient manner by Bro. Winn W.M. Afterwards the visitors were entertained to supper in the banqueting-room, when the usual Masonic toasts were given, and a harmonious and pleasant evening was spent.

HAMER LODGE, No. 1393.

ON the 21st inst. another of those celebrations so numerous on the festival of St. John, took place at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, in connection with the above Lodge, so long and favourably known in the Craft, and which has just finished a prosperous year under the presidency of the retiring W.M. Bro. W. T. Oversby. There was a large attendance of officers, including several members well known in the Craft. The chair was taken by Bro. W. T. Oversby W.M., who was numerously supported. The W.M. elect, Bro. F. A. Rainbow, was presented by Bros. Jewett and Kynaston, and most effectively installed by Bro. W. T. Oversby, the retiring W.M. After the usual honours, the following Officers were invested:—Bros. Oversby I.P.M., Riley Hankey S.W., Brookes J.W., Jewett Treas., Hignett Sec., Erwin Asst. Sec., Baron S.D., Nisbet J.D., Laidlaw I.G., Walter Burnet Org., Pugh D.Org., Pinkerton S.S., Jones J.S., Pearson and Parkenson A.S., Williamson Tyler. After the Lodge was called off, the brethren dined together, presided over by the Worshipful Master, and during the evening a handsome jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Oversby, on behalf of the Lodge. During the after-dinner proceedings, in conjunction with the toast of the W.M. a presentation of a beautiful and valuable service of plate was made also to Mrs. Oversby on the part of the individual members. A very interesting feature of the day's proceedings was the gift of a tasteful banner, bearing the Hamer crest, the entire work of Mrs. Rainbow. A capital programme of music was rendered by Bros. D. J. Davies, E. Edwards, E. B. Ironside, N. S. Burt, W. Burt, O. J. Rowlands, J. Lane, &c., to the satisfaction of all.

BROWNRIGG LODGE, No. 1638.

ON Wednesday, 20th instant, the members of this prosperous Lodge held a very agreeable meeting at the Sun Hotel, Kingston. Bro. George Moorman the W.M. presided, and he was supported by Bros. William Drewett S.W., H. W. Humphreys J.W., Abel Laurence P.M. Sec., F. G. Hunt Organist, W. Lane Tyler. There were also present John Prescott I.P.M., W. Youlden P.M., Fred Lockett, and several other members of the Lodge, with the following visitors:—C. Gardner 889, W. Walker 889, F. J. Hayward S.D. 889, John Youlden I.P.M. 1981, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211. The Lodge was opened at 3 o'clock, and the minutes of the last regular, and of two emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The agenda paper was a very heavy one, and the result was that a good day's work was got through. Bros. Mills, Burd and Townsend were raised. There were five candidates for passing, and of them Bros. Mabey, Martin, Bayley, and Croak presented themselves and received the degree, while the other, Bro. Mayhew, sent a letter regretting his inability to attend on this occasion. In the course of the after proceedings the case of a distressed brother, a member of the Lodge, who had been subjected to a series of misfortunes, was thoroughly gone into, with the result that the members gave him assistance, the Treasurer being authorised to expend *immediately* the sum of £15 to satisfy a pressing claim. Moreover, a petition to be forwarded to the Board of Benevolence was recommended and signed by the members of the Lodge. Notwithstanding this sterling mark of the true Masonic spirit that pervades the Lodge, Bro. Fred. Lockett, who had accepted a Steward-ship, urged the claims of the Boys' School. The Brownrigg Lodge had already sent up a Steward to the Benevolent, and two of its members acted for the Girls' at the Centenary Festival. Nevertheless the Ladies voted Bro. Lockett five guineas, and the members present to a man gave something, with the result that though the Steward-ship had been undertaken, we may say at the eleventh hour, Bro. Lockett was enabled, on Wednesday last, to hand over something like £28 as the result of his appeal. After the Lodge had been closed the brethren partook of a capital banquet, which was supplied by Mrs. Fewlass, of the Sun Hotel. We have omitted to state that Bro. Walker, of the Dobie Lodge, had the third degree conferred upon him at this meeting.

At an emergency meeting of the members of Lodge Wellesley, Wellington, held in the Masonic Hall, Sydney, for the purpose of welcoming Bro. C. E. Camidge (Bishop of Bathurst), a Past Grand Chaplain, an address was presented to him. He replied by giving some particulars of his connection with the Order in England.

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SURREY.

Prov. G. Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

The R.W. Bro. Gen. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, the 18th day of July 1888, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Command,
CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.P.G.R.
Prov. Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

P.S.—The reception and entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge has, by command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, been placed under the direction of the Wallington Lodge, No. 1892, Carshalton.

The dinner will take place at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to the W. Bro. William Pile P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer, "Westcroft," Carshalton, Surrey, enclosing 5s, which will not include wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken tickets, and no ticket will be issued after 16th July.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service, at the Parish Church, Carshalton, at 4·30 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Rev. Lord Victor Seymour, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, Rector of Carshalton.

Down Trains from London Bridge 12·50 and 2 o'clock p.m., arriving at Carshalton 1·26 p.m. and 2·20 p.m.
" " Victoria 1·5 p.m. arriving at Carshalton 1·34 p.m.
Up Trains from Carshalton to London Bridge 9·2 p.m. and 10·34 p.m., arriving at 9·40 and 11·15 p.m.
" " " Victoria 9·14 p.m., arriving 9·50 p.m.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

The M.E. Comp. Gen. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.
Grand Superintendent.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, in the County of Surrey, on Wednesday, the 18th day of July 1888, at Two o'Clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Command,
CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.
Prov. Grand Scribe E.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

Albert Institute Chambers, Charles Street, Blackfriars Road, S.E.

Dinner at 6 o'clock punctually. For tickets apply to Comp. W. Pile P.Z., "Westcroft," Carshalton, enclosing 5s, which will not include wine.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken tickets, and no ticket will be issued after 16th July.

The Grand Superintendent requests the attendance of the Companions at Divine Service at the Parish Church, Carshalton, at 4·30 p.m.

Down Train from London Bridge, 12·50; arriving at Carshalton, 1·26.
" " Victoria, 1·5; arriving at Carshalton, 1·34.
Up Trains from Carshalton to London Bridge, 9·2 and 10·34 p.m.; arriving at 9·40 and 11·15.
" " " Victoria, 9·14; arriving at 9·50 p.m.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER AND LODGE OF LONDON AND THE METROPOLITAN COUNTIES.

THE KNIGHTS COMPANIONS will meet in COUNCIL, at 33 Golden Square, W., on Saturday, 14th July, at 2.30 p.m. for 3 o'clock precisely, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master desires the attendance of all duly qualified brethren.

Names and addresses of Candidates, with name of Lodge and Chapter, must be sent to me not later than the 9th July.

The Annual Banquet will be held at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, N.W., at 6·30 precisely, Members paying 10s, and Visitors £1 1s.

By order,
FRANK RICHARDSON, Prov. G. Sec.
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THE R.W. COL. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.
Past Grand Senior Warden of England,
Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland,
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the Memorial Hall, Stanmore, on Saturday, 7th July, at Three o'clock p.m.

By command of the Provincial Grand Master,
J. F. H. WOODWARD, P.G. Sword Bearer,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

Comberton, Mowbray Road, Norwood, S.E., 21st June 1888.

Brethren to reach Stanmore in time for the opening of the Lodge must leave by train for Edgware Station, Great Northern Railway:—Moorgate, at 12·40; Broad Street, 12·48, arriving at Edgware at 1·43. Edgware is about 2 miles from Stanmore. All passengers will change at Finchley. Or by London and North Western Railway from Euston to Harrow:—Euston, 1·40: arrive at Harrow, 2·11. Harrow Station is about 3½ miles from Stanmore.

Brethren must look to July Time Tables to see if there are any alterations in these trains. Conveyances will meet the trains at Edgware and Harrow Stations. By Edgware is the most direct route.

Banquet at the Abercorn Hotel at 5·30. Tickets 8s 6d each (exclusive of wine).

N.B.—Brethren intending to remain for the Banquet are requested to send their names to the Prov. G. Secretary, with a remittance, *not later than Tuesday, the 3rd of July*, as tickets will not be issued after that date.

There will be a short service at the Parish Church at 4·45 p.m.

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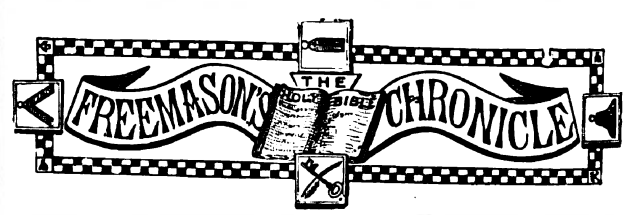
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THE FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Ninetieth Anniversary Festival of this Institution was celebrated on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Devonshire. The meeting was an enthusiastic one, and was tolerably well attended, although compared with the exceptional display which occurred early in the month at the Albert Hall, on behalf of the Girls' School, it looked somewhat insignificant. As has been the case for some years past, the ladies and brethren dined together, and a pleasant evening was spent. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual toasts were given. The Chairman, in submitting the health of the Queen, said that in former times, when secret societies were opposed by the State, Freemasons were specially excepted from the effects of the laws passed for their suppression. We know we are equally as loyal as were the brethren in the days of our forefathers, and he knew that in every part of the Queen's wide dominions, and by every section of her subjects, but more especially among Freemasons, the toast he was about to propose would be loyally and joyfully accepted. He gave the health of Her Majesty the Queen. The toast was followed by the National Anthem, and then the Chairman gave the toast of the Grand Master. He doubted not it would be received with the same cordiality as had been accorded to the last toast, although the friends of the Boys' School

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might feel rather a grudge towards his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, inasmuch as by his patronage of the sister Institution he had left the poor Boys this year in the cold. But however that might be, they could not forget, and did not wish to forget, the services which his Royal Highness in past years had rendered to the Institution, nor all that he had done for Masonry generally during the time he had reigned over the Craft. They might be permitted to hope that ten years hence, when the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys celebrated its Centenary, his Royal Highness would perform for them the same offices as he had performed for the Girls' School, and with the same happy results. With the toast was coupled the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. It having been honoured, Bro. Col. Edward C. Malet de Carteret, Provincial Grand Master Jersey rose: Might he ask attention for a very short time for the toast he was about to propose. It was a personal one. They would agree with him that all were deeply indebted to the Chairman, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire, for attending on the occasion, and for the able manner in which he had presided. His other occupations were multifarious and important, and, therefore, they should be all the more grateful for his appearance that evening. He was known as a good sportsman, and a good man of business; he had lately been appointed Chairman of a Committee of the House of Commons, which was a proof of confidence in his ability, and he trusted he might be successful in the duties of that Committee, and be as successful in excluding cowans and intruders from the House of Commons as they were in Freemasonry. He felt he had said enough to induce them to honour the toast, which was that of the Chairman of the day.

Lord Ebrington, in proposing Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, said: I may say I was struck by the very different situation in which the Masonic Charities stand at the present moment to almost everything else of the kind in the country. The years of depression through which we have passed lately—which I hope are getting to the end—have told their tale in almost every quarter. I believe that in the London hospitals alone upwards of 200 beds have been obliged to be closed for want of funds; but while other Institutions have been affected in this way the Masonic Charities, I believe, have held their own and have made progress with all these disadvantages. I believe that the receipts of the Masonic Charities for the last five or ten years will compare very favourably with those of any other Charity in the kingdom. I think this says a great deal for the hold that Freemasonry has upon the people of England, and for the hold that Freemasons have on the tenets of their Order. Now, with regard to this particular Institution we all know that a great part of its success and prosperity is due to the energies and exertions of the Secretary and Treasurer, and I think that they have the sympathy of all of us in the anonymous attacks which have lately been made on the management of the Institution. I cannot say that I have seen those attacks myself, although I have heard of them, and if I had seen them I should not have attached much importance to statements which the authors were afraid or ashamed to put their names to. But I have seen within the last day or two another statement, signed by a responsible member of the Craft, which draws comparisons between the expenditure of the Boys' School and the expenditure in other schools of a similar character. Well, that statement, of the merits of which I know nothing, shows that the Boys' School is in almost every item a somewhat more expensive Institution than its fellows, and I must say that it appears to me as an outsider that it would be for the interest of the Institution that that statement should be explained and accounted for. I have little doubt that that can be done, though I feel bound to add the report which has been put in our hands is not of much assistance in that direction. I cannot pretend to any very great knowledge of figures, or to any very great experience of schools, but I do know a little about agriculture, and I have gone through farming accounts of my own, and the farming accounts as submitted in the report before us do not throw much light upon the system pursued at the Boys' School, nor on the profits of the farm thereof. I observe there is nothing on the debit side for either rent, rates or taxes; that the hay appears to make itself, and the animals are looked after for the ridiculously small sum of a farthing per head per week, and it includes apparently milking and butter making. And apart from this there is another item in the accounts which perhaps is more easily explained than that of farming. I observe that the expenses of the Festival last year amounted to a sum which would maintain five boys in the Institution, and to something like 2½ per cent. on the total amount realised by the Festival. It strikes me it would be a very good thing if the expense of collecting was reduced. I do not say it is possible but it would be a very good thing indeed if we could have two or more boys in the school, and keep them out of the expenses of the festival. I am glad, indeed, to hear, and I had it on good authority, that the managers of the Institution have determined to institute an independent inquiry into the charges which have been preferred against them. I have little doubt that the results of that inquiry will be satisfactory to all interested in the Institution. But in the House of Commons we have got tired of official assurances that all is right. I am not going to talk politics; you need not be afraid; but I do say that official assurances—that all is right—are somewhat at a discount in another part of this country—and other Institutions in this country—and, therefore, I rejoice to see the statement that there is to be an independent inquiry which will lead, I have little doubt, to the refutation of the injurious statements against the reputation of the Institution, and the result of the inquiry will be to restore confidence in it among all Freemasons in every part of England. Now, I hope in making these remarks I shall not be thought to have exceeded my duty as Chairman this evening. It would have been easy enough and pleasanter to have buttered everything freely all round, but I do not think that indiscriminate praise is any assistance to an Institution. I have spoken with a sincere desire to benefit the Masonic Institution for Boys, and although my comments on the report may have been somewhat critical, yet for the Institution itself, so far as my experience of it goes, I have nothing but praise. I went down there the other day on my own account and looked at it, if I may say so, unofficially. A couple of boys, picked out at random I know, were told off to do me the honours of the School, two very nice boys, well spoken, well dressed, and clean, taking an interest in their School, an interest which from what I could see of the premises and of the system was thoroughly deserved. I deeply regret that the illness of Bro. Plunckett prevents my coupling his name with this toast as Treasurer of the Institution, but his place will be ably filled by the Secretary of the Institution, and in conclusion I give you Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the health of the Secretary, Bro. Binckes.

Bro. Binckes replied: I think I may fairly state that this occasion may be correctly described as one of innovation. It is the first occasion in my long experience that a Masonic Festival has been held in this hall, where the ladies and brethren have sat down at the same table to enjoy themselves, as I trust they have done this evening, and the ladies have had the satisfaction of assisting in the cause of one of our greatest Institutions instead of being relegated to the cold comforts of the gallery. Thirteen years ago in the history of our Institution we made an alteration which I then thought would give satisfaction, and although our numbers this evening are unfortunately reduced I sincerely hope and trust that what has been done to promote your comfort has not altogether been done in vain. Another innovation is that in my long experience the Secretary has never been called upon until to-night to reply to the toast of Prosperity to the Institution, and I deplore that the duty has devolved upon me, because it is occasioned by the illness, unfortunately, of one whom we esteem, regard, and respect, and whose services for a long number of years have been cheerfully given in support of the Institution in which he occupies the position of Treasurer. I refer to Bro. George Plucknett. We have listened to him with satisfaction for years, and I shall convey to him your sympathetic regret that he has been deprived of the pleasure of discharging the duty to-day, which he has hitherto done with pleasure to himself and satisfaction to you. Another innovation by which these proceedings are characterised is that for the first time we have had allusions, very properly made, by our distinguished Chairman, and one who brings a very keen discernment and a spirit of inquiry that will commend itself to every one associated with the management of the Institution. Let me assure you that those to whom allusion has been made are deeply indebted to him for the reference he has made to a slanderous and malicious circular which has been extensively circulated, and which makes grave charges against the Institution. Take it from me, and I stand here in the presence of several members of the House Committee, we not only do not shirk inquiry,—but are about to take steps to invite an impartial, honest, and dispassionate investigation. Before I make allusion to certain remarks which have fallen from our Chairman with reference to certain departments of our Institution, will you bear with me if I say I am surrounded by friends who realise their obligations as Masons. What is their desire with reference to the Masonic Institutions? Comparisons are made with other Institutions, but before I direct your attention to various differences, let me ask you is it your desire as friends of the Masonic Institutions, or not, that they should be conducted on a scale commensurate with pauperism? I have always understood that everything in the cold name of charity should be eliminated from our Institutions, and that the occupants should have every comfort, the best of clothing and the best of food, and that with no niggard hand; while in illness they should have the best possible advice, without calculating what might be saved per head and as a consequence of that saving lose by death or disablement a portion of those entrusted to our care. The Staffordshire brother who has made a comparison between the cost at our Institution and at other Institutions particularly draws attention to the fact that the expenditure at the London Orphan Asylum was increased on account of a severe outbreak of illness, but he does not do us the justice to say that in our School there has also been an increase of expenditure on account of ill-health, as for three months in the autumn of last year we had an attack of scarlet-fever, which we met with no niggard hand. Although there were 51 cases, of the most malignant character, we did not lose a boy. But to save those valuable lives we spent £100. I can go further and say with reference to expenditure that we are more liberal with our allowance of clothing and food, and another item forgotten is rates and taxes. As other Institutions are remote from London, their rateable value is nothing compared to ours. Now come to the Agricultural Account. There is no mystery in it, it is all profit. The expenditure on the farm is included in wages, so that it is all net profit. All charges are under the head of wages, and the milk and butter is just so much profit and there is the simple explanation. With reference to our Festival, our chairman must be under a misapprehension. Our Festival does not cost one shilling in excess of the Stewards fund, and out of the surplus of that fund during the period of my unsuccessful administration alone there has been given some £900 to the Institution. What the large expenditure means is for a meeting similar to what the noble lord saw last Saturday, when we think it is our duty to extend an invitation to the Stewards, and to the friends of the boys to come down to see the distribution of prizes. As they come down we cannot do less than administer a little of our well known hospitality. I must say a word with reference to this anonymous circular. There is nothing so calculated to destroy an individual's reputation or the reputation of an organisation as for any one to sit down, and recklessly put statements into print and then widely circulate these statements, all the while shrinking from the responsibility of supporting them, or having the courage to append his signature to what he issues. I could sit down to-night and against the House of Commons or any distinguished body in the country make out a list of charges which shall have some

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weight, but which, if not vouched for, ought to be discarded at once. Knowing as we do from experience that in a community like Freemasonry, and increasing as it is, there is a considerable number who are not acquainted with the details which I wish to give every one who will make themselves acquainted with them, the House Committee have resolved to take a course to initiate, by a notice of motion, and to set up what they hope will be an impartial inquiry, and I hope and am certain that the more minute that inquiry, the more satisfactory will be the result. May I put this one question? What interest can any one have, whatever his position may be in connection with our Institutions, to do other than his best in the interests and on behalf of the sons or daughters admitted thereto? We have no selfish object, and if we spend £1 more than some may think desirable it is not for our comfort, but for the comfort of those children. Before I leave this question let me ask you, brethren, to bear this in mind, that the Boys' School occupies an exceptional position, all the recipients of the benefits of our Institution are of our stern sex, the most expensive one to deal with. In the Girls' School they are all girls, and look what they do in respect to their clothing. We cannot do that with boys. Our friends who compare ours with other Institutions forget that the promotion of the education of the Boys necessitates a larger expenditure. I think I have exhausted this subject, for which I am sorry, and no one more sorry than myself, that there should have been occasion to say one word. I hope and trust you will not think I have trespassed in endeavouring to meet those charges, and I beg of you that until proof, as strong as Holy Writ, is brought forward to support these malicious allegations, you will at least suspend your judgment. I should be trespassing unduly on your patience if I said one word more upon these, to me, unwelcome discussions. I wish to God they would pass away and leave nothing behind but their memory. We can say in all honesty that we invite inquiry, and do not shrink from investigation. What has been done has been done for the best, and I hope that was evidenced at our Institution on Saturday last. I now come to the conclusion of my task. What I have said I have said as a matter of duty. I do not think you would have been here if you had thought that all that has been said against us was deserved. We meet under peculiarly adverse circumstances. The Centenary of the Girls' School has been the greatest event this year, and we all congratulate that Institution upon the magnificent success, but we knew full well that we should suffer, and the postponement of that Festival for a month was a great boon to them, but was adverse to us. But, brethren, while as the official representative I say we are suffering for the moment, I may be allowed the hope that the present clouds and darkness mean nothing in the future but a large amount of silver lining which will cheer us on our onward course. Speaking of financial matters, what are our results? I am prepared to admit that they are bad, and I ask your sympathy, and am sure I shall have it. The total we have received is not more than £8,600. I am sure I must ask your pardon for wearying you, and must ask your indulgence, and that you will give me credit for having discharged my duty, not without some satisfaction to yourselves, and also asking that we may confidently rely upon your support.

Bro. Binckes having announced the amounts subscribed, Bro. the Rev. William Whittley P.G.D. proposed the toast of the Ladies, which was acknowledged by Bro. Frederick Mead P.G.S.B. The proceedings at the Tavern being now finished, the company adjourned to the Temple, where the usual concert was given. The music of the evening was under the direction of Bro. . . Franklin Clive, who was assisted by the following artistes:—Miss Margaret Hoare, Miss Edith Bloomfield, Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Eleanor Rees, Madame Florence Winn; Bro. Arthur Thompson, Bro. G. T. Miles (solo harp), Bros. J. Turle Lee and Herbert Schartau (pianist).

The following is a list of the Brethren who served as Stewards for the Boys' School Festival 1883, with the respective amounts collected by each:—

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Lodge		£	s	d
1	Br C Belton	52	10	0
2	Capt F J Tagart	54	12	0
4	F Trotman Bennett	21	0	0
5	Maurice Wyatt	45	3	0
6	Frank A Edwards	21	0	0
8	Arthur Pullman	10	10	0
9	L W Harvey	46	19	6
11	W F B McQueen	89	5	0
14	William Regester	14	14	0
21	W T Evans	27	6	0
23	Charles Martin	34	2	6
Chapter				
25	Comp W H Baker	210	0	0
Lodge				
26	Br A E Cumberbatch	21	19	0
28	J Ambrose Farlow	30	19	6
29	Henry Langridge	15	15	0
33	Arthur H Bateman	21	0	0
34	John Lea	17	17	0
Chapter				
58	Comp Wm Smithett	51	9	0
Lodge				
60	Br Albert J Altman	15	15	0
72	Charles R Williams	73	10	0
91	T G Nicholson	40	0	0
134	Wm Joseph Duck	26	5	0
162	A C De Chapeaurouge	54	12	0
172	Thomas Whaley	57	5	0
177	H J Chapman	111	9	0
179	Walter Hopekirk	101	6	6
194	Wm J Russell	65	12	6
197	R Fuge Grantham	18	18	0
205	Joseph Lichtenfeld	37	5	6
222	F Mead	10	10	0
259	E T G Darell	45	3	0
534	S Nowakowski	21	0	0
554	John L Anderson	107	2	0
700	Edwin B Hobson	90	6	0
742	William Land	116	11	0
749	G S Elliott	5	5	0
813	Alfred John Potter	10	10	0
822	Henry G Heather	31	10	0
834	J Sims	43	16	6
857	W John Lavington	30	0	0
861	Henry Salter	78	15	0
871	John Lea (see 34)			
902	Charles Castell	30	9	0
917	A D T Hamilton	33	12	0
975	Edward Ayling	42	0	0
1185	J C Osterstock	26	5	0
1196	R H Blatchford	10	10	0
1319	W S Penley	21	0	0
1339	H E Frances	90	0	0
1365	Charles J Bennett	65	12	6
1366	Francis Ashton	23	2	0
1382	George Thomas Linn	18	6	0
1383	W de M Sergison	96	0	0
1426	Nathan B Headen	31	10	0
1505	T H Fox	13	11	0
1591	Edward T G Darell (see 259)			
1613	Thomas C B [illegible]	105	0	0
1623	H J Lardner	107	2	0
1627	John B Stevens	75	12	0
1672	G P Minett	3	3	0
1672	W de B Seagrave	10	10	0
1681	Joseph Rayner	31	4	6
1694	John H Usmar	30	9	0
1706	W S Hoyte	43	1	0
1716	C W Raymond	42	0	0
1744	W A Scurrah	40	0	0
1745	H J Lardner (see 1623)			
1772	T McPherson	36	15	0
1791	R H Rogers	116	11	0
1839	F Koyzar			
Chapter				
1839	Comp M Mendelssohn	52	10	0
Lodge				
1900	Br Oscar Philippo	10	10	0
1910	J L Mather	52	10	0
1950	W J Duck (see 134)			
1986	W Hopekirk (see 179)			
2030	Thomas Bull	59	17	0
2033	Dr H W Kiallmark	20	8	6
2108	L Browne, F.R.C.S.	42	0	0
2128	William Masters	10	10	0
2191	Major J Lambert	52	10	0
2202	J K R Cama	21	0	0

COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.

Br	W Raynham Stewart	105	0	0

UNATTACHED.

Br	Asher Barfield	10	10	0
	William Belchamber	15	15	0
	Robert Berridge	10	10	0
	Robert William Bilby			
	Frederick Binckes	42	0	0
	Henry Cox	10	10	0
	F D Dew			
	J A Farnfield	36	15	0
	George Gardner	26	5	0
	Robert Grey	10	10	0
	F R W Hedges	10	10	0
	John Hooke	10	10	0
	H W Hunt	10	10	0
	W H Kempster, M.D.	10	10	0
	George Henry Kenning	10	10	0
	Percy Leigh	5	5	0
	J H McQueen	52	10	0
	H B Marshall, J.P.	15	15	0
	H B Marshall jun	10	10	0
	Dr George Mickley	10	10	0
	Reginald E Middleton	37	18	0
	Reginald Mills	5	5	0
	James Moon	10	10	0
	W W Morgan	10	10	0
	Dep. Inspector-General Ninnis, M.D., R.N.	10	10	0
	Ellison Powell	10	10	0
	Charles Sheppard	10	10	0
	W Shurmur	26	5	0
	James H Sillitoe	21	0	0
	R J Taylor	10	10	0
	James Terry	21	0	0
	Archibald R Trew	5	5	0
	Henry Venn	26	5	0
	Charles Weeden	26	5	0
	A Williams	25	0	0
	Joseph Withers	10	10	0

PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

Lodge		£	s	d
209	Br William F Larkin	52	10	0
414	John W Martin	48	16	0
574	Reginald Maples	10	10	0
	Rev J Payne, D.C.L.	10	10	0

CHESHIRE.

537	J H Wilde	39	18	0

CORNWALL.

	Charles Truscott	82	0	0

DERBYSHIRE.

	W Naylor	21	0	0
506	A P Wood	54	12	0

DEVONSHIRE.

Province	Bro J hn Brewer / Rev W Whittley	700	7	0
Lodge				
189	Br F W Coffin	10	10	0
1358	George S Bridgman	32	11	0
1402	John Chapman	44	2	0
1402	John Lane	52	10	0

DURHAM.

1379	C D Hill Drury	200	0	0
	C S Lane	52	10	0

ESSEX.

160	George Wood	18	18	0
453	Alfred J Dixie	92	8	0
1080	John F Harrington	65	2	0
Chapter				
1437	Comp Francis A White	100	0	0
Lodge				
2077	Br T J Woodrow			

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

	Baron de Ferrieres	21	0	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

	Prov. G. Lodge	26	5	0
35	G A Mursell	50	0	0
309	John Wm Gieve	34	13	0
723	Henry Gee	10	10	0
723	C F Roelich			
2068	Thomas Tufnell	21	0	0

JERSEY.

	Col. E C Malet de Carteret	215	5	0

KENT.

	Prov. G. Lodge	63	0	0
199	James W Bussey	126	5	0
615	Wm Lane Daldrell			
615	G W Mitchell	10	10	0
1414	Alfred Lurcio	19	8	6
1424	James Plummer	10	10	0
1975	Arthur H Bateman	25	0	0

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LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION).

Lodge		£	s	d
152	W Jaffrey	10	15	0
317	W J Cunliffe	10	10	0
317	J W Edwards	10	10	0
317	Jas Wilson	10	10	0
348	John Kenyon	10	10	0
350	Geo Galloway	52	10	0
1723	E D Harwood	10	10	0
1723	Dr G H Whitaker	10	10	0

K.T. Precep. 97 Geo Galloway (see Lodge 350)

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).

	Robert Foote	10	10	0
1325	J H Bradshaw	10	10	0
1345	R H Robinson	10	10	0
1384	W J Thomson	10	10	0
1505	Eli Brooks	10	10	0
1814	William Smith, M.D.	10	10	0
1814	W Y Martin, M.D.	10	10	0
2114	Walter C Erwin	10	10	0
2229	J W Burgess	10	10	0

LINCOLNSHIRE.

792	Wilson Goodwin }			
792	Joseph Reddish }	21	0	0
792	Charles Maddison }			

ISLE OF MAN.

2049	Phillip A Killey			

MIDDLESEX.

1237	Henry B May	63	0	0
1309	C R Tinker	21	0	0
1310	Joseph Greenway	44	2	0
1326	James Laurence	26	5	0
1503	Edward W Jenkins	34	13	0
1637	Charles Parsons	40	0	0
2087	Thomas Barlow	27	6	0

Chapter

1293	Comp William Maple	11	11	0
1549	C H Webb	21	0	0

NORTHS AND HUNTS.

Lodge		£	s	d
442	Br John B Vergette	117	12	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

357	P Colville Smith	11	0	0
1515	George Harris	19	2	6
1703	Joseph Bartlett	10	10	0
1895	Rev A R Pritchard			

SHROPSHIRE.

611	Rowland G Venables	10	10	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Province	Geo H Perrett	210	0	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Province	F Ryder	262	10	0

SUFFOLK.

Lodge		£	s	d
1224	Br W Inglis Mason	136	10	0

SURREY.

889	James Edgell	25	0	0
1638	Frederick Lockett	28	5	0
2120	W Henry Gardener	10	10	0

SUSSEX.

40	John Pearce	80	14	0
732	W Botting			

WORCESTERSHIRE.

	A F Godson, M.P.	36	15	0
529	Ald. W B Williamson, J.P.	10	10	0
2034	Thomas R Arter	10	10	0

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS).

	Col. R G Smith	37	16	0

YORKSHIRE (WEST RIDING).

Lodge		£	s	d
154	W H B Tomlinson, J.P. }			
265	William Harrison			
290	William Harrop			
306	John Dyson			
362	William Moore			
750	Rawson Kelley			
904	Peter B Bancroft			
904	Frederick Cleeves }	260	0	0
974	Herbert A Foster			
1019	John Wordsworth			
1019	Herbert G E Green			
1019	Henry Lee			
1211	Arthur W Youings			
1513	T W Embleton			
1513	C W Fincken }			

NORTH WALES.

755	I H Harrison	16	16	0
1336	C K Benson	36	15	0
1849	J L Griffith	17	17	0

SOUTH WALES (W. DIVISION).

	A Stone	230	15	0

FOREIGN STATIONS.

	W Girling (Bengal)	10	10	0
	W Hughes (Malta)	42	0	0
	Adams (Hong Kong and South China)	31	10	0

MARK DEGREE.

315	John Larkin	21	0	0

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 3.

THE first installation in the "Blue" Lodges, for the Masonic year which has just begun was conducted under highly favourable auspices in the Freemasons' Hall, Flinders-street, Adelaide, on the 9th May. Then the retiring Master (Bro. J. E. Thomas) installed his successor (Bro. A. Lendon, M.D.) in the presence of a distinguished and numerous company of Freemasons, including the Grand Master, Bro. S. J. Way (Chief Justice), Deputy Grand Master Bro. H. E. Downer, M.P., P.D.G.M. Bro. H. M. Addison, several other Grand Lodge Officers, the Masters and Wardens of most of the city and suburban Lodges under the South Australian Constitution, and representatives of the Irish Constitution, of which one Lodge still works in the colony. The whole ceremonial was superintended with great efficiency by Bro. Thomas, who had the assistance of Grand Lodge Officers and other brethren. The newly installed Master's list of officers, who were duly invested, is as follows:—Bros. A. A. Lendon, M.D., W.M., J. Edwin Thomas I.P.M., T. H. Hatton Richards S.W., A. W. Marshall J.W., Rev. J. W. Owen Chaplain, A. Champion, B.A., Secretary, A. Lindsay Treasurer, F. Williams Director of Ceremonies, A. Bruce S.D., J. G. Reeves J.D., W. D. Furze I.G., James Shakespeare Organist, and N. Kildeal Tyler. The Stewards are not yet appointed. After the installation the Grand Master (Chief Justice Way), as the spokesman for the Lodge, of which he is a member, presented to the retiring Master (Bro. Thomas), a Past Master's Jewel, which is a handsome specimen of the goldsmith's art, as a substantial acknowledgment of the specially valuable services rendered by the recipient to the Lodge and to Masonry generally. Afterwards a banquet was held in the refreshment room, and the customary toasts were submitted.

A LODGE OF SORROW.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to numerous inquiries I beg to state that a Lodge of Sorrow for the Illustrious Brother, the late Emperor Frederick, will be held by the Pilgrim Lodge in the beginning of October next, the particulars of which will be advertised in your columns in due course.

Yours fraternally,

C. KUPFERSCHIMDT P.M. 231.

23 Woodberry Grove, Finsbury Park, N.
26th June 1888.

Announcement is made of a service under the auspices of the Victoria Lodge and Chapter, No. 254 (I.C.), in Holywood Parish Church. The Rev. J. W. Murray, Dean of Connor, was appointed to preach, and a collection was taken in aid of the Masonic Charities.

DUNDAS CHAPTER, No. 1255.

THE annual meeting was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on the 20th instant, when Comp. John Wallis was installed as Z., and Comp. George Lee as H. In the unavoidable absence of the 3rd Principal-Elect Comp. G. Dimier, his installation was postponed. The installing officers were Comps. J. R. Lord, James Gidley, assisted by Comp. T. W. Lemon, and the following Board of Installed Principals:—Comps. S. Jew, Goodall, E. Aitken Davies, John Hammond, S. J. Hearle. The Officers were invested as follow:—Comps. W. H. Crimp I.P.Z., John Hammond S.E., F. J. Piper S.N., S. J. Daniels P. Soj., G. W. S. Townsend 1st. A. Soj., R. M. Parker 2nd A. Soj., Samuel J. Hearle Treasurer, W. H. Phillips Janitor. The Companions adjourned to the Masonic Club, Princess-square, where an excellent supper was provided by Comp. Simmonds, the manager, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

DEFRAUDING THE FREEMASONS.

AT the Sevenoaks Police-court on the 22nd, William Ellison, of respectable appearance, was charged with obtaining by false pretences from Joseph Henry Jewell, Hon. Secretary to the Amherst Lodge of Freemasons, the sum of 5s, belonging to the Lodge, on the 14th instant. Prosecutor stated that on the 14th instant, the prisoner came to him and told him that he was a Freemason, and was travelling from Dover to Aldershot, where he had obtained work. Prisoner added that his wife and three boys were stopping at a public-house at Riverhead, and that on the previous morning his wife had been confined of twins, and consequently he was in sore need of assistance. Prisoner gave the password and mentioned the names of Lodges in Lancashire and Newcastle. Prosecutor believed him at the time to be a Freemason, and gave him 5s. Prisoner's statement respecting his wife being confined was proved to be false. Superintendent Waghorn informed the magistrates that the prisoner had obtained sums of money from the rector of Sevenoaks (Rev. T. S. Curteis) and other Freemasons in the town, who, however, would not prosecute. Prisoner was apprehended at Maidstone, on Wednesday. He now admitted his guilt and was committed for trial.—*Daily Chronicle.*

The Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire (the Duke of St. Albans) has ordered Masonic mourning to be worn in the Province for three months, as a mark of respect for the late brother William Phelps, Past Grand Registrar, of Carisbrook House, whose funeral took place on the 26th, at the General Cemetery, and was largely attended.

The three Craft degrees, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, are often "symbolic" degrees, because in them the tools of operative Masonry are largely made use of to inculcate moral truths. The higher degrees for the most part either celebrate historical events or teach virtue in an abstract manner.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 30th JUNE.

179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court R.d., 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)
1361—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

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

MONDAY, 2nd JULY.

22—Longhborough, Garden 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)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Garden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Portchester 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, Bromley
1936—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 127—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden Square, W.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
113—Unanimity, Hull 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
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
251—Loyal, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Barnstaple
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1077—Witton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, 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
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Carndoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1788—Zion, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 401—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke

TUESDAY, 3rd JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
[illegible] Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
63—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
140—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, Mariner Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
[illegible]—Chichester, Crown Dragon, Sydney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Collon Road, Maida Hill, at 8, (Instruction)
[illegible]
781—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
809—[illegible], Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Theobald's Road, Holborn, at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Arundel Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Bulldemorie, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
1349—Prince, Liverpool Arms, Burdett Road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1416—Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Collector, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, South Norwood (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hall, Mortimer St., Regent St., at 8. (Instruction)
1965—New Finsbury Park, Rotunda, West Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
1989—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In)
1993—Brixton, Prince [illegible] Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, [illegible] Street, at 6.30
R.A. 201—Caledonian, [illegible]
R.A. 186—Charity, [illegible]
R.A. 1538—St. [illegible]
R.A. 1612—[illegible] Street, Soho, W., at 8. (Inst.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
304—Cumbrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Harwich.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Lindrick, Leighton Buzzard
969—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley Street, Bradford
985—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market Place, Cockermouth
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1214—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Bradford
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
1322—Waverley, Caledonian Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Cleveland.
1970—Hadrian, Freemasons' Hall, South Shields
1983—Wolseley, Masonic Hall, Town Hall Buildings, King Street, Manchester
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 4th JULY.

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)
534—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barking-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 4. (Instruc.)
902—Hargreave, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruct)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1891—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8 (Instruction)
1904—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1962—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1981—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
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 154 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Gough and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
K.T. 129—Holy Palest, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
206—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ancoats, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Moseley-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
591—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
674—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Bodmin
872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, [illegible] (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Grillin Hotel, Lowse Bridgeton
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1067—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction)
1085—Huntingdon, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, [illegible]
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
1434—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Lodge, Inverness
1436—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hall-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1464—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Horsham, Hall (Instruction)
1519—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Fox House, Sheffield
1702—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Hexham
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, [illegible]
2112—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 High Street, Liverpool
R.A. 51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 240—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
R.A. 258—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, Ledgard-lane
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
R.A. 304—Parliamentary, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
R.A. 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Pare Street, Fivertin
M.M. 36—Furness, Harrington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 5th JULY.

10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—[illegible], Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
97—Vitruvian, White Hart, St. Clement's-street, Oxford, at 8 (Instruction)
114—St. Lukes, White Hart, Old Ford, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
147—[illegible], Brown Bear, Chandos-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
155—Salisbury, Goat in Tavern, Aldersgate, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
741—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 96a High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
750—Lebanon, The Chequers, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
781—[illegible], Chequers, Chequers Lane, Dagenham (Instruction)
861—Stanhope, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Road
1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In)

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1278—Burlett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruct)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1439—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst)
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.
1554—D Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Gravesend Park, Clapham-rd, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (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, Aldchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (Inst)
1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W
1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1791—Creaton, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate
R.A. 763—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. 197—Stndholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Totnham, Devonshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1501—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1591—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
R.A. 187—Charity Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
R.A. 1074—Beetive, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 10—Cheltenham and Keystone, Masonic Hall, Cheltenham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 6th JULY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall at 6
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)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
1294—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8 (In)
1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, 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. (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)

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
621—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
1093—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Green, Manchester
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, Sheffield, Yorkshire
1661—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
R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

SATURDAY, 7th 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' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In.)
Saint Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1223—Amherst, Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, near Sevenoaks
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
1929—Mozart, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
2148—Walsingham, Masonic Hall, Walsingham, Kent
205—Pegasus, Clavendon Hotel, Gravesend, Kent

GLEANINGS.

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One of our esteemed contemporaries, taking strong ground against any extended rights or prerogatives of Grand Masters, affirms that the Grand Master of Masons governs as a "presiding officer elected from the body of the Craft," and therefore has only restricted powers as thus defined. We fail to see the logic of this reasoning. Because a Grand Master is declared to govern as a "presiding officer" does not interpose any objection to that other and wider government which he is charged to execute over the Craft of his jurisdiction. It is further declared by the writer to whom we refer that the vow taken by a Grand Master at his installation makes "no provision for him to be a law unto himself," but holds him strictly within the lines established by the rules and edicts of his Grand Lodge. We know not how the obligation may be administered and taken in all Grand Lodges, but as we have heard it given in several jurisdictions it provides in substance that no rule or edict of Grand Lodge shall be set aside, or suspended, except for the good of Masonry. This allows for an exercise of the dispensing power, and a Grand Master does not violate his vow by exercising the right.—*Freemason Reposity.*

The tendency to multiply Masonic Lodges and other organisations of the Craft ought not to be allowed to have full sway. Of course the new bodies are desired for reasons of convenience, and it is commonly thought that it will do no harm to try the experiment and see whether a Lodge can live and flourish as believed by those who desire its establishment. Often, however, the result is not what was expected; and a weak, struggling organisation, which has but a name to live by, represents Freemasonry in a way that is neither pleasant to consider or helpful to the general interests of the Craft. Let care be taken that new bodies be not established where there is not good prospect that they will live and flourish.

Interesting Lodge Meetings.—It is just as certain as falling off a log that if a Master would have a full attendance he must learn to make a Lodge meeting interesting. The age of the woolly-haired Mammoths and Methuselahs has passed, life is short and swift and goes under whip and spur. If the Master opens the Lodge an hour late and goes through the work as if he had a lease on a thousand years, he will find himself abandoned by all save the officials and a few patient Brothers who are throughly seasoned in the service.—*Pacific States.*

"Ladies' Nights" are becoming very popular in England with some of the Lodges. We do not mean it to be inferred that the "gentler sex" are allowed to become "partakers of our mysteries," though they may "join in our assemblies" after Lodge. At the supper table they may reign supreme, and there the bright smile of their sweethearts, cousins, and their aunts may haunt them still. After the creature comforts have been dispensed, music, song, and even dancing are the order of the evening, and serve pleasantly to while away the fleeting hours which succeed Lodge duties. Really the scene is most inviting, and makes us wish we could be there to listen to the sweet warblings or trip a lively measure.

How many a wife would like to have one peep into the Lodge which her husband goes to, and see what he is really "up to" there. How many a woman wonders why she cannot be let into all the secrets of the Craft. Her husband promised her to be a comrade for life, and he has kept his word in every other particular but this. When he has been worried, he has let her share his cares; when he has lost money he has allowed her to go without new hats and sealskin jackets; when he has been lucky he has made himself happy for her sake; when he has felt that he would worry her by stopping at home, he has gone to his club; she has opened his letters and he has only complained formally; he has confided to her all his plans, when he has felt she ought to know them, but this secret of Freemasonry he keeps to himself. Why?—*Echo.*

The Grand Master of Iowa comments as follows:—"When a Lodge loses its dignity and pride of character to such a degree that it will permit its hall to be on a par with a smoking car, its air filled with the nauseous odour and smoke of the filthy weed—tobacco—it need not wonder that its best members lose all interest in its meetings and remain away from its sessions. Nothing can be more disgusting to a refined gentleman than to see the cuspidors of a Lodge room loaded down and reeking with the filth of cigar stumps, saliva and tobacco, all well mixed." Certes, it is a spectacle we hope we may never witness in an Australasian Lodge, and that it will remain an isolated American privilege.

A CARD.—An Important Discovery is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

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THE THEATRES, &c.

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Olympic.—Miss Agnes Hewitt having returned from a most successful provincial tour, decided to re-open this theatre at popular prices for a summer season, and on Wednesday evening this lady revived that interesting melodrama, "The Pointsman." At the time of its production we gave a full account of the play, and it now only remains for us to say that every one of the startling situations, such as the railway accident and murder, are once more set forth in all the horrors of realisation. The piece loses by the absence of Mr. Willard, but a capital substitute has been found in Mr. Edward O'Neill, who makes Richard Dugdale as thoroughpaced a scoundrel as might be wished. Mr. J. G. Grahame resumes his old part of Tom Lidstone, and is as manly as before, while Mr. F. Motley Wood repeats his interpretation of Collins in capital style. Mr. G. H. Harker is a bright and interesting Fred Fordyce, and Mr. Charles Dodsworth is amusing as Bastick. Miss Agnes Hewitt now undertakes the part of Lizzie, and by careful acting manages to gain the sympathy of her audience. The other parts are well filled, and judging from the way in which the piece was received, is likely to prove as successful as of yore.

Comedy.—That most amusing farcical comedy "The Arabian Nights" is still running strong, notwithstanding that the 200th performance was celebrated some time ago. That Mr. Grundy's piece should prove such a success we cannot wonder, for it is full of smart dialogue and funny sayings, and one cannot fail to thoroughly enjoy it. Since its production the piece has been touched up here and there with advantage, and the company that interpret it do it ample justice. Mr. Wilfred Draycott has taken the part original played by Mr. Hawtrey, and makes Arthur Hummingtop a very amusing character, while Miss Cissy Grahame is a charming Mrs. Hummingtop. Of Miss Lottie Venne and Mr. W. S. Penley we cannot speak too highly. These two are so intensely amusing that they keep the house in a continuous roar of laughter, and we may say, without fear of contradiction, that the success of the piece is mainly due to these two clever artistes. An interesting little piece, entitled "Sunset," is the curtain riser and is well worth seeing.

Alhambra.—It is evidently the intention of the directors of this popular place of amusement to do all in their power to make the programme as attractive as possible, and their latest venture is sure to be greatly appreciated. We may at once say that a more beautiful and artistic ballet than "Antiope" could hardly be conceived. In every detail it is perfect, while the colours and dresses are of the brightest description. The ballet has been arranged and invented by Signor E. Casati, with dresses designed by Wilhelm. The story is fairly easy to follow, but this is only a mere detail. Of course the great thing is the grouping, and here the inventor has scored wonderfully. Every figure is arranged in masterly style, while the dances are both pretty and artistic. Another important feature is the music, composed by M. Jacobi, which is of his usual tuneful description. M. Jacobi has written number after number of taking character, while his admirable band does them full justice. The principals in the ballet are Signorina Bessona, Mdlles. Cossio, Cormani, Roffey, and Marie. The variety artistes who support the programme are well selected, including several well-known favourites.

Notes on the Handel Festival.—The statement—doubtless made by some unappreciated foreigner or hypercritical amateur—that the English are not a musical nation, has been refuted in a most marked manner during the past week by the thousands who have assembled at the Crystal Palace to hear the sublime music of the great genius whose memory is kept green by these triennial festivals. Handel, though born in Saxony, may justly be considered an Englishman both by his naturalisation and his compositions, and it is in his oratorios that he is heard to the best advantage. Considerable improvement has been made in the chorus this year by the importation of fresh young voices, whilst the splendid training they have received enabled the singers to present their work in as highly finished a manner as their more experienced colleagues could have done. The chorus numbered about 3,500, being equally divided into soprani, alti, tenors, and basses; and the Orchestra was increased to 500. It is doubtful whether the great composer ever dreamed of such a splendid rendition of his works. The effect upon the vast audiences was something more than a mere pleasurable excitement, and rather justified Handel's assertion with regard to the "Messiah" that he should wish his listeners to become better people. No section of the community is better able to appreciate the religion that pervades Handel's works than Freemasons, and it is therefore not surprising that they gathered at Sydenham in large force. The grip or token was continually being exchanged, as we came across Worshipful Masters, Provincial Grand Officers, with Secretaries and members of various Lodges situated both near and far. It is not our intention to give a critical detail of the Festival, suffice it to say that on Monday the "Messiah" was given; Wednesday was devoted to a selection from several of Handel's works, including the Coronation Anthem "Zadok, the Priest," given in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty's coronation, and on Friday "Israel in Egypt" was rendered. The principal luminaries in the lyric world were engaged for the solo music, so that the company were determined that nothing should be left undone to secure the same success as its previous performances; and it is difficult to conceive what will be their position at the next Festival, for on all sides it is acknowledged that the latest rendering of the "Messiah" is the finest ever heard. Mr. Santley, who was in excellent voice, is quite a veteran at these festivals, this being his ninth appearance. Madame Patey has assisted on six previous occasions, while Madame Trebelli and Mr. Edward Lloyd have now also made that score. Madame Albani is also well known at Sydenham, and the two fair Americans, Mesdames Valleria and Nordica met with an excellent reception. Mr. August Manns again conducted, and may sincerely be congratulated on the splendid success achieved.

As a proof of the success of "Sweet Lavender," we may mention that it was played for the hundredth time at Terry's theatre on Tuesday last, before a crowded house. The business with this piece is enormous, the house being crowded night after night. "The Real Little Lord Fauntleroy" is also proving a great success in the afternoons at this theatre.

The Marquis de Louville is kindly working a benefit, to take place at Putney on the 10th July, for the benefit of that old and valued actor, Mr. John Vollaire. A good programme will be provided and excellent patronage is anticipated.

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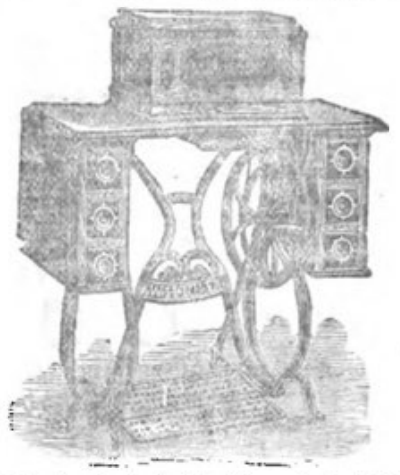
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